



MINUTES

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
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. 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 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. Mayor McGuire asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for our troops overseas and at home and our first responders.

Mayor McGuire asked for roll call of the Council:

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

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 March 11, 2026 meeting. Motion was moved by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Menafrá.

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

Councilman Bakalian	Absent	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Abstain	Councilman Menafrá	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Abstain	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes
Mayor McGuire	Yes		

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor McGuire stated that 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. Colliers Engineering Recommendation
Award of Bid for Riverside Cooperative
Road Improvement Program
(Resolution #2026-78)

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 #2026-77 through 2026-83. Motion was moved by Councilman Sokoloski, seconded by Council President McMorrow.

RESOLUTION #2026-77

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 Norwood 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 Norwood for their \$500.00 share of 2026 costs be cancelled.

RESOLUTION #2026-78

TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARING BID FOR THE 2026 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 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 the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale received four (4) bids for the 2026 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the bid opening was performed at the Borough of Northvale Borough Hall at 116 Paris Avenue in Northvale at which time 4 bids were read aloud; and



WHEREAS, bids were received as set forth on the Bid Tabulation Sheet and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, DLS Contracting Inc, 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 was determined to be the lowest qualified bidder with a bid of \$2,421,883.17; and

WHEREAS, the four 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 with the above named firm for the contract period as set forth in the request for bids, acting as Lead Agency on behalf of the Riverside Cooperative.

RESOLUTION #2026-79

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE TREE REMOVAL, TRIMMING, AND STUMP GRINDING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET. SEQ. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et seq., permits the creation of a cooperative pricing system whereby two or more contracting units join together to form a joint purchasing and cooperating pricing system; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative was duly formed and created and has designated the Borough of Northvale as the Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Cooperative intends to solicit bids for the 2026 Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding Services; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate of said goods and services is anticipated to exceed the current bid threshold and is therefore required to be bid under a formal process pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, as the Lead Agency, the Borough of Northvale is responsible for advertising for the receipt of bids for the 2026 Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding Services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Northvale does hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for the 2026 Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding Services.

RESOLUTION #2026-80

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2026 PRELIMINARY TAXES CHARGED TO A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR THE CANCELED TAXES PAID

WHEREAS, Block 916 Lot 3, 183 Washington Street was sold to JungYon Won, a Totally Disabled Veteran on January 29, 2026 who has been granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Won was required to pay property taxes at the closing and he paid the 2026 1st quarter; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Preliminary taxes are to be canceled in the amount of \$7,517.58, because of Mr. Won's status as the Totally Disabled Veteran; and

Assessed To Property Location Block/Lot/Qual Tax



JungYon Won 183 Washington Street 916/3 \$3,066.38

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 \$7,517.58 for 2026 Preliminary Tax on Block 916 Lot 3 and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a refund to JungYon Won for \$3,066.38 for the overpayment of 2026 Preliminary 1st Quarter Tax.

RESOLUTION #2026-81

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #284-NORTHVALE PTO-OFF PREMISE RAFFLES-APRIL 20, 2026 – JUNE 12, 2026

NAME: Northvale PTO
ADDRESS: 441 Tappan Road, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE: 441 Tappan Road, Northvale, NJ
HOURS: 2:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE: April 20, 2026-June 12, 2026
ID #: 353-5-37377
RAFFLE LICENSE #: RL #284

RESOLUTION #2026-82

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH CAPTAIN MAZZILLI FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

WHEREAS, the present contract for Captain Mazzilli expired on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Captain Mazzilli have negotiated a new contract, for a period of two years retroactive to January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes this new contract is fair and reasonable and will contribute to the effective and efficient operation of the Northvale Police Department through 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough.

RESOLUTION #2026-83

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)	\$541,951.96



General Capital Fund	10,792.93
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	15.00
Police DEA Trust	24,984.00
Escrow Trust	4,192.50
Affordable Housing Trust	2,907.50
Recreation Trust	2,226.15
Donation Trust Account	
Unemployment Trust	
Summer Recreation Trust	
SUBTOTAL	\$587,070.04
Payroll 4 2/12/2026	185,468.54
Payroll 5 2/26/2026	200,252.13
	\$ 972,790.71

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		
Health Benefits		
Health Benefits		
County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment-PERS/PFRS	3/28/26	884,272
Northvale Board OF Education	3/11/26	995,518.00
Northvale Public Library		
Capital – Inter-fund		
DTC- Bond Principal & Inter		
DTC- Bond Interest		
TOTAL		\$2,852,580.71

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$2,852,580.71** are ratified respectively.

Mayor McGuire opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments pertaining to Consent Agenda items 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	Absent	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading-Public Hearing

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second for the adoption of Ordinance #26-02. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Fernandez, seconded by Councilman Menafra.

ORDINANCE #26-02

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND 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:

POSITION/TITLE	2026 SALARY
Mayor	\$6,679.29
Council Members	4,713.03
Borough Clerk, Bd. of Health Secretary, Registrar, DPW Secretary, Election and Safety Officer	97,556.25
Chief Financial Officer	50,152.512
Accounting Assistant	57,624.70
Deputy Registrar	4,293.90
Qualified Purchasing Agent	6,461.34
Tax Collector/Payroll Clerk	84,881.37
Tax Assessor	25,456.68
UCC Building Subcode Official	10,230.45
Electrical Sub-Code Official	14,059.46
Construction Code Official	15,292.48
Fire Prevention Inspector	16,460.27
Fire Sub-code Official	10,012.95
Plumbing & Mechanical Sub-code Official	12,666.91
Construction Code Technical Assistant	49,628.19
Planning Board Secretary	5,384.37
Code Compliance Secretary	2,562.50
Municipal Affordable Housing Liaison	2,306.25
Fire Prevention Secretary	3,078.33
Code Compliance Officer	28,699.12
Fire Prevention Officer	18,102.52
Magistrate	21,667
Acting Judge	250.00 per session
Court Administrator	34,536.23
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	Up to \$13,639.68
Public Defender	5,997.77
Alternate Public Defender	150.00 per case
DPW Superintendent	134,100



Assistant DPW Superintendent & Pest Control Officer	129,100
DPW Part-time / Seasonal Worker	15.00 – 18.00 per hour
Fire Watch	\$55 Per Hour
Public / Special Events Coordinator	5,000.00
Recreation Director	5,000.00
Senior Center Director	54,286.05
Senior Center Assistant to the Director	Up to 19.86 per hour
Senior Center Assistants	Up to 15.88 per hour
Senior Van Driver	Up to 21.54 per hour
Fire Department Engineer	1,700.00
Fire Department SCBA	1,500.00
Library Director	80,340.00
Youth Services Librarian (NJ Certified)	47,442.72
Senior Library Assistant	20.00 – 25.56 per hour
Library Assistant	15.00 – 19.00 per hour
Library Monitor / Page	Up to 16.93 per hour
Library Custodian	Up to 16.76 per hour

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

School Crossing Guards - per hour \$ 25.06

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 D.P.W. 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.

Section 7. Salaries, wages and compensation herein set forth shall be retroactive to January 1, 2025.

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 pertaining to Ordinance #26-02. 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	Absent	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes
Councilwoman Fernandez	Yes	Councilman Menafra	Yes
Councilman Mattessich	Yes	Councilman Sokoloski	Yes

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President McMorrow – Police Department had 760 total events for the month of March: 163 traffic stops, 115 selective enforcement details, 41 school safety checks, 33



property/parks checks, 34 citizen assists, 24 activated burglar alarms, 18 suspicious incident calls, 7 events criminal in nature, and 3 arrests.

Ambulance Corps had a total of calls in the month of February: 8 Northvale, 1 Jewish Home, 1 Norwood, 1 Harrington Park, 2 Demarest, 1 Alpine, and 2 other towns.

In March there were 16 total calls: 13 Northvale, 1 Rockleigh residential, 1 Jewish Home, 1 Norwood. NVAC has a bunch of new junior members. They have been completing some drills set up by 1st Lieutenant Derek Liang. We hope these skills will benefit them when they hopefully enter EMT school. We are always looking for new members. If interested in joining, please contact nvac226@gmail.com. Thank you to NVAC for participating in the Eggstravaganza. Thank you to Iris Fallon and Kevin Trainor for all the hard work in coordinating the event. Despite the chilly weather, the participants all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Councilman Menafra – Fire Department statistics for the month of March – 19 emergency calls totaling 53.75 man hours which includes 5 structural fires, 3 hazardous situations, 9 false alarms, and 2 smoke conditions. There were 13 non-emergency calls totaling 267 man hours which include 1 company drill, 4 training worknights, 5 fire academy sessions, and 1 fire association meeting.

Fire Prevention statistics for the month of March – 17 inspections and 13 reinspections. Northvale Board of Education held their regular meeting on March 18th. Superintendent's Report – thanks to the Korean Family Association for another successful International Day event. Thanks to the PTO for a successful Casino Night. Honorable mention to Council President McMorrow for her work in spearheading this event. Geometry is being discussed with the Math Department as a potential offering for eligible 8th grade students for the next school year. Thanks to Sue Dykstra and the Finance Committee for compilation of the 2026-2027 tentative budget, which will be presented at the next meeting in April. The next meeting is April 30th at 6:30 pm in the All Purpose Room.

Northern Valley Board of Education – held their regular meeting on March 24th. From the Superintendent's Report – NJGPA grade 11 state assessment for ELA and Mathematics proficiency was administered the week of March 16th. Tentative budget was submitted to Bergen County for approval with a 7.49% increase overall mostly driven by 34% increase in healthcare costs. I asked the Board if alternative health care plans were being pursued for the next coverage period. A broker had previously evaluated the ratables for the district and they were unfavorable to switch. New ratables from the last 6 months are currently under evaluation to see if an alternative plan will save the district money.

The final budget will be presented to the Board for approval by the next meeting on April 27th. NVOT new team room is completed. NVOT new turf field is complete with netting as of March 24th. Final design phase of career and professional learning center at Northern Valley Central is underway. Congratulatory remarks for NVOT theater group for their production of Mean Girls. Combined NVOT and NVD marching bands performed at Carnegie Hall on April 2nd. NVOT girls basketball team are state sectional champions. NVOT cheer team took gold in a recent national level tournament in Rhode Island. Next regular meeting is Monday, April 27th at 7:30 pm in the NVOT Media Center.

Councilman Sokolowski – Board of Health met on April 2nd at 6:30 pm. It was business as usual. 2026 Revenue collected to date: food establishment fees \$13,525, death certificate fees \$4,970, birth certificate 0, marriage certificate \$70, and pet licensing \$2,362 for a total of \$20,927.

Nothing new to report for Northern Valley Greenway but we are moving in a positive direction. Grants – no new grants but there is \$1,794,27 pending which is up from last month. We have reapplied again for a federal grant of \$600,000 for a new DPW facility. We also applied for a Senior Center computer room.

I have completed the latest JIF training and filed both financial disclosure forms for Council and Insurance Commissioner.

Councilwoman Fernandez – Next Library board meeting is on April 22nd at 6:30 pm. The Friends of the Library are hosting a Paint and Sip fundraiser at the Northvale Senior Center on Saturday, April 18th from 4-5:30 pm. It is \$50 a ticket and anyone can register.

Beautification Committee – the community garden will officially open for its second season on Saturday, April 18th. All the plots have been filled and everyone is looking forward to getting back into the garden.



Preschool – will be off for spring break next week. They will be hosting their first ever summer camp for 3 weeks in July. They are also excited to be participating in the Memorial Day parade where students will be walking and performing a song at the ceremony

Councilman Mattessich – went to Hogan Park today and the DPW is preparing the fields for upcoming games and practices. The DPW is applying stored clay to the fields which have been held for the past few years. Winter equipment is being stored. Routine maintenance continues, including pothole repairs, brush and appliance collection and sewer system upkeep.

Senior Center – was closed last Friday in observance of Good Friday. On April 16th a seminar hosted by Coldwell Banker Realty will be held, focusing on questions related to downsizing. On April 13, 20, and 27 the Center will host a Taking Control of Your Health workshop series. Topics will include diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, and anxiety. This series provides valuable information and practical strategies to help seniors better manage these common health conditions.

Golden Age Club – will be taking a trip to Resorts World Hudson Valley Casino in Newburgh, New York on April 14th. On May 13th, they will be going to LiGreci's in Staten Island to enjoy an excellent dining experience. Tickets are still available for a trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse to see West Side Story later this spring.

Recreation – I attended the meeting on March 24th. There were a lot of subjects discussed – storage for equipment, batting cage getting up and running, upkeep of fields. Veterans Park needs to get in shape.

Mayor McGuire - Thank you to everyone who helped to put together the Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt a couple of weeks ago. It was extremely well attended and went well. Thank you Iris Fallon, our Events Coordinator and all of our first responder organizations.

Our next big event is the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25th at 11 am and runs from the school to the American Legion. This year we will unveil a special mural honoring America's 250th anniversary and Northvale's role in that history.

Speaking of the 250th anniversary, we have two special challenges open to any organization or group of people who wish to participate. First is for a group to collect 250 items for a local food pantry. Second is for any organization to accumulate 250 hours of community service. This is open to church groups, sports teams, scouts, school organizations and adult groups. We posted this in our quarterly newsletter and will also promote online.

We will be hosting the second grade class from the Northvale Public School on the morning of May 7th. They will tour the Council chambers, the Borough offices including the Mayor's desk, the police headquarters and outside to see the police vehicles. Council members are welcome to join us.

The 250th store will be opened through April 26th. There is a link to order merchandise. Tunnel of Tower foundation will receive \$2.50 from each sale.

Our next Mayor & Council meeting in May will have our guests from the Northvale Public School's Student Council. They will play the roles of the Mayor, Council, Clerk and professionals.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ralph had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Loverich – Grace Avenue curbing has been installed and will be finished this week. The MS4 reports will be uploaded and submitted by May 1st. Livingston Street Streetscape's final reimbursement package has been submitted to DOT for processing.



ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGuire asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Motion was moved by Councilman Mattessich, seconded by Councilman Menafra All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

Frances M. Weston
Municipal Clerk

Approved: May 13, 2026

