



MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
7:00 PM

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

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

“This is a Special 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.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call:

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

Councilwoman Fernandez was present via phone in.

Other Officials Present:

Kenneth Ralph, Borough Attorney
Joseph Luppino, Chief Financial Officer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

Mayor McGuire suspended the regular order of business for the public hearing of the 2024 Budget. Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions on the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Budget.

Kenneth Cho, 423 Wildwood Road – under parks & playgrounds there is an additional \$18,000 listed in salaries & wages. Mr. Luppino explained there is a trust account for parks. Salaries are usually charged to the trust account. Since we are using \$30,000 for capital this year for the dugouts at Hogan Park from the trust account, we listed the additional amount under salaries & wages. Mr. Luppino further explained that in the Senior Center budget, salaries are charged to the trust account. The money in the trust account is from donations and this money is dwindling down. Next budget we will properly classify them. Mr. Cho said it is a bookkeeping issue. Mr. Luppino stated the recreation trust will always be fine.

Mr. Cho also asked under the appropriations from 2023 it shows add on budget appropriations based on New Jersey statute, does this happen every year or just this year? It is on page 3A of the budget. Mr. Luppino answered that when the budget was adopted subsequent grants came which are under Chapter 159. This does not affect the tax levy. He continued, the state’s fiscal year is different than ours. If the grants are issued after July, we have to amend our budget. Councilman Sokoloski added that they are different every year since we do not know what grants we will receive.

There being no one else from the public, Mayor McGuire closed the meeting to the public.



Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve Resolution #2024-105. Motion was made by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Council President McMorrow..

RESOLUTION #2024-105

TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WITH AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenue and appropriation attached hereto constitute the local budget of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey for the year 2024.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries – Anticipated

Summary of Revenues	2024	2023
1. Surplus	\$555,000.00	\$320,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,564,032.48	2,346,152.16
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00	245,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	8,018,223.17	7,713,439.81
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	375,123.00	359,267.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	8,393,346.17	8,072,706.81
Total General Revenues	\$11,812,378.65	\$10,983,858.97
Summary of Appropriations		
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$3,658,900.00	3,542,350.00
Other Expenses	5,553,671.45	3,987,107.00
2. Statutory Expenses & Other Appropriations	1,125,786.13	2,014,970.97
3. Capital Improvements	30,000.00	60,000.00
4. Debt Service	932,768.00	922,295.00
5. Deferred Charges	150,916.00	118,734.00
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	360,337.08	338,402.00
Total General Appropriations	\$11,812,378.65	10,983,858.97

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM. Motion was made by Councilman Menafr, seconded by Councilman Mattissich.

Mayor McGuire asked for a roll call vote:

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

Joseph E. McGuire

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 10, 2024