



MINUTES

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
7:00 PM

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Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 two official newspapers of the Borough, notice has been posted on the Borough website 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 led by Logan Piersons. Mayor McGuire asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for our troops around the world defending our freedom.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call of the Council:

Mayor McGuire	Present	Council President McMorrow	Present
Councilman Bakalian	Present	Councilman Mattessich	Present
Councilwoman Fernandez	Present	Councilman Menafrá	Absent
		Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

Other Officials Present:

Kenneth Ralph, Borough Attorney
Scott Loverich, Borough Engineer
Frances Weston, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2026 meeting. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Mattessich.

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

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

AWARDS

Mayor McGuire thanked Kari Sedano and her students for producing an amazing 250th Anniversary mural. It is a wonderful work of art, and you can see all the time and thought that was put into it. We appreciate it. Mayor McGuire gave each artist a certificate of recognition.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

The following reports are on file in the Municipal Clerk's office and can be viewed by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Building Department

Engineer – Neglia Group

Fire Prevention

Grantswriter - Bruno Associates

Recreation Minutes

Tax Collector



CORRESPONDENCE

1. Shared Services Agreement
Rockleigh Fire Department Services
(Resolution #2026-114)

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 #2026-104 through 2026-117. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

RESOLUTION #2026-104

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

TITLE OF JOB: Veterans Memorial Park Basketball Court Project

CONTRACTOR: D&L Paving Contractors, Inc.
675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110

CHANGE ORDER N°: 1 and Final

ORIGINAL CONTRACT: \$189,330.00

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: \$10,476.90 (5.53% decrease) for an updated contract amount of \$178,853.10

REASON FOR CHANGE:

NEGLIA FILE NO: NOVLMUN24.010

This Resolution to take effect upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION #2026-105

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO CLOSEOUT THE CONTRACT FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BASKETBALL COURT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey that the contract for the Veterans Memorial Park Basketball Court project has been completed by D&L Paving Contractors Inc., 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and any approved change orders, as directed by the Borough Engineer. The above reference construction is hereby accepted and final payment in the amount of twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred eighty-eight dollars and six cents (\$29,988.06) is hereby approved.

This Resolution to take effect immediately.



RESOLUTION #2026-106

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Northvale has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the PY 2026-2027 term starting July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Mayor Joseph McGuire as its representative and Councilwoman Kara McMorrow as its alternate and that Mayor McGuire hereby appoints Councilman Marty Mattessich as his representative and Councilwoman Laura Fernandez as his alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for PY2026-2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed to Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen County Division of Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601/ resposito@co.bergen.nj.us as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION #2026-107

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the following liquor license holders have paid the required fee to the Borough of Northvale for renewal of their licenses for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 term.

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

CLUB LICENSES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSEE NAME</u>	<u>LICENSED PREMISES</u>
0240-31-012-001	Joseph A. Silva Post #366 American Legion	190 Paris Avenue
0240-31-013-001	Northvale Fire Association	204 Washington Street

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSEE NAME</u>	<u>LICENSED PREMISES</u>
0240-44-001-006	BNP Management	206 Pegasus Avenue
0240-44-006-006	Shop Rite Liquors of Hillsdale Inc.	254F Livingston Street
0240-44-008-008	Northvale Liquors Inc.	224 Livingston Street

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSEE NAME</u>	<u>LICENSED PREMISES</u>
0240-33-002-004	Mykos Restaurant LLC	416 Tappan Road
0240-33-005-004	Cavan Cork Ltd	201 Livingston Street
0240-33-010-006	Northvale Diner Inc	247 Livingston Street
0240-33-007-014	3D Hospitality LLC	493 Tappan Road
0240-33-009-004	Maxim Enterprises LLC	273 Livingston Street



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all licenses be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and that the Municipal Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized to, forward copies of this resolution to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Beverage Tax Division of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #2026-108

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR NOELEEN LLC, 191 PARIS AVENUE, FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, Noeleen LLC, 191 Paris Avenue, in the Borough of Northvale, has applied for renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plenary Retail Consumption License of Noeleen LLC, License No. 0240-33-011-008, is hereby renewed for the time period effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized to forward this resolution to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

RESOLUTION #2026-109

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO CANCEL AN ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE OF THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), specifically authorizes two or more contracting units to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is conducting a voluntary Cooperative Pricing System with municipalities located in the County of Bergen, utilizing administrative purchasing services and facilities of the Borough of Northvale acting as the Lead Agency of the Riverside Cooperative (35RC); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth has approved a resolution to terminate their membership in the Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.6 allows for the withdrawal of a registered member.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the account receivable of the Borough of Haworth for their \$500.00 share of 2026 costs be cancelled.



RESOLUTION #2026-110

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR TREE REMOVAL, TRIMMING, STUMP GRINDING SERVICES, AND CRANE RENTAL FOR OCTOBER 1, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028 ON BEHALF OF THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-10(1) authorizes contracting units to enter into cooperative pricing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has volunteered to act as “Lead Agency” for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies for the Riverside Cooperative (“the Coop”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale received one (1) bid for the 2027 Riverside Cooperative tree removal, trimming and stump removal requirements on behalf of the member municipalities of Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Cresskill Demarest, Dumont, Englewood Cliffs, Hanover, Harrington Park, Harrington Park Board of Education, Hillsdale, Little Ferry, Montvale, New Milford, Northvale, Paramus, River Edge and Tenafly; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening was performed at the Borough of Northvale Borough Hall at 116 Paris Avenue in Northvale at which time one bid was read aloud; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Downes Tree Service Co. Inc. (“Downes”), 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey, which was determined to be a qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, Downes was determined to be the lowest qualified bidder for Category A (tree removal), Category B (tree trimming), Category C (stump removal) and Category D (crane rental; and

WHEREAS, the bid is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Downes Tree Service Co., Inc. for Categories A, B, C, & D based on the prices quoted in its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northvale Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Master Contract with the above-named firm for the contract period October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028, acting as the Lead Agency on behalf of the Riverside Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that member municipalities shall be responsible for entering into individual contracts with the above-named firm covering the scope of work required by each member community or entity.

RESOLUTION #2026-111

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO EXTEND RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE BID PRICES

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-10(1) authorizes contracting units to enter into cooperative pricing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has volunteered to act as “Lead Agency” for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies for the Riverside Cooperative Pricing System 35RC (“the Coop”) for the year 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale via resolution No. 2026-78 dated April 8, 2026 awarded a contract to DLS Contracting Inc, for the Coop’s 2026 Road Improvement Program, and

WHEREAS, Hanover Township became a registered member of the Coop on May 18, 2026, and



WHEREAS, Hanover Township desires to participate in Coop’s 2026 Road Improvement Program, and

WHEREAS, the request by Hanover Township was presented at a meeting of the Coop on May 21, 2026, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.10(b) allows for the “Master Contract to state that the bid prices may be extended to registered members who have not submitted estimates prior to the advertisement for bids with the written approval of the lead agency and the contractor.”, and

WHEREAS, DLS Contracting Inc. on 5/22/2026 has agreed in writing to extend the 2026 Road Improvement Program prices to the Township of Hanover as per Article VIII of the Master Contract RC-35-26-01.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northvale Mayor and Council do approve the extension of the Coop’s 2026 Road Improvement Program bid prices to the Township of Hanover.

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to DLS Contracting Inc and the Township of Hanover.

RESOLUTION #2026-112

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO REFUND THE 2025 AND PRELIMINARY 2026 TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS

WHEREAS, Fred G Russenberger III is the owner of property in the Borough commonly known as 602 Woodland Avenue, and designated as Block 406, Lot 5 on the Borough Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russenberger served honorably in the United States Armed Forces and suffered a permanent disability; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russenberger was declared totally disabled by the United States Veterans Administration on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russenberger made application for tax exempt status to the Northvale Tax Assessor and was granted the cancelation of 2025 4th quarter and 2026 Preliminary Taxes on the May 2026 Resolution.

Assessed To	Property Location	Bl/Lt	Tax
Fred G Russenberger III	602 Woodland Avenue	406/5	\$3,031.50-2025
			\$5,699.00-2026

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the CFO is hereby authorized to refund the 2025 4th quarter and Preliminary 2026 taxes on Block 406, Lot 5 in the amount of \$8,730.50.

RESOLUTION #2026-113

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO RETURN ESCROW FOR KENNETH BARBER’S PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 401 PAULDING AVENUE, BLOCK 201, LOT 1 AND 497 TAPPAN ROAD, BLOCK 201, LOT 4

WHEREAS, Kenneth Barber is the owner of 401 Paulding Avenue, Block 204, Lot 1 and 497 Tappan Road, Block 201, Lot 4; and



WHEREAS, Kenneth Barber has a balance of \$1,207.53 in his escrow account; and

WHEREAS, there are no objections to the return of escrow from the Borough Engineer and Building Department and there are no outstanding bills.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the remainder of escrow fees to Kenneth Barber, 165 Ruckman Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey 07642 in the amount of \$1,207.53 from escrow account number 22016.

RESOLUTION #2026-114

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH TO PROVIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, municipalities are authorized pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into agreements for the provision of municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Northvale operates a volunteer fire department capable of providing fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, Rockleigh currently maintains a volunteer fire department but desires to designate Northvale as the primary provider of the fire protection services within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to ensure the efficient, cost-effective, and coordinated delivery of fire protection services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Rockleigh substantially in the form and content.

RESOLUTION #2026-115

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY THROUGH AN ONLINE AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale, the County of Bergen, is the owner of certain surplus property that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 authorizes municipalities to sell surplus personal property at public sale through an online auction process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale desires to utilize the online auction services provided by GovDeals through the Sourcwell cooperative purchasing contract; and

WHEREAS, the property to be sold is described as follows:

2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility
VIN: 1FM5K8AT4JGB47806
Asset No. Police Car 205

WHEREAS, the property shall be sold in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties; and



WHEREAS, the online auction will begin on June 19, 2026 at 8:00 am and end on June 29, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, as follows:

1. The Borough of Northvale is hereby authorized to sell the above described surplus property through the online auction website operated by GovDeals:
<https://www.govdeals.com/northvalepd>
2. The auction shall be conducted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and all applicable regulations governing online public auctions.
3. The property shall be sold in its present condition, “as is”, without express or implied warranties.
4. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the sale through GovDeals, Inc.
5. The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Borough.
6. The Municipal Clerk shall make this Resolution available for public inspection in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this notice of the sale shall be published and conducted in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements.

RESOLUTION #2026-116

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO REFUND THE 2026 1ST QUARTER ADDED ASSESSMENT DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT BY THE MORTGAGE COMPANY

WHEREAS, Michael Kaplan is the owner of the property in the Borough commonly known as 534 Hughes Street, and designated as Block 703 Lot 2.01 on the Borough Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan sent payments for the Added Assessments and the Mortgage Company also sent payments for the quarterly taxes and the Added Assessments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan has requested the overpaid taxes be refunded to him rather than applied to the 3rd quarter tax.

Assessed to	Property Location	Bl/Lt	Tax
Michael Kaplan	534 Hughes Street	703/2.01	\$113.99

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the CFO is hereby authorized to refund the overpaid taxes on the 2026 2nd Quarter to Michael Kaplan in the amount of \$113.99.



RESOLUTION #2026-117

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Current Fund Appropriations (2025)	
Current Fund Appropriations (2026)	\$282,004.88
General Capital Fund	33,958.20
Grant Fund	1,396.00
Animal Trust	5.40
Police DEA Trust	77,908.27
Escrow Trust	5,232.53
Affordable Housing Trust	690.00
Recreation Trust	7,552.29
Donation Trust Account	
Unemployment Trust	
Summer Recreation Trust	1,800.00
SUBTOTAL	410,570.57
Current Fund Off Cycle Check	170.49
Payroll 10 5/8/2026	190,185.30
Payroll 11 5//21/2026	239,958.41
	\$840,884.77

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the 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, 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	5/28/26	774,964.00
Health Benefits		
Health Benefits		
County Taxes	5/15/26	732,881.00
	“ ”	32,814.00
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	5/27/26	995,518.00
	5/27/26	995,518.00
Northvale Public Library		
Capital – Inter-fund		
DTC- Bond Principal & Inter	5/4/26	31,118.78
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$4,403,698.55



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$4,403,698.55** are ratified respectively.

Mayor McGuire asked if any of the Council members had any questions pertaining to the resolutions.

Councilman Bakalian asked if there are any warranties on the basketball court.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on the 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 Menafrá	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

**Council President McMorrow abstained from Resolution 2026-112.

ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading-Public Hearing

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the adoption of Ordinance #26-08. Motion was moved by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilwoman Fernandez.

ORDINANCE #26-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 147 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend and revise Chapter 147 of the Borough Code entitled “Property Maintenance” as set forth herein, by amending Section 147-18 entitled “General sanitation and safety” in order to regulate the location and use of garbage containers..

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

§ 147-18 General sanitation and safety.

A.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant property within the borough, whether owned by such a person or not.

B.

Storage bins, rooms and areas shall not be used for the storage of accumulated garbage and rubbish unless:

(1)

Such garbage is stored in appropriate receptacles of metal or other materials approved by the Code Official.

(2)

Such storage bins, rooms and areas are of smooth, easily cleanable construction and are kept in a sanitary condition.

(3)

Such areas, if located outside a building and visible from any public walk, street or public parking area, are shielded by a method approved by the Code Official and constructed in compliance with the applicable provisions of the standard building code of New Jersey or of any building code subsequently adopted by the Borough of Northvale.

C.

(1) Trash cans or barrels shall not be placed on the curb or street sooner than 6:00 p.m. on the evening prior to a trash pick up.



(2) Rubbish and garbage shall be placed or kept on the property within the building located thereon **or at a distance greater than from the front face of the building on the property from the property line or from the building setback line to the property line, whichever distance is greater, not nearer to the street in line than the building line or nearer to the street line than the face of the building, whichever distance from the street line is greater,** except during any cleanup week proclaimed by the Borough Council **or as set forth in § 147-18C(1) above. All household trash cans or barrels shall be removed from the street and/or the sidewalk area by 9:00 p.m. of the evening of trash pickup.**

Section 2. This ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage.

Section 3. All prior ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments pertaining to Ordinance #26-08. 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	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafr	Absent
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Absent

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McGuire asked Mr. Loverich if the tiles can be taken off of the basketball court at Hogan Park. Mr. Loverich responded that the surface can be scratched and a new coating can be put on.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – Police had 632 total calls in the month of May: 121 traffic stops, 67 selective enforcement details, 33 school safety checks, 17 motor vehicle crashes, and 24 suspicious incident calls. One arrest, 35-year-old male from Paterson with burglary and theft. The Northvale Police Department together with Three Boys From Italy will be hosting the 2nd annual Pizza With The Police Event on Wednesday, June 24th, at 1 pm. Last year's event was a great success and we hope this year will be even better. Please join the Police Department and get to know your Police officers while having a delicious lunch.

NVAC – there were 28 total calls for June: 19 Northvale, 1 Rockleigh Residential, 2 Rockleigh Jewish Home, 2 Norwood, 1 Harrington Park, 3 Closter. A mailing went out recently to all residents looking for volunteers. If you are interested in answering the call, please email nvac226@gmail.com.

Councilman Bakalian – Planning Board had 1 meeting with an application for a duplex, nothing was approved.

Building Department issued 15 permits and updated 3. Fees collected for the month of May were \$8,890 which is less than last year. The year-to-date total is \$75,338 which is a lot less than last year.

Mayor McGuire read Councilman Menafr's report – Fire Department statistics for May: 24 emergency calls totaling 140.5 staff hours. This is nearly 3 times the hours logged for the month of April so there has been a significant increase in activity in May. This includes 5 structural fires, 1 hazardous situation, and 15 false alarms. There were 5 non-emergency calls totaling 155.5 staff hours which include 1 company drill, 1 training worknight, and 1 fire association meeting.

Fire Prevention – 17 inspections for the month of May and 11 re-inspections.

Northvale Board of Education – a regular meeting was held on May 13th. From the Superintendent's Report, state testing continues for all grade levels during the month of May. Current/upcoming school events: spring concert was held on May 14th which was a well-attended and successful event. Field day was held on June 5th. It was a very hot day but the students overall had a great time. 8th grade promotion ceremony is scheduled for June 15th with a rain date of June 16th. The last day of school is June 25th. The next regular meeting is Thursday, June 25th at 6:30 pm in the All Purpose Room.



Northern Valley Board of Education – no new updates. Next regular meeting is Monday, June 29th at 7:30 pm in the NVD Media Center.

Councilman Mattessich – DPW continues maintenance of Hogan and Veterans Parks, Borough Hall, American Legion, and various easements throughout the Borough. DPW staff lined and prepared the fields at the parks for ongoing baseball and softball activities. They also had the fields ready for the closing day ceremonies. The department continues its routine maintenance operations including pothole repairs, brush chipping, and appliance pick ups.

Senior Center – will host its monthly breakfast on June 16th. On June 18th, Robin Bartlett, a Norwood resident and Vietnam veteran, will speak to the seniors about his experiences during the Vietnam War. Mr. Bartlett is the author of Vietnam Combat which has received awards from the Military Writers Society of America, the Army Historical Foundation, and the Independent Book Publishers Association. On June 22nd, the Center will host a presentation on Artificial Intelligence. The program will explore practical applications of AI, including its use in healthcare appointments, financial planning, and computer troubleshooting.

Golden Age Club – held its monthly meeting today. Tickets are still available for the club's July outing, which includes a cruise aboard the River Queen followed by lunch at the Shrimp Box. In August the group will travel to the Surfflight Theater to see Pretty Woman. Tickets remain available for this event.

Recreation Department – unfortunately I was unable to attend the end-of-season baseball and softball celebration on June 6th due to a work-related conflict. The Recreation Department does not hold any meetings during the summer months so the next meeting will take place in September.

Councilwoman Fernandez – Library will be having a community screening of a flag day documentary on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 pm. Summer reading kick off starts June 24th. Next meeting is scheduled for June 24th at 6:30 pm.

Beautification – we have partnered with Club Pilates in Northvale for a free summer wellness series. Club Pilates will be hosting free mat classes in front of the community garden on the first and third Wednesdays.

Preschool graduation is tomorrow at 6:45 in the Senior Center.

Mayor McGuire - We have some upcoming events. Friday, June 26th at 7 pm at the gazebo in the park is a summer concert with the Rock Solid Band. On Saturday, July 4th at 9 am outside the library we are dedicating a new elm tree symbolizing the Liberty Tree in Boston during the American Revolution in honor of America's 250th birthday. On Friday, July 17th there will be Art in the Park at 5 pm at the gazebo in the park.

Thank you to all who helped make our Memorial Day ceremony a success. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the parade portion, however, we did have a nice ceremony with a wonderful turnout of residents. Thank you Iris Fallon for all of your hard work.

On May 30th Chodae Community Church held its 13th annual golf event fundraiser at Mansion Ridge Golf Club. We had 126 golfers playing to benefit Northvale's and Norwood's Fire and Ambulance Corps. A lot of money was raised; people had a good time and most importantly Northvale won the team competition once again. Thank you Chodae Church.

Thank you to our DPW who has been dressing up the Borough in honor of America's 250th birthday. You can see the bunting and flowers along Paris Ave and the latest edition is the numbers 2, 5 and 0 outlined in flowers on the Borough Hall green on Paris Ave.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ralph – had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – we had a preconstruction meeting this morning for the Riverside Cooperative paving project. Concrete work will start in a couple of weeks for spot curb repair. We will get their paving schedule shortly after which should hopefully be late June and July. We provided Bruno Associates with documents for a DOT grant application for Phase II of Willow Avenue and Firenze Street drainage. This will be submitted by July 1st.

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



Mayor McGuire informed the Council that there will be a special meeting on June 17th at 6:00 pm for the 2026 budget introduction.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Motion was moved by Councilman Bakalian, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

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

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

Joseph E. McGuire
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 8, 2026

