



AGENDA

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
7:00 PM

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

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, 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 AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEARING 2025 AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION #2025-104

TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE 2025 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 2025.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries – Anticipated

Summary of Revenues	2025	2024
1. Surplus	\$700,000.00	\$555,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,731,740.08	2,564,032.48
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	295,000	300,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	8,509,585.67	8,018,223.17
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	431,605.08	375,123.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Municipal	8,941,190.75	8,393,346.17
Total General Revenues	\$11,667,930.83	\$11,812,378.65

Summary of Appropriations

1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$3,873,600.00	\$3,658,900.00
Other Expenses	5,156,579.16	5,553,671.45
2. Statutory Expenses & Other Appropriations	1,154,881.41	1,125,786.13
3. Capital Improvements	60,000.00	30,000.00
4. Debt Service	982,500.00	932,768.00
5. Deferred Charges	121,916.00	150,916.00
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	318,454.26	360,337.08
Total General Appropriations	\$11,667,930.83	\$11,812,378.65

ROLL CALL



APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Combined Meeting of June 11, 2025
Special Meeting of June 26, 2025

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. Northvale Volunteer Fire Department
Standard Operating Procedures-Firefighter Stipend Program
(Resolution #2025-106)
2. Riverside Cooperative Bid Tabulation
Emergency Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs
(Resolution #2025-110)

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".

RESOLUTION #2025-105

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY26 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has funds available for road projects through its FY26 Municipal Aid Program; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as "MA-2026-Willow Avenue, White Avenue, and Fir-00225" to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Northvale.

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



RESOLUTION #2025-106

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHVALE FIREFIGHTER STIPEND PROGRAM WHICH ADMINISTERS FUNDING FROM THE FEMA STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale ("the Borough") has been approved for Federal Funding from a SAFER grant issued by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from this grant will assist the Borough in attracting and maintaining firefighters in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in order to administer the proceeds from grant, the Borough established a Northvale Fire Department Stipend program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to approve a revision to the Standard Operating Procedures of the Program in order to increase payments to assist with recruitment and retention.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Northvale that the revised Standard Operating Procedures of the Northvale Fire Department Stipend Program are hereby approved and adopted by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Firefighter Stipend Program shall only be effective for so long as there are funds available from the aforesaid SAFER grant and that the funds for the Northvale Firefighters Stipend Program are approved by the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, or one of its designated divisions or agencies.

RESOLUTION #2025-107

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 2025-2026 term starting July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.

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 PY2025-2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed to Robert G. Esposito, Director resposito@co.bergen.nj.us **as soon as possible and no later than Thursday, July 31, 2025.**



RESOLUTION #2025-108

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2025 ESTIMATED 3RD QUARTER TAX CHARGED TO A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, Block 403 Lot 3, 602 Gladys Court, Northvale, was sold to Raymond Nelson by Lois Madera in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Nelson is a Totally Disabled Veteran and on November 4, 2024 has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30et seq.; and

WHEREAS, since the property was purchased and granted tax exempt status after the Tax Assessor's book was closed, the taxes will have to be canceled as they come up until the 2026 Preliminary taxes are struck.

<u>Assessed To</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Raymond Nelson	602 Gladys Court	403/3	2025	\$3,789.29 – 3 rd Qtr

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel Estimated 3rd Quarter taxes in the amount of \$3,789.29 for Raymond Nelson a Tax Exempt Veteran.

RESOLUTION #2025-109

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER MARTONE AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for the position of Municipal Court Judge in the Borough of Northvale, due to the passing of the Honorable Roger A. Hauser; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized, with the advice and consent of the Council, to appoint a Judge for the unexpired term which ends on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Martone has served the Borough as Temporary Judge and is capable and experienced to serve as Municipal Court Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Christopher Martone is hereby appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Northvale for the unexpired term that ends on December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION #2025-110

TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE EMERGENCY WATER MAIN AND/OR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS 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") for a two-year term beginning December 1, 2025 and ending on November 30, 2027, with an option by the Coop to extend the term for an additional year; and



WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale received six (6) bids for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, bids were received as set forth on the tabulation marked as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Conquest Construction Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as determined by the lead agency; and

WHEREAS, all six bids are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northvale Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Master Contract as Lead Agency on behalf of the Riverside Cooperative with Conquest Construction Inc., for a two year term beginning December 1, 2025 and ending on November 30, 2027, with an additional option by the Cooperative to extend the contract for an additional year.

RESOLUTION #2025-111

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #267 FOR ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH – ON PREMISE RAFFLE – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

NAME: St. Anthony's Church

ADDRESS: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ

LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ

HOURS: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

DATE OF RAFFLE: September 14, 2025

ID #: 353-1-146

RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #267

RESOLUTION #2025-112

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Current Fund Appropriations (2024)	
Current Fund Appropriations (2025)	\$298,438.10
General Capital Fund	949.23
Grant Fund	1,366.60
Animal Trust	3.60
Police DEA Trust	15,472.90
Escrow Trust	3,000.00
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	10,297.26
Donation Trust Account	6,262.69
Summer Recreation Trust	2,509.88
SUBTOTAL	338,300.26
Retro Current Fund (2025)	966.49
	\$ 339,266.75



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		
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	June 5, 2025	\$171,224.63
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	June 20, 2025	195,963.90
Health Benefits		
County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment- PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education	June 30, 2025	963,457.08
Northvale Public Library		
Capital – Inter-fund		
DTC- Bond Principal & Inter		
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$1,669,912.36

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$1,669,912.36** are ratified respectively.

ROLL CALL

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION-1ST READING
PUBLIC HEARING – AUGUST 13, 2025

ORDINANCE #25-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 “ANIMALS”, ARTICLE 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO PERMIT CHICKENS AT THE NORTHVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of Northvale houses chickens for educational purposes in the enclosed courtyard at the Northvale Public School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code does not presently allow for the keeping of chickens in the Borough but the Borough wishes to create an exception for the above purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 209, Article 1 of the Borough Code is hereby amended as follows.



Section 1:

§ 209-1 Keeping of certain animals restricted.

No person, firm or corporation shall keep or allow to be kept in any building or enclosure or any premises in the Borough of Northvale of which he or they may be the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant any live fowl or other livestock or any hoofed animal or animals as described under § 209-3, Classifications.

§ 209-2 Findings.

It shall be in the interest of the residents of the borough to regulate and control the keeping of animals in the borough for the following reasons:

A.

The keeping of animals may foster the breeding of insects and rodents and the germination of bacteria and other infectious microbes, all of which may cause diseases.

B.

The keeping of animals may create foul and noxious odors as well as disturbing noises.

C.

The keeping of animals may otherwise affect the public health, welfare and safety.

§ 209-3 Classifications.

The following shall apply:

A.

Class I -- Includes a lion, tiger, bear or any other animal of large size belonging to the biological order of Carnivora, or any other undomesticated mammal or reptile of large size, except as provided in Class II and Class III below.

B.

Class II -- Includes a horse, pony or any other species of animal belonging to the biological order of Perissodactyla, or a cow or any other species of animal belonging to the biological order of Artiodactyla, provided that Class II is constituted only of animals of which the average weight for an adult of this species is greater than 600 pounds, except for ponies.

C.

Class III -- Includes a sheep or goat or any other species of animal belonging to the biological order of Artiodactyla or any species of animal belonging to the biological order of Perrisodactyla, provided that Class III is constituted only of animals which the average weight for an adult of the species is less than 600 pounds.

D.

Class IV -- Any other exotic animal, bird, fowl, reptile or poultry, including pigeons.

§ 209-4 Exceptions.

A.

Domestic cats and dogs. Domestic cats and domestic dogs are specifically excluded from the classifications of animals herein.

B.

Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DOMESTIC CAT

A member of the Felidae family long kept by man as a pet, but not including members of the Felidae family that usually live in a wild state.

DOMESTIC DOG

A member of the Canidae family long kept by man as a pet, but not including members of the Canidae family usually living in a wild state.

C. For Educational purposes, chickens may be kept by the Northvale Board of Education at the Northvale Public School in the enclosed courtyard.

§ 209-5 Restricted animals.

The following shall apply:

A.

Except as set forth above, nNo animal of Classes I, II, III and IV shall be kept or maintained in the Borough of Northvale.



§ 209-6 Declaration of nuisance.

In accordance with the purposes set forth, any violation of any section of this article will be deemed to constitute a condition that will endanger the health, safety and welfare of the public and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Such nuisance is subject to abatement at the expense of the property owner.

§ 209-7 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates or refuses to comply with any section of this article shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$500, plus cost of court for each offense.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CHANGE