



**MINUTES**  
**Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

To view the Mayor & Council meeting via livestream, please access the YouTube link which is posted on the Northvale website, [www.northvalenj.org](http://www.northvalenj.org). Go to government tab, then to meeting livestreams.

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 first responders, police, and military abroad protecting our freedom.

**Mayor McGuire asked for roll call:**

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|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Mayor McGuire          | Present | Councilwoman McMorrow | Present |
| Councilman Bakalian    | Present | Councilman Mattessich | Present |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Present | Councilman Menafrá    | Present |
|                        |         | Councilman Sokoloski  | Present |

**Other Officials Present:**

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

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2024-54. Motion was made by Councilman Menafrá, seconded by Councilman Sokoloski.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-54**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to hire three (3) new specific police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Police Chief has recommended this hiring as being in the best interest of the Borough of Northvale Police Department; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Governing Body hereby authorizes the hiring of the following three (3) new police officers: John Carroll, Nicholas Criscuolo, and Kyle Sullivan.

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

|                        |     |                            |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafrá         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |



**Mayor McGuire announced the 3 new Police Officers would be sworn in and then we will have a cake to celebrate Northvale’s 108<sup>th</sup> birthday which is Friday.**

Chief Ostrow spoke about the hiring process and congratulated the new officers. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Northvale received a grant and with this hiring the Police Department will now consist of 17 officers. Thank you to the families of the candidates. Thank you to my department for conducting the interviews and all of the officers.

**Mayor McGuire swore in Officers John Carroll, Nicholas Criscuolo and Kyle Sullivan.**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of February 14, 2024. Motion was made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:**

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Neglia Group, letter dated February 26, 2024  
RE: Wildwood Rd. West and Scharer Ave. Improvements  
(Resolution #2024-58)

**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 #2024-55 through 2024-62. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fernandez, seconded by Councilman Bakalian.**

**RESOLUTION #2024-55**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL PART OF 2022 TAXES CHARGED TO A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**WHEREAS,** Block 908 Lot 1 Qual Code C3203, 3203 Rio Vista Lane was sold to Walter Enright, a Totally Disabled Veteran on November 10, 2022, who has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30et seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Enright was required to pay property taxes at the closing and he paid the 2022 4<sup>th</sup> quarter; and

**WHEREAS,** the portion of the 2022 Tax that was paid at closing was to be canceled and refunded because of Mr. Enright’s status as a Totally Disabled Veteran.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the amount of \$332.40 from the 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and the Chief Financial Officer shall issue a refund to Mr. Enright for \$332.40 on Block 908 Lot 1 Qual Code C3203.

Walter Enright                      2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - \$332.40  
3203 Rio Vista Lane  
Northvale, NJ 07647

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**RESOLUTION #2024-56**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO ISSUE REFUNDS FOR 2023 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERS AND 2024 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, Block 410 Lot 26, 418 Crest Drive was purchased by Giuseppe Conigliaro, a Totally Disabled Veteran on July 7, 2023, who has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey statute 54:4-3.30 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Conigliaro was required to pay property taxes at the closing, and he paid the 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 2024 Preliminary taxes are to be canceled because of Mr. Conigliaro’s status as a Totally Disabled Veteran; and

**WHEREAS**, Freedom Mortgage, the mortgage holder for Mr. Conigliaro paid the taxes for 2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 2024 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the CFO shall issue refunds to Mr. Conigliaro and Freedom Mortgage for taxes paid on a Tax-Exempt property as listed below.

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Giuseppe Conigliaro | 2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter - \$2,789.55 |
| 418 Crest Drive     |   |
| Northvale, NJ 07647 |   |

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| CoreLogic Tax Service       | 2023 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - \$2,810.44 |
| Refunds Department          | 2024 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - \$2,846.34 |
| P.O. Box 9202               | Total - \$5,656.78                        |
| Coppell, Texas 75019        |   |
| Attention: Freedom Mortgage |   |

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**RESOLUTION #2024-57**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4/SENATE BILL NO 50, WHICH PROPOSES TO OVERHAUL THE FAIR HOUSING ACT (“FHA”) IN A WAY THAT IMPOSES UNREALISTIC OBLIGATIONS WITH UNREALISTIC DEADLINES BASED UPON ONEROUS STANDARDS**

**Mount Laurel II**

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, the Supreme Court decided a landmark case, commonly referred to as Mount Laurel II; and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Laurel II and its progeny generated substantial litigation culminating in the enactment of the New Jersey Fair Housing Act in 1985 (“FHA”); and

**The Fair Housing Act of 1985**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature enacted the FHA to restore home rule, to bring the fair share numbers back to reality and to reduce the burdens of Mount Laurel compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, more specifically, the FHA sought to restore home rule by imposing a moratorium on the builder’s remedy and by providing an administrative process that municipalities



could voluntarily pursue wherein they would be insulated from developers seeking builder's remedies to try to compel them to capitulate their zoning demands; and

**WHEREAS**, the FHA sought to bring the fair share numbers back to reality by among other things defining the prospective need as the need "based on development and growth which is reasonably likely to occur" and by calling for the fair share to be adjusted to a number lower than the fair share formula generated if the municipality lacked sufficient land to satisfy the obligation generated by the fair share formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the FHA sought to reduce the burdens on municipalities by prohibiting any requirement for municipalities to expend their own resources to comply; and

### **The New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing**

**WHEREAS**, the FHA created COAH and conferred "primary jurisdiction" on COAH to administer the FHA and to implement the affordable housing policies of our State; and

**WHEREAS**, all acknowledge -- even Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") -- that COAH functioned just fine in Rounds 1 and 2; and

**WHEREAS**, COAH did not adopt valid regulations for Round 3 despite multiple efforts to do so and made no efforts to cure the bottleneck the third time COAH voted 3-3 on Round 3 regulations in October of 2014; and

### **Mount Laurel IV**

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Supreme Court issued a decision, commonly referred to as Mount Laurel IV, in response to a motion to transfer the responsibilities of COAH back to the courts in light of COAH's failure to adopt valid regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in Mount Laurel IV, the Supreme Court returned the task of implementing the doctrine back to the Courts because COAH had failed to do its job and made no effort to cure the roadblock when it voted 3-3 on the third iteration of Round 3 regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Court emphasized that it preferred the administrative remedy created by the FHA to a judicial one and hoped that COAH would be effective so that towns could comply once again through the administrative process created by the FHA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court process proved to be far more expensive than the COAH process and was ill-suited for resolving comprehensive planning disputes over affordable housing matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Round 3 process was a disaster with judges pressing municipalities to comply before even establishing the obligations with which they must comply; and

**WHEREAS**, ultimately, on March 8, 2018, after a 41-day trial in Mercer County, Judge Jacobson issued an opinion in which she set forth a fair share methodology; and

**WHEREAS**, in that trial and in various other instances throughout the state, FSHC took the position that the Statewide obligation should exceed 300,000 to be addressed between 2015 and 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities, through Dr. Robert Powell, presented evidence that, in a best case scenario, the State could only absorb less than 40,000 affordable units in a ten year period and thus argued that FSHC's calculations was not grounded in reality whatsoever; and

**WHEREAS**, the trial judge, having been constrained by the Supreme Court to use the formula for Round 2 that COAH adopted in 1994, ultimately concluded that the Statewide obligation to be constructed between 2015-2025 was roughly 153,000 units; and



## The 354 Settlements with FSHC

**WHEREAS**, FSHC reports that it entered 354 settlements in Round 3; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities are reeling under the burden of satisfying their obligations under those settlements entered between 2015 and 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those Round 3 settlements will result in development during the Round 4 period; and

**WHEREAS**, consequently, many of the 211,000 COs anticipated in Round 4 will come from ordinances adopted to satisfy a Round 3 obligation, leaving far fewer units that could contribute to an additional Round 4 responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Round 4 is set to begin on July 1, 2025 and there is no comprehensive analysis on the impacts of the 354 Round 3 settlements and over-zoning described above; and

**WHEREAS**, indeed, the A4/S50 Bill fails to consider the impact from affordable housing projects that were approved during the Third Round, but are still not yet under construction, as said projects, as well as additional future projects, will impact legitimate public concerns like infrastructure, the environment, schools, traffic, parking and open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Round 3 process destroyed the balance achieved by the Fair Housing Act in 1985; and

### A-4/S-50

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2023, against the above backdrop, the Housing Committee of the Assembly (a) unveiled the Legislation (A-4) – a detailed 69-page bill that the Chairwoman of the Housing Committee announced had been worked on for a long time; and (b) scheduled the bill for a vote at a hearing scheduled less than 24 hours later; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2023, the Administrative Office of the Courts wrote to the Legislature and made clear that it could not structure the bill in the manner set forth in the proposed legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the foregoing, on December 20, 2023, the Housing Committee voted the bill out of the Committee and announced that the bill needed to be ready for signing by the Governor before the end of the lame duck session on January 8, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the perception that the Legislature designed the process to adopt the bill before the public had an opportunity to review it and provide meaningful comment was as troubling as it was real; and

**WHEREAS**, consequently, the Legislature did not ram the bill through in the lame duck session as had been announced; and

**WHEREAS**, instead, on January 29, 2024, the Housing Committee of the Assembly met to consider a new version of A-4 and voted to release it out of the Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2024, as a result of comments, letters and resolutions challenging this new version of A-4, the Appropriations Committee of the Assembly announced a number of changes to the Bill; and

**WHEREAS**, one witness likened the summary presented to the public at the February 8, 2024 Appropriations meeting to that of an auctioneer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Appropriations Committee voted the bill out of the Committee at its February 8, 2024 meeting before the public had an opportunity to even see the changes, much less process their significance and comment on them; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill has been improved marginally as it has evolved from its initial version in December of 2023 to the current version voted out of the Appropriations Committee of the Assembly on February 8, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly adopted the Bill on February 12, 2024 with the changes rattled off at the February 8, 2024 Appropriations Committee hearing of the Assembly; and



**WHEREAS**, despite elimination of just some of the gross excesses of the prior version of the bill, the Bill the Committee adopted on February 12, 2024 is still severely flawed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill still creates a judicial entity made up of 3-7 retired Mount Laurel judges called “The Program”, which, unlike COAH, is not comprised of an equal number of municipal and housing representatives, and is not made up of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats, thereby depriving the citizens of our State of the carefully crafted COAH Board that included a diversity of interests and that was the centerpiece of the FHA adopted in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill still does not require the promulgation of affordable housing obligations, or the adoption of substantive regulations, in a way that utilizes an open and transparent process that COAH used and that gave all interested parties an opportunity to comment and receive COAH’s response to their comments; and

**WHEREAS, as detailed below, the bill creates a patently unreasonable responsibility on municipalities by imposing an obligation on them to create a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of a fair share that is itself unrealistic; and**

**WHEREAS**, the current version still details the methodology to be used for determining the fair share numbers of municipalities in Round 4 and in subsequent rounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the current version still presumes that 40 percent of all new households will qualify as low or moderate; and

**WHEREAS**, the current version still calls for the determination of the prospective need by subtracting the number of households reported in the 2010 Decennial Census from the number of households reported in the 2020 Decennial Census and multiplying that figure by 40 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide need number has been calculated to be 84,690 based upon the formula set forth in the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the current version of the Bill calls for 84,690 to be adjusted by the number of conversions and demolitions; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide fair share would be increased from 84,690 to 96,780, if the same number of demolitions and conversions used by Judge Jacobson in her formula for Round 3 apply in Round 4; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimate of the obligation for each municipality can be made if we assume that the same percentage of the regional need in Round 3 for each municipality applies in Round 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimates of the fair share obligations the Bill would generate for Round 4 have been widely distributed and all have had the opportunity to review the estimates and offer any corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, other than an analysis of the allocation factors by an expert for the American Planning Association (Creigh Rahenkamp) who identified problems with the allocation factors, nobody has reviewed and commented on our rough estimates set forth above that were generated in a very short period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, to the contrary, the Executive Director of Fair Share Housing Center, Inc. testified that he did not have a calculation of the fair share numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, more importantly, no committee of the Assembly or Senate has identified the fair share obligations municipalities should expect based upon the formula set forth in the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the 96,780 fair share number estimated for Round 4 compares to the roughly 211,000 COs issued between 2010 and 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the 96,780 fair share number divided by 211,000 COs equals roughly 46 percent (45.867 percent to be more precise); and

**WHEREAS**, all municipalities should be able to cure any violations of the prohibition against exclusionary zoning with inclusionary zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, traditional inclusionary zoning ordinances generally require no more than 20 percent of the units to be affordable; and



**WHEREAS**, it is mathematically impossible to satisfy a 46 percent problem with a 20 percent solution and, therefore, the number generated by the statutory formula is patently excessive; and

**WHEREAS**, this mathematical error conceptually may have existed at COAH; however, COAH utilized its discretion to reduce the statewide number to roughly 5,000 units per year in Rounds 1-2 (or lower for prospective need in its attempted regulations in 2014); and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, COAH's Round 2 regulations had flexible standards, Regional Contribution Agreements (RCAs), an achievable bonus structure, waivers and other flexible standards to further mitigate the problem; and

**WHEREAS**, had COAH not mitigated the problem, it is likely that the regulations would have been challenged by municipalities; and

**WHEREAS, as detailed below, the Bill still fails to account for the enormous burdens on municipalities to comply with their Round 3 obligations before imposing very substantial additional burdens on those 354 municipalities for Round 4; and**

**WHEREAS**, a representative of FSHC testified that it has entered into 354 settlements and that it would furnish those settlements to the Housing Committee, which it has failed to do; and

**WHEREAS**, at least one witness at the Committee hearings have pressed FSHC to advise how much development will take place in Round 4 as a result of municipalities implementing the 354 settlements reached in Round 3; and

**WHEREAS**, Adam Gordon on behalf of FSHC has indicated he doesn't know the answer to this question and no committee of the Assembly or Senate has even hinted at what the answer might be; and

**WHEREAS, the Bill requires municipalities to create a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of a fair share without taking into account how many affordable units can realistically be achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning (where generally one out of every five units must be affordable); and**

**WHEREAS**, efforts have also been made to ascertain how many affordable units could be realistically achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning by urging the Legislature to do a market study since the strength of the housing market will determine the number of market units that can reasonably be anticipated and since there must be a sufficient market for the four market units to generate the one affordable unit under a traditional inclusionary ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not furnished a market study in response to the repeated emphasis on the need for one to ascertain how many affordable units could be realistically achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning; and

**WHEREAS, as explained below, the bill dilutes the protections to which a municipality is currently entitled; and**

**WHEREAS**, while the Supreme Court established standards to preserve a municipality's immunity in the absence of proof that the municipality is "determined to be constitutionally noncompliant", the proposed bill does not require proof that the municipality is "determined to be constitutionally noncompliant" to warrant stripping the municipality of immunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill subjects municipalities to litigation not only as they seek approval of their Housing Element and Fair Share Plans, but also even after they secure approval of those plans; and

**WHEREAS**, more specifically, the Bill provides municipalities a "compliance certification" if the municipality secures approval of its affordable housing plan; however, that certification does not prevent an interested party from "alleging that, despite the issuance of compliance certification, a municipality's fair share obligation, fair share plan, housing element, or ordinances implementing the fair share plan or housing element are in violation of the Mount Laurel doctrine"; and

**WHEREAS, the Bill suffers from a myriad of additional flaws; and**

**WHEREAS**, for example, a municipality would have a right to rely on the fair share number that COAH provides under prior laws, under the new bill, a municipality would only have a presumption of validity that the number the DCA provides to the municipality is appropriate and



FSHC, a deep pocketed developer or any other interested party could seek to overcome that presumption through litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill replaces a straightforward system by which a municipality could secure bonus credits up to a 25 percent cap with a highly complicated system for securing bonuses with many conditions attached to various forms of bonus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature previously capped the fair share of any municipality down to 1,000 in recognition that any obligation above 1,000 would be “onerous”; the Bill applies the 1,000-unit cap only to a component of the municipality’s fair share -- the prospective need -- and authorizes the imposition of an obligation that is onerous; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill creates unfair requirements when a municipality secures a Vacant Land Adjustment in that it requires a land-poor municipality to create a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of 25 percent of its unmet need or to “demonstrate why” it is unable to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the the Bill includes many other provisions and changes to the FHA that are impractical and devoid of any consideration of the burdens created by the statute; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the facts set forth above, a bill that boasts of its effectiveness in reducing costs and litigation will clearly have the exact opposite effect; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to all the concerns expressed above, a bill that so radically changes the affordable housing laws of our state still needs considerable work; and

**WHEREAS**, indeed, as the following facts demonstrate, the Legislature has yet to do the most fundamental due diligence before enacting a statute with such broad ramifications;

1. The Legislature has not and cannot inform the public of the fair share obligations the bill, if enacted, would impose on the public;
2. The Legislature has not and cannot inform the public of the obligations that municipalities will satisfy in Round 4 from the 354 settlements achieved in Round 3 before heaping substantial additional burdens on them for Round 4;
3. The Legislature has not and cannot inform the public of the number of affordable units that can realistically be achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning while imposing obligations on municipalities to create a realistic opportunity for a fair share that far exceeds any number a municipality can realistically achieve through inclusionary zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the pronounced lack of due diligence, the bill will likely force taxes to increase dramatically and will foster serious overdevelopment creating unreasonable burdens on our schools, public services, roads, sewer and water infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature clearly can and should upgrade the affordable housing policies of our State; however, the current Version of A4 is not the answer and the most fundamental diligence can and should be exercised before adopting such a bill.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that for all of the above reasons, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale objects to and opposes Assembly Bill No. 4/Senate Bill No. 50, and requests that the bill be tabled, re-written and re-introduced in way that imposes achievable obligations and facilitates the ability of the municipality to satisfy its obligations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution immediately to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari , Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, the sponsors of the Bill in the Senate and in the Assembly, and to the Legislators in the State Assembly and Senate representing our District immediately.

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**RESOLUTION #2024-58**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR NEGLIA GROUP – WILDWOOD ROAD WEST AND SCHARER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS – NJDOT MA24**

**WHEREAS**, Neglia Group has prepared a scope of services for the Wildwood Road West and Scharer Avenue Improvements as per their letter dated February 26, 2024 as follows:

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|--|--------------------|
| <b>Surveying, Engineering Design, Bidding Services (Phase I)</b> | <b>\$34,380.00</b> |
| <b>Construction Management Services (Phase 11)</b>               | <b>\$37,440.00</b> |
| <b>Material Basis (Phase III)</b>                                | <b>\$1,000.00</b>  |

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the funds will be available not to exceed \$72,820.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve the Proposal for Surveying, Engineering Design, Bidding and Construction Management Services for Neglia Group.

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**RESOLUTION #2024-59**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE RL #251 FOR ST. ANTHONY’S CHURCH – CASINO NIGHT – APRIL 6, 2024**

NAME: St. Anthony’s Church  
ADDRESS: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ  
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ  
HOURS: 7:00 PM – 12:00 AM  
DATE OF RAFFLE: April 6, 2024  
ID #: 353-1-146  
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #251

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**RESOLUTION #2024-60**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MASTER CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY WATER MAIN AND/OR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR WITH CONQUEST CONSTRUCTION INC. AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the above contract was approved on October 18, 2022 with Conquest Construction Inc., 450 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract was December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, at the February 15, 2024 Riverside Cooperative meeting, the members voted to have the contract extended a year to expire November 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Northvale, acting as Lead Agency of the Riverside Cooperative, would like to extend the contract to expire November 30, 2025.



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Master Contract for Emergency Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs be extended for one year effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Conquest Construction Inc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Riverside Cooperative.

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**RESOLUTION #2024-61**

**TITLE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE APPROPRIATION RESERVE FUND BUDGET FOR 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,500**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40:4-59 permits the transfer of appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year from accounts showing unexpended balances to accounts in which commitments from 2023 may exceed the original budgeted appropriations;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the attached transfers are hereby authorized in the total amount of \$25,500.

| <b>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>     | <b>ACCOUNT #</b> | <b>GROUP</b>     | <b>FROM</b> | <b>TO</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Financial Admin. Salaries         | S&W              | 03-01-20-130-101 | 2,000.00    |           |
| Construction Code Salaries        | S&W              | 03-01-22-195-101 | 2,000.00    |           |
| Police Dept. Salaries             | S&W              | 03-01-25-240-101 | 16,500.00   |           |
| Health: Salaries                  | S&W              | 03-01-27-330-101 | 3,000.00    |           |
| Telephone                         | O/E              | 03-01-31-440-201 | 2,000.00    |           |
| Admin. Postage & Copier           | O/E              | 03-01-20-100-207 |             | 5,500.00  |
| Admin. Grant Writer               | O/E              | 03-01-20-100-209 |             | 3,000.00  |
| Legal                             | O/E              | 03-01-20-155-202 |             | 7,500.00  |
| Fire Vehicle Maintenance          | O/E              | 03-01-25-255-205 |             | 1,000.00  |
| Senior Center Food Supplies       | O/E              | 03-01-27-360-207 |             | 1,500.00  |
| Building & Grounds: Prof Services | O/E              | 03-01-26-310-203 |             | 2,000.00  |
| Natural Gas                       | O/E              | 03-01-31-446-201 |             | 5,000.00  |



Total Appropriation Reserve Transfer

25,500.00 25,500.00

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**RESOLUTION #2024-62**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Current Fund Appropriations (2024) | \$44,477.67         |
| Current Fund Appropriations (2023) | \$473,702.33        |
| General Capital Fund               | \$26,333.68         |
| Grant Fund                         | \$11,537.00         |
| Animal Trust                       | \$103.20            |
| Police DEA Trust                   | \$3,365.17          |
| Escrow Trust                       | \$6,044.00          |
| Affordable Housing Trust           |                     |
| Recreation Trust                   | \$4,637.95          |
| Summer Recreation Trust            |                     |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$570,201.00</b> |

**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 High School          | 02-09-2024 | \$752,087.50 |
|   | 02-09-2024 | \$752,087.50 |
| Payroll – Salaries & Wages                    | 2-2-2024   | \$166,261.67 |
| Payroll- Salaries & Wages                     | 2-15-2024  | \$215,000.   |
|   | 2-29-2024  | \$165,000    |
| Health Benefits                               | 02-14-2024 | \$64,581.31  |
| County Taxes                                  | 02-15-24   | \$29,551.90  |
|   |            | \$641,217.88 |
| Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS            |            |              |
| Northvale Board OF Education                  | 2-09-2024  | \$943,431.59 |
| Northern Valley Regional High School District | 12/12/2023 | \$943,431.59 |
| Northvale Public Library Trust - Interfund    |            |              |



|                     |  |                       |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| DTC- Bond Principal |  |                       |
| DTC- Bond Interest  |  |                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |  | <b>\$5,242,851.94</b> |

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$5,242,851.94** and ratified respectively.

**ON THE QUESTION** – Councilman Bakalian had a question on Resolution #2024-57. He asked if this is for residential only or mixed use. Councilman Menafra asked on page 16 of the bills list what is the ShopRite Monitoring that is being paid which is for the environmental engineer.

**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 of the Council:**

|                        |     |                            |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

**ORDINANCES – 2nd READING**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #1076-2024. Motion made by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Council President McMorrow.**

**ORDINANCE #1076-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF DPW CONTRACT EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY (Year 3 of 5-Year Contract – 2.50%)**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Department of Public Works Contract Employees shall consist of One Superintendent, and in the discretion of the Governing Body, there may be an Assistant Superintendent, Foremen and suc other Department of Public Works employees as determined by the Governing Body.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SALARY SCHEDULE  
EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1995**

| <b>2024</b>                                  | <b>2024</b> |
|--|-------------|
| Less than 1 year of service                  | \$46,383.48 |
| Beginning 2nd year of service                | \$72,603.60 |
| Beginning 3rd year of service                | \$81,142.07 |
| Beginning 4th year of service and thereafter | \$89,680.55 |
| Working Foreman                              | \$9,910.06  |
| C-2 License                                  | \$753.82    |



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SALARY SCHEDULE  
EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER JANUARY 1, 1995**

| <b>2024</b>                   | <b>2024</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Less than 1 year of service   | \$51,223.20 |
| Beginning 2nd year of service | \$60,132.58 |
| Beginning 3rd year of service | \$72,603.40 |
| Beginning 4th year of service | \$81,142.08 |
| Beginning 5th year of service | \$89,680.55 |
| Working Foreman               | \$9,910.06  |
| C-2 License                   | \$753.82    |

All Employees, regardless of date of hire, in this bargaining unit shall receive a CDL stipend payable by separate check, before June 1 of the year in which it is due as follows:

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Effective 1/1/24 | \$2,300.00 |
|------------------|------------|

**Section 2.** In addition to the compensation set forth in Section 1, each full time employee of the Borough of Northvale shall receive longevity pay as follows:

**EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1995**

- 2% of the base annual pay after 5 years of service
- 4% of the base annual pay after 9 years of service
- 6% of the base annual pay after 13 years of service
- 8% of the base annual pay after 17 years of service
- 10% of the base annual pay after 21 years of service

Longevity shall be paid in two installments with the 1<sup>st</sup> pay check in July and the 1<sup>st</sup> pay check in December of each year and it is not to exceed \$7,500.00 in any one year.

**EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER JANUARY 1, 1995**

Effective January 1, 1995, longevity pay will no longer be granted to any employees hired after January 1, 1995.

**Section 3.** The Superintendent of Public Works will designate a member of the Department each week to be available on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday. Such time will be classified as “Stand By” time and shall be paid at the rate of \$215.00 per day.

**Section 4.** Each new and existing employee of the Department of Public Works shall receive \$2,000.00, effective January 1, 2022, for clothing allowance. Clothing allowance shall be paid by separate check in 2 (two) equal installments. The 1<sup>st</sup> (first) payment shall be in the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) pay period of each year and the 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) payment shall be during the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) pay period in July of each year.

**Section 5.** Time in excess of forty (40) hours per week for all full time employees is to be paid at the rate of time and one-half.

**Section 6.** All full time employees of the Department of Public Works shall be paid bi-weekly.

**Section 7.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

**Section 8.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication.

**Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1076-2024 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.**



**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

|                        |     |                            |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

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**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #1077-2024. Motion made by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Menafra.**

**ORDINANCE #1077-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF POLICE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY (YEAR 2 of 5 Year Contract – 2.50%)**

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

**Section 1.** That the following annual salaries, wages, and compensation shall be paid to Police Employees of the Borough of Northvale in the amounts set forth opposite their respective title and commencing on January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024:

**EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO 01-01-2023**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Lieutenant   | 152,304.00 |
| Sergeant     | 142,974.00 |
| Patrolman    |            |
| Beginning:   |            |
| Seventh year | 135,509.00 |
| Sixth year   | 108,760.00 |
| Fifth year   | 107,001.00 |
| Fourth year  | 92,746.00  |
| Third year   | 78,493.00  |
| Second year  | 65,330.00  |
| First year   | 58,126.00  |
| Training pay | 43,736.00  |

**EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER 01-01-2023**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Lieutenant   | 152,304.00 |
| Sergeant     | 142,974.00 |
| Patrolman    |            |
| Beginning:   |            |
| Tenth year   | 135,509.00 |
| Ninth year   | 121,463.00 |
| Eighth year  | 108,760.00 |
| Seventh year | 107,001.00 |
| Sixth year   | 92,746.00  |
| Fifth year   | 85,620.00  |
| Fourth year  | 78,493.00  |
| Third year   | 71,912.00  |
| Second year  | 65,330.00  |
| First year   | 58,126.00  |
| Training pay | 43,736.00  |



**Section 2.** In addition to the compensation set forth in Section 1, each full time member of the Police Department hired before January 1, 2012, shall receive longevity pay as follows:

- 2% of annual base pay after 7 years of service
- 4% of annual base pay after 10 years of service
- 6% of annual base pay after 13 years of service
- 8% of annual base pay after 17 years of service
- 10% of annual base pay after 21 years of service

The following longevity schedule will take effect for all employees hired after January 1, 2012:

- 1.5% of annual base pay after 8 years of service
- 3% of annual base pay after 10 years of service
- 5% of annual base pay after 13 years of service
- 8% of annual base pay after 17 years of service
- 10% of annual base pay after 21 years of service

If an employee reaches a higher plateau of longevity entitlement at any time during the calendar year, then said employee shall be entitled to receive the full value of the higher plateau.

**Section 3.** Time in excess of the basic work week or tour for a day performed by a Lieutenant, Sergeant or Patrolman shall be compensated for at the rate of time and one-half.

**Section 4.** Each full-time member of the Police Department under Contract shall receive a lump sum compensation for thirteen (13) holidays, payable between December 1 and 5, 2024.

**Section 5.** There shall be paid to each full-time member of the Police Department during the year of attainment of college credits towards a Police Science Degree and in each year of service thereafter the sum of:

- \$ 300.00 upon completion of 25 credits
- \$ 600.00 upon completion of 45 credits
- \$1,000.00 upon completion of an Associate's Degree
- \$1,500.00 upon completion of a Bachelor's Degree

Where an employee qualifies for a higher plateau of credits during the first half of a calendar year (January 1 through June 30), then said employee shall be entitled to higher educational incentive payments starting the first day of July 1 of that same year and in each year of service thereafter. In the event that an Employee qualifies for a higher plateau of credits during the last half of the calendar year (July 1 through December 31), then the entitlement to higher educational compensation shall commence with the following January 1 and in each year of service thereafter.

**Section 6.** All full time employees of the Police Department shall be paid bi-weekly.

**Section 7.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

**Section 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication according to law.

**Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1077-2024 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

|                        |     |                            |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

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Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #1078-2024. Motion made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

**ORDINANCE #1078-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 74 “BACKGROUND CHECKS” OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE AND IN PARTICULAR SECTION 74-1C**

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend and revise §74-1C and §74-7.1C of the Borough Code entitled “Criminal history record background checks required for employees and volunteers involved with Borough programs or services for minors” as set forth herein.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** §74-1C of the Borough Code of the Borough of Northvale, entitled “Criminal history record background checks required for employees and volunteers involved with Borough programs or services for minors” is hereby amended and revised as follows:

**§ 74-1Criminal history record background checks required for employees and volunteers involved with Borough programs or services for minors.**

Request for criminal background checks; costs. The Borough requires that all employees and volunteers, 18 years of age and older, of any Borough-sponsored program, sports, recreation, or otherwise, involving minors request, through the Recreation Committee, that the State Bureau of Identification within the Division of State Police conduct a criminal history record background check on each prospective and current employee or volunteer of the organization.

**A.**

The Division of State Police shall inform the Northvale Police Department and the employee and/or volunteer if the person's criminal history record background check reveals a conviction of a disqualifying crime or offense as set forth in § **74-3** of this article.

**B.**

The Recreation Committee and/or the Police Department shall conduct a criminal history record background check only upon receipt of a written consent to the check from prospective or current employee or volunteer.

**C.**

The Borough shall bear the costs associated with conducting the criminal history record background checks **including the cost of fingerprinting.**

The Borough shall bear the costs associated with conducting the criminal history record background checks.

**§ 74-6Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**BOROUGH EMPLOYEE**

All current or prospective salaried officers and employees of the Borough, including, but not limited to, employees within the Police Department, Department of Public Works, Building Department, Board of Health, library, as well as employees and volunteers in the Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau and Ambulance Corps, except those personnel exempted herein.

**§ 74-7Exempted personnel.**

The personnel of the Borough hereinafter designated shall be exempt from the provisions of this article:



**A.**

Elected officials.

**B.**

The Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor, Board of Adjustment Attorney, Planning Board Attorney and Borough Judge.

**C.**

Professional consultants or counsel rendering professional services.

**§ 74-7.1 Criminal history and motor vehicle record background checks required.**

The Borough requires that all current and prospective Borough employees, 18 years of age and older, as hereinabove defined, annually submit a signed consent to the Borough to conduct a criminal history background check and a motor vehicle record background check to the extent permissible by law.

**A.**

For all prospective employees, the Borough shall abide by N.J.S.A. 34:6B-11 et seq., otherwise known as the "New Jersey Opportunity to Compete Act" (the "Act"). Consistent with this Act, no criminal background checks shall be completed until after the initial employment application process as defined in N.J.A.C. 12:68-1.2 set forth below.:

**INITIAL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION PROCESS**

The period beginning when an applicant for employment first makes an inquiry to an employer about a prospective employment position or job vacancy or when an employer first makes an inquiry to an applicant for employment about a prospective employment position or job vacancy, and ending when an employer has conducted a first interview of an applicant for employment, whether the interview has been conducted in person or by any other means.

**B.**

The Borough shall conduct a criminal history record background check and motor vehicle record background check only upon receipt of a written consent from the prospective or current employee.

C. The Borough shall bear the costs associated with conducting the criminal history , **fingerprinting**, and motor vehicle record background checks.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Borough of Northvale, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** All other provisions of Chapter 74 of the Code of the Borough of Northvale are not further amended and remain in full force and effect.

The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage.

**ON THE QUESTION** – Councilman Bakalian asked how much does the fingerprinting cost the volunteers. Mayor McGuire answered approximately \$70-\$80 and we usually have about 5 new volunteers a year. Councilman Bakalian asked if this covers substitutes at the school. Mayor McGuire replied this will cover new volunteers for the ambulance, fire, and recreation departments.

**Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on Ordinance #1078-2024 only. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.**



**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

|                        |     |                            |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

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**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #1079-2024. Motion made by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Councilman Menafra.**

**ORDINANCE #1079-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE AND REPLACE CHAPTER 172 “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT” OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE**

**Section 1. Where the Borough is required to amend and revise its Stormwater Management Ordinance, to meet State mandated requirements:**

**Now therefore, BE IT ORDAINED That Chapter 172 of the Borough Code is hereby amended, revised and replaced with the following:**

**Section I72-1. Scope and Purpose:**

**A. Policy Statement**

Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction shall be achieved through the use of stormwater management measures, including green infrastructure Best Management Practices (GI BMPs) and nonstructural stormwater management strategies. GI BMPs should be utilized to meet the goal of maintaining natural hydrology to reduce stormwater runoff volume, reduce erosion, encourage infiltration and groundwater recharge, and reduce pollution. GI BMPs should be developed based upon physical site conditions and the origin, nature and the anticipated quantity, or amount, of potential pollutants. Multiple stormwater management BMPs may be necessary to achieve the established performance standards for green infrastructure, water quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge.

**B. Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for “major development,” as defined below in Section 172-2

**C. Applicability**

1. This ordinance shall be applicable to the following major developments:
  - i. Non-residential major developments and redevelopment projects; and
  - ii. Aspects of residential major developments and redevelopment projects that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21 et seq.
2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Borough of Northvale.



3. Applicability of this ordinance to major developments shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.6, incorporated herein by reference.

#### D. Compatibility with Other Permit and Ordinance Requirements

Development approvals issued pursuant to this ordinance are to be considered an integral part of development approvals and do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

This ordinance is not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinances, rule or regulation, statute, or other provision of law except that, where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule or regulation, or other provision of law, the more restrictive provisions or higher standards shall control.

#### **Section 172-2. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions used in this ordinance shall be the same as the last amended Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2, incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Section 172-3. Design and Performance Standards for Stormwater Management Measures:**

This section establishes design and performance standards for stormwater management measures for major development intended to minimize the adverse impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity and loss of groundwater recharge in receiving water bodies. Design and performance standards for stormwater management measures shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-5, incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Section 172-4. Solids and Floatable Materials Control Standards:**

A. Site design features identified under Section III above, or alternative designs in accordance with Section III above, to prevent discharge of trash and debris from drainage systems shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this paragraph, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exemptions to this standard see Section 4.A.2 below.

1. Design engineers shall use one of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect stormwater from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:
  - i. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines; or
  - ii. A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension. Note that the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21 include requirements for bicycle safe grates.



Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and stormwater system floors used to collect stormwater from the surface into a storm drain or surface water body.

- iii. For curb-opening inlets, including curb-opening inlets in combination inlets, the clear space in that curb opening, or each individual clear space if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces, shall have an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or be no greater than two (2.0) inches across the smallest dimension.

2. The standard in IV.A.1. above does not apply:

- i. Where each individual clear space in the curb opening in existing curb-opening inlet does not have an area of more than nine (9.0) square inches;
- ii. Where the municipality agrees that the standards would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practicably be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets;
- iii. Where flows from the water quality design storm as specified in the last amended Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8 et seq. are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:
  - a. A rectangular space four and five-eighths (4.625) inches long and one and one-half (1.5) inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or
  - b. A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches.

Note that these exemptions do not authorize any infringement of requirements in the Residential Site Improvement Standards for bicycle safe grates in new residential development (N.J.A.C. 5:21-4.18(b)2 and 7.4(b)1).

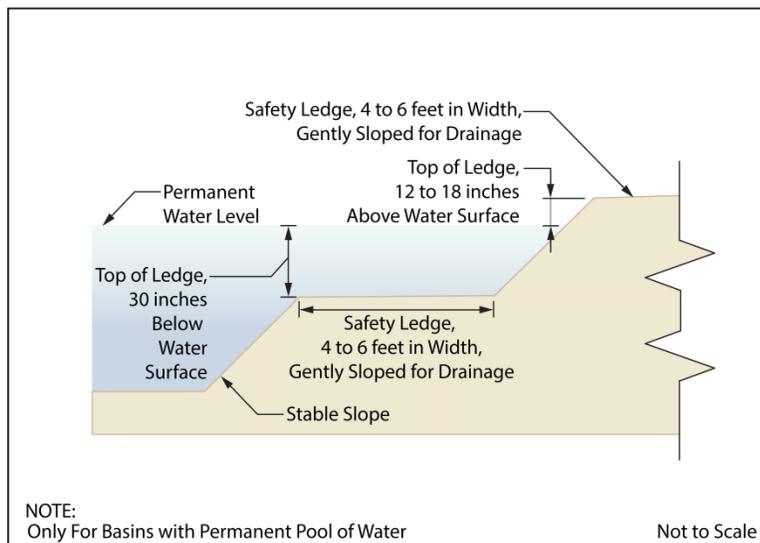
- iv. Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch (1 inch) spacing between the bars, to the elevation of the Water Quality Design Storm as specified in N.J.A.C. 7:8; or
- v. Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

### **Section 172-5. Safety Standards for Stormwater Management Basins:**

A. This section sets forth requirements to protect public safety through the proper design and operation of stormwater management basins. This section applies to any new stormwater management basin. Safety standards for stormwater management measures shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-6, incorporated herein by reference.

B. Safety Ledge Illustration

Elevation View –Basin Safety Ledge Configuration



## Section 172-6. Requirements for a Site Development Stormwater Plan:

### A. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

1. Whenever an applicant seeks municipal approval of a development subject to this ordinance, the applicant shall submit all of the required components of the Checklist for the Site Development Stormwater Plan at Section VI.C below as part of the submission of the application for approval.
2. The applicant shall demonstrate that the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.
3. The applicant shall submit 18 copies of the materials listed in the checklist for site development stormwater plans in accordance with Section VI.C of this ordinance.

### B. Site Development Stormwater Plan Approval

The applicant's Site Development project shall be reviewed as a part of the review process by the municipal board or official from which municipal approval is sought. That municipal board or official shall consult the municipality's review engineer to determine if all of the checklist requirements have been satisfied and to determine if the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

### C. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

The following information shall be required:

#### 1. Topographic Base Map

The reviewing engineer may require upstream tributary drainage system information as necessary. It is recommended that the topographic base map of the site be submitted which extends a minimum of 200 feet beyond the limits of the proposed development, at a scale of 1"=200' or greater, showing 2-foot contour intervals. The map as appropriate may indicate the following: existing surface water drainage, shorelines, steep slopes, soils, erodible soils, perennial or intermittent streams that drain into or upstream of the Category One waters, wetlands and flood plains along with their appropriate buffer strips, marshlands and other wetlands, pervious or vegetative surfaces, existing man-made structures, roads, bearing and distances of property lines, and significant natural and manmade features not otherwise shown.

#### 2. Environmental Site Analysis

A written and graphic description of the natural and man-made features of the site and its surroundings should be submitted. This description should include



a discussion of soil conditions, slopes, wetlands, waterways and vegetation on the site. Particular attention should be given to unique, unusual, or environmentally sensitive features and to those that provide particular opportunities or constraints for development.

### 3. Project Description and Site Plans

A map (or maps) at the scale of the topographical base map indicating the location of existing and proposed buildings roads, parking areas, utilities, structural facilities for stormwater management and sediment control, and other permanent structures. The map(s) shall also clearly show areas where alterations will occur in the natural terrain and cover, including lawns and other landscaping, and seasonal high groundwater elevations. A written description of the site plan and justification for proposed changes in natural conditions shall also be provided.

### 4. Land Use Planning and Source Control Plan

This plan shall provide a demonstration of how the goals and standards of Section III is being met. The focus of this plan shall be to describe how the site is being developed to meet the objective of controlling groundwater recharge, stormwater quality and stormwater quantity problems at the source by land management and source controls whenever possible.

### 5. Stormwater Management Facilities Map

The following information, illustrated on a map of the same scale as the topographic base map, shall be included:

- i. Total area to be disturbed, paved or built upon, proposed surface contours, land area to be occupied by the stormwater management facilities and the type of vegetation thereon, and details of the proposed plan to control and dispose of stormwater.
- ii. Details of all stormwater management facility designs, during and after construction, including discharge provisions, discharge capacity for each outlet at different levels of detention and emergency spillway provisions with maximum discharge capacity of each spillway.

### 6. Calculations

- i. Comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic design calculations for the pre-development and post-development conditions for the design storms specified in Section III of this ordinance.
- ii. When the proposed stormwater management control measures depend on the hydrologic properties of soils or require certain separation from the seasonal high water table, then a soils report shall be submitted. The soils report shall be based on onsite boring logs or soil pit profiles. The number and location of required soil borings or soil pits shall be determined based on what is needed to determine the suitability and distribution of soils present at the location of the control measure.

### 7. Maintenance and Repair Plan

The design and planning of the stormwater management facility shall meet the maintenance requirements of Section VII.

### 8. Waiver from Submission Requirements

The municipal official or board reviewing an application under this ordinance may, in consultation with the municipality's review engineer, waive



submission of any of the requirements in Section VI.C.1 through VI.C.6 of this ordinance when it can be demonstrated that the information requested is impossible to obtain or it would create a hardship on the applicant to obtain and its absence will not materially affect the review process.

### **Section 172-7. Maintenance and Repair:**

#### **A. Applicability**

Projects subject to review as in Section I.C of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of Section VII.B and VII.C.

#### **B. General Maintenance**

1. Maintenance for stormwater management measures shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8, incorporated herein by reference.
  2. The following requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8 do not apply to stormwater management facilities that are dedicated to and accepted by the municipality or another governmental agency, subject to all applicable municipal stormwater general permit conditions, as issued by the Department:
    - i. If the maintenance plan identifies a person other than the property owner (for example, a developer, a public agency or homeowners' association) as having the responsibility for maintenance, the plan shall include documentation of such person's or entity's agreement to assume this responsibility, or of the owner's obligation to dedicate a stormwater management facility to such person under an applicable ordinance or regulation; and
    - ii. Responsibility for maintenance shall not be assigned or transferred to the owner or tenant of an individual property in a residential development or project, unless such owner or tenant owns or leases the entire residential development or project. The individual property owner may be assigned incidental tasks, such as weeding of a green infrastructure BMP, provided the individual agrees to assume these tasks; however, the individual cannot be legally responsible for all of the maintenance required.
  3. In the event that the stormwater management facility becomes a danger to public safety or public health, or if it is in need of maintenance or repair, the municipality shall so notify the responsible person in writing. Upon receipt of that notice, the responsible person shall have fourteen (14) days to effect maintenance and repair of the facility in a manner that is approved by the municipal engineer or his designee. The municipality, in its discretion, may extend the time allowed for effecting maintenance and repair for good cause. If the responsible person fails or refuses to perform such maintenance and repair, the municipality or County may immediately proceed to do so and shall bill the cost thereof to the responsible person. Nonpayment of such bill may result in a lien on the property.
- C. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the municipality in which the major development is located from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.



**Section 172-8. Penalties:**

A. General Maintenance

1. A fine of not more than \$2,000, imprisonment for any term not exceeding 90 days, and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.
2. A separate offense or violation shall be deemed to be committed on each day that a violation occurs or continues.

**Section 172-9. Severability:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**Section 172-10. Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

Section 2: All ordinances or sections thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Mr. Loverich explained this ordinance. State law regulates stormwater management requirements and controls for major development. This ordinance must be adopted by July 16, 2024.**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafra         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

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**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #1080-2024. Motion made by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilman Sokoloski.**

**ORDINANCE #1080-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE IN THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough is required to provide by ordinance for the regulation of privately owned salt storage.

Now therefore be it ordained that the Borough of Northvale hereby amends and revises its Borough Code to add Chapter 146 as follows:

**CHAPTER 146 Privately-Owned Salt Storage**

**SECTION 146- 1. Purpose:**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences,



in the Borough of Northvale to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

### **SECTION 146-2. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. “De-icing materials” means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. “Impervious surface” means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. “Storm drain inlet” means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. “Permanent structure” means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

- 1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
  - 2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
  - 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
  - 4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
  - 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. “Person” means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
  - F. “Resident” means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

### **SECTION 146-3. Deicing Material Storage Requirements:**

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - 1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
  - 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
  - 3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;



4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
    - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
    - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
    - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
    - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
    - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
      - (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
  5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
  6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 -April 15.
- C. All such temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with all other local ordinances, including building and zoning regulations.
- D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

#### **SECTION 146-4. Exemptions:**

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

#### **SECTION 146.5. Enforcement:**

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the employees, officers, and agents of the Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Board of Health of the Borough of Northvale.



**SECTION 146-6. Violations and Penalties:**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines as follows: a fine of not more than \$1,250, imprisonment for any term not exceeding 90 days, and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days. A separate offense or violation shall be deemed to be committed on each day that a violation occurs or continues.

**SECTION 146.7. Severability:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 146.8. Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

**Mr. Loverich explained this ordinance from the DEP. This ordinance must be adopted by May. Mayor McGuire noticed there was a resident section which was less of a requirement but guidelines for residents. Mr. Loverich replied there is a requirement for residents - salt cannot be put on top of catch basins, must be covered with weight so as not to blow away. Councilman Bakalian asked who enforces this ordinance. The ordinance states the Police, DPW, and Board of Health.**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafr          | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

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**Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #1081-2024. Motion made by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Council President McMorrow.**

**ORDINANCE #1081-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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

**Section 1.** The employees herein designated shall be paid up to the annual salaries as follows:

| <b>POSITION/TITLE</b>   | <b>2024 SALARY</b> |
|---|--------------------|
| Mayor   | \$6,357.36         |
| Council Members   | 4,485.84           |
| Borough Clerk, Bd. of Health Secretary, Registrar, DPW Secretary, Election and Safety Officer | 90,000             |
| Chief Financial Officer   | 42,025             |
| Accounting Assistant  | 50,029.40          |
| Qualified Purchasing Agent  | 6,150.00           |
| Tax Collector/Payroll Clerk   | 77,936.00          |
| Tax Assessor  | 24,230.00          |
| Planning Zoning Secretary   | 5,125.00           |
| UCC Bld. Subcode Official   | 9,737.26           |



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|---|------------------------|
| Construction Code Official                          | 14,555.60              |
| Fire Sub-code Official                              | 9,530.00               |
| Electrical Sub-code Official                        | 13,382.00              |
| Plumbing & Mechanical Sub-code Official             | 12,056.46              |
| Construction Code Technical Assistant               | 47,237.12              |
| Code Compliance Officer                             | 27,316.12              |
| Code Compliance Secretary                           | 2,062                  |
| Fire Prevention Officer                             | 17,230                 |
| Fire Prevention Inspector                           | 15,667.00              |
| Fire Prevention Secretary                           | 2,930.00               |
| Magistrate  | 29,341.80              |
| Acting Judge  | 250.00 per session     |
| Court Administrator                                 | 32,872.060             |
| Deputy Court Clerk / Violations Clerk               | Up to 28.00 per hour   |
| Recording Clerk                                     | Up to 25.00 per hour   |
| Municipal Court Attendant                           | 75.00 per session      |
| Municipal Prosecutor                                | \$13,307.00            |
| Public Defender                                     | 5,708.56               |
| Alternate Public Defender                           | 150.00 per case        |
| DPW Superintendent                                  | 134,100                |
| Assistant DPW Superintendent & Pest Control Officer | 129,100                |
| DPW Part-time / Seasonal Worker                     | 13.00 – 15.00 per hour |
| Deputy Registrar                                    | 4,087.00               |
|   |                        |
| Public / Special Events Coordinator                 | 5,000.00               |
|   |                        |
| Recreation Director                                 | 5,000.00               |
| Senior Center Director                              | 46,792.00              |
| Senior Center Assistant to the Director             | Up to 19.00 per hour   |
|   |                        |
| Senior Center Assistants                            | Up to 15.00 per hour   |
| Senior Van Driver                                   | Up to 21.00 per hour   |
| Fire Department Engineer                            | 1,700.00               |
| Library Director                                    | 75,000.00              |
| Youth Services Librarian (NJ Certified)             | 44,290.00              |
| Senior Library Assistant                            | 20.00 – 25.00 per hour |
| Library Assistant                                   | 15.00 – 19.00 per hour |
| Library Monitor / Page                              | Up to 15.00 per hour   |
| Library Custodian                                   | Up to 15.00 per hour   |

**Section 2.** The compensation of Special Police and School Crossing Guards shall be as follows:

School Crossing Guards - per hour \$ 24.45

**Section 3.** Time in excess of forty (40) hours per week for all full time employees is to be paid at the rate of time and one-half excluding all statutory appointments.

**Section 4.** All full time Borough employees and School Crossing Guards shall be paid bi-weekly, or as determined by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

**Section 5.** Sick leave policies for all employees other than DPW Contract and Police Contract employees are in accordance with Administrative Rules, Regulations and Practices.

**Section 6.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.



**Mayor McGuire mentioned that school crossing guards receive \$24.45/hour. The Borough needs more crossing guards. Please apply at Borough Hall.**

**Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote of the Council:**

|                        |     |                            |     |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Councilman Bakalian    | Yes | Council President McMorrow | Yes |
| Councilwoman Fernandez | Yes | Councilman Menafrá         | Yes |
| Councilman Mattessich  | Yes | Councilman Sokoloski       | Yes |

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor McGuire announced that the military banner program is now on the website. Thank you to Councilmen Menafrá and Mattessich who are on the committee. The New Jersey Film Commission is having an in person seminar that Councilwoman McMorrow and Councilman Bakalian will be attending in April. This will give the Borough the certification that is needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No one had any new business to discuss at this time. Councilwoman McMorrow asked if there was any update on the grant for the DPW structure. The grant was submitted and we are just waiting to hear if it was approved.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council President McMorrow** – the Ambulance Corps. had 22 calls for the month of February. Nine in Northvale, 2 Rockleigh, 3 Jewish Home, 4 Norwood, 1 Harrington Park, 2 Closter, 1 other. NVAC had the radios and pagers reprogrammed. The Chief and President spoke at NVOT to try to have volunteers join the Corps. Rig 226 had the power load stretcher installed and is in the shop for some other repairs. The Ambulance Corps. will be participating in the Eggstravaganza, recreation opening day on April 27, Star Wars movie on May 3, and the Memorial Day Parade. The Police Department had 495 calls in the month of February which consisted of 139 traffic stops with 70 of them being selective traffic enforcement details, 34 medical assists, 13 motor vehicle crashes, 30 burglar alarms, 20 suspicious activity, 6 fraud reports, 1 shoplifting arrest, and 1 sex assault arrest.

**Councilman Mattessich** – the DPW has started spring cleanup at the parks, ordered clay for Field 1 resurfacing, pothole repair, brush chipping, sewer maintenance, painted inside the Borough Hall, put a new roof over the recreation trailer, and installed a hood and vent in the concession stand. Senior Center had their St. Patrick’s Day luncheon today. My wife assisted and said it was wonderful. They will be having a pottery class tomorrow. The center is closed on Good Friday. Golden Age Club will be going to the Brownstone Manor tomorrow for St. Patrick’s Day celebration. On April 10, they have a trip to Windcreek Casino in Pennsylvania. There is another trip to Westchester Performance Arts Center to see the play called Beautiful. Spoke with Sarah from the Recreation Department. Basketball is ending. Indoor soccer still has playoffs. Baseball/softball sign up numbers increased. Opening day will be April 27. Our Mayor will be throwing out the first pitch.

**Councilwoman Fernandez** – Library has a meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. They had their grand reopening event on March 5<sup>th</sup> which was greatly attended. Check out their website for all activities.

**Councilman Sokoloski** – Board of Health has a meeting next Thursday. Northern Valley Greenway had their first in person meeting. Councilman Bakalian attended with me. They have been taking a low key approach in the past and now they need to push to get going. Everyone was given a copy of the New York State Palisades Interstate path study. It is a project for a bicycle path connection from the George Washington Bridge to the Mario Cuomo Bridge. Greenway would like to join them. There is a zoom meeting next Wednesday for government officials. This is funded by New York state. Greenway has backing but no dollars yet. We have \$869,832 grant applications pending. Have an open space grant upcoming and every year we apply for the FEMA firefighters grant.

**Councilman Bakalian** – There have been no Planning Board meetings as there are no applications. The Building Department issued 11 permits for the month of February and collected \$10,413 in fees. This is \$2,000 more than the prior month and about \$8,000 less than a year ago.



**Councilman Menafra** – Fire Department had 16 calls in the month of February, 26 non-emergency calls. Fire Prevention had 37 inspections and 12 reinspections for February. Northvale Board of Education met on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes are being setup in the annex for next school year for the preschool. The district Auditor gave a presentation and mentioned a few minor audit findings. It was a standing room only crowd mainly due to concerns about a student that had brought a knife to school. It was safely recovered quickly. A parent voiced concern over school safety. It was recommended that the Board of Education hire a Class II or Class III retired Police officer. Next meeting is tomorrow night. Northern Valley Board of Education met on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent honored the teacher of the year Lindsay Steffner who is the Health and Physical Education teacher and staff of the year Lauren Lopez, the school Nurse. The budget for 2024/2025 is looking at a 1.9% increase for taxpayers due to salary, transportation, and health insurance costs going up. Capital improvements are planned for next school year – new turf at NVOT. The school production of Cats was very successful and well attended. Abby Dennis placed in top 10 hurdles in the Nike indoor track national competition. A member of the Northern Valley Youth Lacrosse organization voiced concerns about being overcharged for using the fields. Next meeting is April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Media Center at NVOT.

**Mayor McGuire** – announced the following community events – March 23 at 11:00 am Egg Hunt at Hogan Park with a rain date of March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm; Friday, May 3, movie in the park will be Star Wars with a rain date of May 5; May 27 is the Memorial Day Parade at 11:00 am. There have been two budget meetings, DPW and Fire Department. Tomorrow night at 6:00 pm the Police and Ambulance will be coming in. Thank you to the DPW for painting the conference room in Borough Hall. The Municipal Clerk's office will be painted next and then the main offices. Last week I attended two grand openings – Library had their re-grand opening on Tuesday. Library looks great and nice to see the Council in attendance. Also attended the NJ Fieldhouse grand opening with Councilman Menafra. This is a very impressive facility. Hockey training facility will be coming to Northvale soon. Veolia Water gave us an update on the community garden. They are setting up a vendor which will be the Ambulance Corp. The funding is just under \$10,000. Quarterly newsletter will be sent out the end of next week.

#### **BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT**

**Mr. Ferraro** – is working on 2 ordinances. He is working on a tree replacement ordinance which is mandated by the DEP. He is working with Scott and should have it ready for the next meeting. There is an issue with a contractor in town who broke two sewer lines. Contacted his insurance. Now we are going to beef up our current street opening permit ordinance to include providing a bond and conditions of insurance policy.

#### **BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT**

**Mr. Loverich** – the light pole by Shoprite has been reinstalled. Livingston Street Streetscape is going out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. The dog park is scheduled to start on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Was advised by Fran there are problems with the Senior Center doors so will speak with the contractor.

#### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. Motion was made by Councilman Menafra, seconded by Councilman Mattessich. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting.



*Joseph E. McGuire*  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Frances M. Weston*

Frances M. Weston  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 10, 2024