



MINUTES
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
7:00 PM

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Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

Mayor McGuire read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice into the record as follows:

“This is a Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale. The date, time and location of this meeting have been advertised in the official Newspapers of the Borough, filed with the Municipal Clerk, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled. Please note the fire exits as required by law at public meetings.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor McGuire asked everyone to stand and join him in a salute to the flag. He also asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for our troops around the world and our first responders.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call:

Mayor McGuire	Present	Councilwoman McMorrow	Present
Councilman Bakalian	Present	Councilman Mattessich	Present
Councilwoman Fernandez	Present	Councilman Menafra	Absent
		Councilman Sokoloski	Present

Other Officials Present:

Robert Ferraro, Borough Attorney
 Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer
 Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the appointments of Kyle Chun, 176 High Street to the Northvale Junior Fire Department and Jonathan Rotolo of 39 Orangeburg Road, Old Tappan to the Northvale Fire Department. Motion was made by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of May 8, 2024. Motion was made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 16, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Abstain	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes



CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Shared Service Agreement – Rockleigh/Northvale
Catch Basin Inspections
(Resolution #2024-97)

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda –

“All items are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Any item may be removed for further discussion or for a roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business”.

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions #2024-90 through 2024-101. Motion was made by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

RESOLUTION #2024-90

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO JOIN THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is the Lead Agency for the Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Paramus would like to join the Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale as Lead Agency agree to allow the Borough of Paramus to join the Riverside Cooperative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Paramus may join the Riverside Cooperative effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #2024-91

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, the following liquor license holders have paid the required fee to the Borough of Northvale for renewal of their licenses for the July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue liquor licenses as follows:

CLUB LICENSES

LICENSEE NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER
Joseph A. Silva Post #366 American Legion	190 Paris Avenue	0240-31-012-001
Northvale Fire Association Inc.	204 Washington Avenue	0240-31-013-001

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

LICENSEE NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER
BNP Management	206 Pegasus Avenue	0240-44-001-006
Shop Rite Liquors of Hillsdale Inc.	246 Livingston Street	0240-44-006-006



DBA Shop Rite Liquors of Northvale		
Northvale Liquors Inc.	224 Livingston Street	0240-44-008-008

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

LICENSEE NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE NUMBER
Madeleine’s Petit Paris	416 Tappan Road	0240-33-002-003
Cavan Cork Ltd. DBA Brady’s Fox Hunt Inn	201 Livingston Street	0240-33-005-004
Northvale Diner, Inc.	247 Livingston Street	0240-33-010-006
3D Hospitality LLC DBA Olar	493 Tappan Road	0240-33-007-014
Maxim Enterprises LLC	273 Livingston Street	0240-33-009-004

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all licenses be effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and that the Municipal Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized to, forward copies of this resolution to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Beverage Tax Division of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #2024-92

TITLE: APPROVING CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NOELEEN LLC DBA BIDDY O’MALLEY’S – 191 PARIS AVENUE - FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, Noeleen LLC dba Bidy O’Malley’s, 191 Paris Avenue, in the Borough of Northvale, has applied for renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1988, a condition was placed upon said license with the consent of the license holder to the extent that the emergency fire door on the west side of the building was to be kept closed at all times and not opened except in case of an emergency and an alarm placed on said door, and that a letter be submitted yearly citing no objection to the liquor license from St. Anthony’s Church; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plenary Retail Consumption License of Noeleen LLC dba Bidy O’Malley’s Pub, License No. 0240-33-011-008, is hereby renewed for the time period effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to forward this resolution to the ABC of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #2024-93

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) is a National Cooperative Purchasing Program offered by Region VIII Education Service Center located in Pittsburg, Texas; and

WHEREAS, participation through membership and utilization of competitively bid and awarded vendor contracts in a cooperative purchasing program specializing in the management of high quality cooperative procurement solutions will be beneficial to the taxpayers through the anticipated savings to be realized by the Borough of Northvale.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northvale is hereby authorized to participate in the TIPS program and the Borough Clerk, Frances Weston, is authorized and directed to sign and deliver any and all necessary documents herewith for and on behalf of the Borough of Northvale requesting membership in TIPS.

RESOLUTION #2024-94

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A DPW EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is in need of an employee for the Department of Public Works (DPW); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale properly advertised for the position; and

WHEREAS, select applicants were interviewed and the Borough deems that Kevin Corey is the most qualified to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, the annual salary for this position is \$51,223.20.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northvale is hereby authorized to hire Kevin Corey as an employee with the Northvale DPW starting on July 1, 2024, at a salary of \$51,223,20.

RESOLUTION #2024-95

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S FY25 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has funds available for road projects through its FY25 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, this application would provide funding for improvements to Willow Avenue and White Avenue within the Borough of Northvale.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of Northvale formally approves the grant application for the above-stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “MA-2025-Willow Avenue and White Avenue-00272” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Northvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Northvale, and that their signature constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION #2024-96

TITLE: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PARIS AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LTPF-2024-Paris Avenue Streetscape Improveme-00077 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Northvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Northvale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION #2024-97

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH FOR CATCH BASIN INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale and the Borough of Rockleigh wish to enter into a shared service agreement whereby Northvale DPW will inspect catch basins in Rockleigh; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is authorized under the Uniform Shared Service and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Borough of Northvale to execute this Shared Service Agreement substantially in conformance with the proposed Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a shared service agreement with the Borough of Rockleigh as set forth herein.

RESOLUTION #2024-98

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING AN ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-10, the Borough of Northvale is required to provide for a Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Clare M. Cabibbo, CMCA, was permanently appointed as Municipal Court Administrator of the Northvale Municipal Court since January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the event Clare M. Cabibbo is unable to fulfill her Municipal Court Administrator duties, Antoinette Ceccon, CMCA, would be available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Antoinette Ceccon, CMCA, is appointed as Municipal Court Administrator on a provisional basis to undertake the duties of the absent Municipal Court Administrator, during scheduled and/or unscheduled leaves, at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION #2024-99

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFER TO RESOLVE CLAIM FOR 2023 LEAF REMOVAL AND STREET LIGHTING SERVICES AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT BY PARIS SQUARE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2006, the Northvale Planning Board/Zoning Board (the "Board") adopted Resolution 06-13, granting approval to Rio Vista Homes at Northvale, LLC ("Rio Vista" or "Developer") to construct an 88 unit multi-family development called Rio Vista on the subject lots. Since 2006, nine (9) resolutions involving the Subject Property have been adopted, all of which are incorporated herein by reference; and



WHEREAS, dominion and control of the said housing development was transferred from the Developer, to a private homeowners association, known and referred to as the Paris Square Homeowners' Association, Inc., (hereinafter 'Paris Square' or 'Association') or a similar name; and

WHEREAS, the Borough previously resolved, on September 28, 2022, to reimburse the Association pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.3, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Association executed a settlement agreement on or about November 10, 2022 authorizing payment for services from 2014 through 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Association has requested reimbursement for the identical services for calendar 2023, and the Borough now seeks to authorize payment based upon similar cost structure, adjusted for the number of households receiving such services in 2023; and

WHEREAS, based upon available information, the Borough's per household cost for street lighting in the relevant time period is approximately:

2023-	Actual metering by Rockland Electric =	\$993.90
	Street lighting total	\$993.90; and

WHEREAS, based upon available information, the Borough's per household cost for leaf removal in the relevant time period is approximately:

2023-	-	8 weeks (mid-Oct to mid-Dec)
-		Leaf pickup with truck twice per week (16 trips)
-		10-15 minutes per trip – we'll call it 3 hours total = \$129 for man hours
-		Gas calculated at \$3 per gallon and 2.5 gallons used per hour = \$25 even
-		Dumping fees for 2 cubic yards collected is \$30
-		Vehicle wear and tear for the season is \$100

Per collection cost	=	\$375.00;
Times 16 collections though the Fall	=	\$6,000.00
Divided by 2,000 residential and commercial properties	=	\$ 3.00 per household;
Times 102 Association units	=	\$ 306.00; and

WHEREAS, the Association has made a claim for reimbursement for snow removal, which will be calculated and addressed separately; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now seeks to resolve the claims by the Association for 2023 for street lighting and leaf collection, and to uphold and fulfill its responsibilities and obligations to all residents by providing essential services required by statute and case law, and other good cause appearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Attorney is authorized to offer a settlement of all claims and issues, except for leaf collection, which shall be the subject of a separate Resolution of the Council, for reimbursement advanced by Paris Square for calendar 2023, in an amount not to exceed a total of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine and 90/100 (\$1,299.90) Dollars, consistent with the settlement agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and/or his designee, and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to effectuate such payment from the general fund payable from such account or accounts as the CFO may deem appropriate, subject to certification of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer, and execution of such other voucher or purchase order as may be necessary, in the usual course of business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent immediately upon the entry hereof to the CFO, managing agent or counsel for the Association and all departments, vendors and agencies necessary to provide the required services.



RESOLUTION #2024-100

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS AND AUTHORIZING A RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BASKETBALL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has received and opened two bids on June 6, 2024 for the project known as the Veterans Memorial Park Basketball project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were not acceptable and the Borough wishes to reject all bids and to readvertise for bids.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey that all bids for the Project are hereby rejected at this time and Borough shall re-advertise for bids for the project in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Neglia Group.

RESOLUTION #2024-101

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Northvale in the following amounts under various funds of the borough:

Current Fund Appropriations (2024)	\$249,451.09
Current Fund Appropriations (2023)	
General Capital Fund	\$264,389.91
Grant Fund	41,700.84
Animal Trust	21.60
Police DEA Trust	5,591.96
Escrow Trust	5,237.00
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$19,671.92
Summer Recreation Trust	1,700.00
SUBTOTAL	\$587,764.32

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, finance committee, and/or the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Northvale, and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the finance committee, be paid and checks issued; accordingly, and

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purposes specified below during the course of the year:

Northern Valley Regional	April 5-10-24	\$943,431.59
High School	May 5-30-24	943,431.59



	June 5-30-24	943,431.59
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	5- 8-24	\$166,255.19
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	5-23-24	\$177,963.87
Health Benefits	5-14-24	\$62,353.04
County Taxes	5-21-24	623,068.44
	5-21-24	27,268.00
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education Northern Valley Regional High School District	5-9-24	\$752,087.50
Northvale Public Library		
Trust - Interfund		
DTC- Bond Principal		
DTC- Bond Interest		41,368.78
TOTAL		\$5,268,420.19

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$5,268,420.19** and ratified respectively.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Mattessich asked about the rebid for the Veterans Park basketball court. Mr. Loverich answered the specs were changed a little to bring it down. These smaller isolated jobs are tricky to gage. Two bids were only received. Typically when you go back out to bid these two will bid and maybe one other.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Consent Resolutions only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorro	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #1086-2024. Motion made by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #1086-2024

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$543,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:



Section 1. The Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make road improvements and to acquire a new fire vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:



SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the 2024 Road Improvement Program at various locations, as set forth on a list prepared by the Borough Engineer and placed or to be placed on file with the Borough Clerk. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Borough Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$265,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 13,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$252,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Acquisition of a new dive assist/rescue fire vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$278,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 14,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$264,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$543,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 27,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$516,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$44,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$27,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$27,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.



Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$516,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$516,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$516,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.



Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 15. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Bakalian asked if this fire truck was replacing the old one or was the old one being traded. Mayor McGuire said they are going to try to auction the old one. It keeps going out for repairs. Councilman Bakalian also asked if this truck will be for Northvale use only. Mayor McGuire said as far as he knows it will not be shared.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes



Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #1087-2024. Motion made by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

ORDINANCE #1087-2024

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$783,800 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the State grants appropriated by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves projects to be funded by State grants. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Improvement of (i) Wildwood Road West (from Gladys Court to Semino Road) and (ii) Scharer Avenue (from Glanz Avenue to Rockland Avenue). It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").



Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$571,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$186,939
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$384,061
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Reconstruction and improvement of the basketball court at Veterans Memorial Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$212,800
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 70,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$142,800
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$783,800
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated	\$256,939
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$526,861

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$126,600 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$186,939 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the road improvements authorized in Section 4.A above.

Section 7. The sum of \$70,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the park improvement authorized in Section 4.B above.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$526,861 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.



Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$526,861 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 11.35 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$526,861 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.



Section 14. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 15. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 16. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #1088-2024. Motion made by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #1088-2024

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CY 2024 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen find it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and



WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that a 1.00 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$77,811.70 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Northvale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.00%, amounting to \$77,811.70, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Northvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Mattessich said he was not at the last meeting and asked for an explanation on this ordinance. Councilman Bakalian asked if this is for the rainy-day fund.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorro	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

ORDINANCES – 1st READING

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 1st Reading of Ordinance #1089-2024. Motion made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Sokoloski.

ORDINANCE #1089-2024

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 ANIMALS, OF THE BOROUGH CODE, TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS IN RETAIL STORES

WHEREAS, puppies and kittens sold in pet stores often come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities where the health and welfare of the animals, including the provision of adequate space, exercise, veterinary care, and food, water and shelter, are not provided for adequately; and

WHEREAS, these conditions may lead to health and behavioral issues in the animals, which many consumers are unaware of when purchasing puppies and kittens from pet stores; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the sale of puppies and kittens from pet stores may decrease the demand for animals bred in mills, and may increase demand for pets from animal shelters and rescue organizations; and

WHEREAS, many independent pet stores, as well as large chains, operate successfully with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies, and not on the sale of dogs and cats,



and often provide space and support to local animal shelters and rescue organizations to showcase adoptable homeless pets on their premises; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is not intended to affect a consumer's ability to obtain a dog or cat of their choice directly from a rescue organization, shelter, or hobby breeder where the consumer can view the conditions in which the dog or cat is bred and can confer directly with the hobby breeder concerning those conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes that it is in the best interest of the Borough to prohibit the sale of dogs and cats from retail pet shops.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following ordinance is hereby added:

Chapter 209, Article IV, Animals,

§ 209-14, Definitions:

ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION

Shall mean any non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

"Animal rescue

organization" does not include any entity that

breeds animals or that (1) is located on the same premises as; (2) has any personnel

in common with; (3) obtains, in exchange for payment or any other form of

compensation, dogs or cats from; or (4) facilitates the sale of dogs or cats obtained from a person that breeds animals.

HOBBY BREEDER

Shall mean a noncommercial establishment where one or more breeds of dog are kept for personal breeding and where the consumer can directly view the conditions in which the dogs are bred and can confer directly with the hobby breeder concerning those conditions.

KENNEL

Shall mean any establishment wherein or whereon the business of boarding dogs is carried on.

OFFER FOR SALE

Shall mean to sell, offer for sale or adoption, advertise for the sale of, barter, auction, give away or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat.

PET SHOP

Shall mean a commercial retail establishment where dogs and cats are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale to the general public. Such definition shall not include an animal rescue organization, hobby breeder, kennel, or shelter.

SHELTER

Shall mean an animal control center, shelter or pound maintained by or under contract with any state, county, or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes or rescue organizations.

§209-15. SALE OF DOGS AND CATS BY PET SHOPS PROHIBITED

§ 209-15.1. Restrictions on the sale of dogs and cats



- a. It is unlawful for a pet shop, as defined in §209-14, to sell or offer for sale a dog or a cat.
- b. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a pet shop from providing space to an animal rescue organization or shelter, as defined in, to publicly showcase dogs or cats available for adoption.

§ 209-15.2. Violations and Penalties.

- a. A pet store that violates §209-15.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of \$100 for a first offense per animal sold or offered to be sold, \$500 for a second or subsequent offence per animal sold or offered to be sold, and any additional penalties in accordance with § 1-15 of the Borough Code.
- b. Each sale or offer for sale made in violation of §209-15.1 shall constitute a separate violation.
- c. In the event of a second or subsequent conviction, the court may require the establishment to cease all retail operations until such time as all animals in custody are transferred to a shelter or animal rescue organization.

§ 209-16. Enforcement: This Article may be enforced by the Northvale Police Department or the Animal Cruelty Investigator

SECTION 2. In the event that any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this Ordinance is found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause or provision shall be severable from the balance of this Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances of parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

ON THE QUESTION – Councilman Mattessich asked if this was on the retail side.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

Councilman Bakalian	Yes	Council President McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McGuire informed the Council there is a potential proposed ordinance in reference to recreational vehicles such as mobile homes, boats, trailers etc. being parked on front yards. One resident has a boat on their front lawn. Our Zoning Officer did not find anything in our current ordinance to prevent this. Mr. Ferraro looked at the current ordinance and also saw nothing to prevent this. This is a safety issue if a vehicle is parked on the front lawn, the neighbors cannot see when pulling out of their driveway on to the street. Boroughs around us have ordinances that state no vehicle can be stored in the frontage of the yard, only the side or back. Mayor McGuire said the issue of vehicles on front lawns has to be addressed. It should say in the driveway only. The Council discussed this issue and will have further discussions.



MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorro – Ambulance Corps. had 18 calls in the month of May. The check engine light has been on for the last 5 years on 226. It is now in for repairs and thank you to Daryl. Preschool enrollment is nearly at capacity. Graduation is tomorrow. Thank you to all the teachers. Congratulations to all graduates, especially Molly. Good luck in kindergarten. Police had 572 total events in the month of May. There were 86 selective enforcement details, 71 motor vehicle stops, 32 medical assists, 23 suspicious incidents, and 16 motor vehicle crashes. The arrests made were DWI male from Congers, shoplifting male from New City, terroristic threats, false public alarm male from New York, and shoplifting male from Piermont. On May 20th Northvale Police partnered with Orangetown Police to conduct a border-to-border seat belt detail to kick off nationwide click it or ticket campaign.

Councilman Bakalian – has been working on the Borough's utility bills. From March to today, the borough has saved \$895/month. There has been misbilling on streetlights because we have a lot of led lights and were being charged for higher usage. They never updated it in their accounting system. Consumption went from 27,000 to 19,000. He is going through some other bills and by the end of the year, the borough should see approximately \$1500 monthly savings. Planning Board approved a resolution for 8 units on 196 Walnut Street. Fees collected for the month of May were \$17,835 which is \$7,300 more than last May. We have collected \$2,500 more this year than 2023.

Councilman Mattessich – DPW hired a new worker. They have been working on community garden, pothole repairs, new tree behind the Gazebo, chipping. Senior Center had a presentation on June 6th for the 80th anniversary of D-Day. On June 18th they will have their monthly breakfast. Every Thursday at 11 am they will be doing Tai Chi. Michelle returned from her Scotland trip and had a wonderful time. Golden Age Club will be going to Pt. Pleasant on July 11th with lunch at the Shrimp Box and a riverboat cruise. In August they will be visiting Li Greci's in Staten Island. Recreation met on May 28th. Softball and baseball are winding down. The 3rd and 4th grade girls came in 2nd place in the 50 team league. Summer basketball has 5 teams. Recreation is looking to change to another platform instead of community pass which may save them money.

Councilwoman Fernandez – Library Board has a meeting on June 26th at 6:30 pm. Check out their website for events. Beautification – met to discuss the community garden and some upcoming events we can do with the community.

Councilman Sokoloski – met with Lauren at the Library. She is concerned about the windows. He is working with her to come up with an estimate to replace the windows. They could pay out of their capital budget. The next meeting for the Board of Health is tomorrow night. Nothing new to report on the Northern Valley Greenway. We have received approximately \$80,000-\$100,000 in new grant money. Nothing to report on safety and risk management.

Mayor McGuire read Councilman Menafra's report - Fire Department had 18 emergency call for the month of May totaling 155-man hours and 10 non-emergency calls totaling 167.75-man hours. They are currently working with DART to investigate fire truck tablet connectivity issues which are impacting fire call data availability. Fire Prevention did 19 inspections, 6 re-inspections, 1 fire investigation, and 1 permit/complaint for the month of May. Nothing to report on Municipal Alliance. Northvale Board of Education had their regular meeting on May 23rd. Mr Pinajian announced the hiring of a full-time Business Administrator and thanked Mr. Tevis for his work as interim. The PTO ice cream social is Friday, June 14th at 6 pm. Last day of school is Wednesday, June 19th. Next regular meeting is June 20th at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. Northern Valley Board of Education had a meeting on May 20th. Dr. Jennifer Mezzina was announced as the new Assistant Superintendent. May is testing month with NJSLA and AP testing completed for all subject areas. Ground will break in the fall for the new NVOT turf fields and are expected to be completed in Spring 2025. The last day of school is Friday, June 21st. NVOT graduation is Friday, June 21st. Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 24th at 7:30 pm at NVD Media Center

Mayor McGuire – the jazz band performed on May 22nd. School of Rock had to cancel due to a conflict. Blend band will be performing on July 12th. Thank you to Iris Fallon, Kevin Trainor, Pete Perretti and American Legion, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Police and volunteers who helped serve hot dogs for the Memorial Day Parade. Also thank you to DPW for prepping the town and parade route. This Saturday, Councilman Mattessich, Councilwoman Fernandez and their spouses will attend the annual Cho Dae Golf outing. Tee off is at 7 am at the golf course in Congers. Lunch will be served at 1 pm at Cho Dae. This is a fundraiser for the EMS of Northvale and Norwood. There are 115 golfers and great sponsors. Community



Garden should be ready for planting in the spring. On June 22nd an artistic bench will be dedicated to Jee Choi at 10 am at Veterans Park. He tragically lost his life in a car accident in 2011. Thirteen mailboxes have been taken down throughout the town. The old mailboxes haven't been used in decades so we came to an agreement with the post office that we would take them down. Had received complaints from residents about these boxes. DPW took them down and crushed them. Budget hearing will be June 17th at 7:00 pm.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ferraro will be meeting on Monday to discuss our affordable housing requirements.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich advised affordable housing will be finalized in October for the next round. Riverside Coop precon meeting will be next week. It is the same contractor that just finished Veterans Drive. Working on a punch list of items for Veterans Drive and Legrand Avenue. Livingston Streetscape is down past Dorato now and should be completed in another two weeks. The 2024 DOT grant for Wildwood Road West and Scharer was submitted to DOT and we are addressing their comments. Bid opening for Veterans Park basketball court will be done before the next meeting.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Julie O'Connor, 12 Windsor Road, Tenafly Councilperson – Tenafly passed this ordinance a year ago. Thanked the council for passing this pet store ordinance. Pet Plaza in Tenafly and Donna's Pet Depot wrote letters in support of this ordinance to Tenafly. Between first and second reading, you may receive emails from American Kennel Club asking not to pass this ordinance. This ordinance is promoting rescues.

John Knopp, 113 Paris Avenue – is concerned about the crosswalks at White Avenue/Livingston Street and Campora Drive/Livingston Street. He witnessed a woman almost getting hit by a car passing another car that had stopped at the crosswalk. He feels the two lanes are part of the problem. He spoke with the Police on June 4th. He suggested temporary bollards to force cars into 1 lane and road signs. Since this is a county road, the borough will have to contact the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion was made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Council President McMorrow. All were in favor of adjourning.

Joseph E. McGuire

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 10, 2024

