AGENDA

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, November 10, 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.

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, 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 AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL

AWARDS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Combined Meeting of October 14, 2026

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. Colliers Engineering Proposal
   2027 Riverside Co-Op Paving Program
   (Resolution #2026-170)
2. Best Practices Inventory
   (Resolution #2026-173)
3. Timothy Van Saders Resignation
   (Resolution #2026-174)
4. Neglia Group – DLS Contracting
   No. 2 & Final Payment-Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement
   (Resolution #2026-180)

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".

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-166

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #290 FOR K OF C IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 9021 – 50/50 RAFFLE – MAY 7, 2027

NAME:	K of C Immaculate Conception Council 9021
ADDRESS:	211 Summit Street, Norwood, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	May 7, 2027
ID #:	355-6-42364
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	RL #290

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RESOLUTION #2026-167

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #291 FOR ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH – OFF PREMISE RAFFLE – DECEMBER 20, 2026

NAME:	St. Anthony's Church
ADDRESS:	199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	December 20, 2026
ID #:	353-1-146
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	RL #291

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RESOLUTION #2026-168

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #292 FOR NORTHVALE PTO – OFF PREMISE RAFFLE – DECEMBER 20, 2026

NAME:	Northvale PTO
ADDRESS:	441 Tappan Road, Northvale, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	441 Tappan Road, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	2:30 PM – 3:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	December 20, 2026
ID #:	353-5-37377
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	RL #29

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-169

TITLE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION FOR THE NORTHVALE FIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE NORTHVALE AMBULANCE CORPS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has received a donation from the Chodae Community Church in the sum of $6,000; and

WHEREAS, Chodae Community Church designated that the donation be divided between the Northvale Fire Association and the Northvale Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to accept this donation and distribute the donation as directed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Northvale, that the Borough hereby accepts, with thanks, the generous donation from Chodae Community Church in the sum of $6,000 and directs that a check be issued to the Northvale Fire Association in the sum of $3,000 and a check be issued to Northvale Volunteer Ambulance Corps. in the sum of $3,000.

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RESOLUTION #2026-170

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO 2027 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PAVING PROGRAM-PROPOSAL NO. 26014329P

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Borough has entered into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement (the "Cooperative Agreement") with the Boroughs of Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Englewood Cliffs, Hanover, Harrington Park, Hillsdale, Little Ferry, Montvale, New Milford, Northvale, Paramus, River Edge, and Tenafly located within the County of Bergen (hereinafter referred to as the "2027 Riverside Cooperative"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement the Borough of Northvale has been designated as the Lead Agency for the purchase of work, materials, and supplies for the 2027 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has submitted an agreement to provide professional engineering services for the coordination of the 2027 Riverside Cooperative Paving Program; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has presented the Borough of Northvale, as the Lead Agency, an agreement for design services only in the amount of Ten Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars ($10,900.00) to be shared by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2027 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough and the 2027 Riverside Cooperative to execute the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby authorizes the payment of $10,900.00 to Colliers Engineering & Design to be shared by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2027 Riverside Cooperative, for design services only as set forth in the agreement.

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DRAFT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-171

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale, a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey, seeks qualifications and proposals from qualified professionals to provide essential services for the Borough's operations and functions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale seeks to employ a 'Fair and Open Process' as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, 20.5 et seq. for the purpose of soliciting qualified professionals to provide services as required by the Borough for the year 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 10th day of November 2026, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to take, or cause to be taken, all acts necessary to publish the Legal Notice required to solicit for professional qualifications for all professional positions required by the Borough in the usual course of business pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, 20.5 et. seq in a newspaper of general circulation for the Borough of Northvale, and/or on the Borough of Northvale website, www. northvalenj.org.

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RESOLUTION #2026-172

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFER TO RESOLVE CLAIM FOR 2025 SERVICES AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT BY PARIS SQUARE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2006, the Northvale Planning Board/Zoning Board (the "Board") adopted Resolution 06-13, granting approval to Rio Vista Homes at Northvale, LLC ("Rio Vista" or "Developer") to construct an 88-unit multi-family development called Rio Vista on the subject lots. Since 2006, nine (9) resolutions involving the Subject Property have been adopted, all of which are incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, dominion and control of the said housing development was transferred from the Developer, to a private homeowners association, known and referred to as the Paris Square Homeowners' Association, Inc., (hereinafter 'Paris Square' or 'Association') or a similar name; and

WHEREAS, the Borough previously resolved, on September 28, 2022, to reimburse the Association pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.3, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Association executed a settlement agreement on or about November 10, 2022 authorizing payment for services from 2014 through 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Association has requested reimbursement for the identical services for calendar 2025, and the Borough now seeks to authorize payment based upon similar cost structure, adjusted for the number of households receiving such services in 2025; and

WHEREAS, based upon available information, the Borough's per household cost for snow removal in the relevant time period is approximately:

2025-	$108.18	X 111 eligible =	$12,007.98
Snow removal total			$12,007.98; and

WHEREAS, based upon available information, the Borough's per household cost for street lighting in the relevant time period is approximately:

2025-	Actual metering by Rockland Electric	=	$667.75
Street lighting total			$667.75; and

WHEREAS, all other services have been previously reimbursed through a separate resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now seeks to resolve the claims by the Association for 2025 for street lighting and snow removal, and to uphold and fulfill its responsibilities and obligations to all residents by providing essential services required by statute and case law, and other good cause appearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Attorney is authorized to offer a settlement of all claims for snow removal, for reimbursement advanced by Paris Square for calendar 2024, in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 73/100 ($12,675.73) Dollars, consistent with the settlement agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and/or his designee, and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to effectuate such payment from the general fund payable from such account or accounts as the CFO may deem appropriate, subject to certification of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer, and execution of such other voucher or purchase order as may be necessary, in the usual course of business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent immediately upon the entry hereof to the CFO, managing agent or counsel for the Association and all departments, vendors and agencies necessary to provide the required services.

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RESOLUTION #2026-173

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST INVENTORY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2026-14 mandates that the municipality shall submit by October 30, 2026 to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services a report describing the municipality's compliance with the "Best Practices Inventory"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs established the Best Practices Inventory on August 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the report is required to be signed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have reviewed the Best Practices Inventory questions and answers that are being submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Local Government Best Practices Checklist, as completed by the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby approved for submission to the Director of Local Government Services.

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RESOLUTION #2026-174

TITLE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TIMOTHY VAN SADERS AS PART TIME FIRE INSPECTOR

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale appointed Timothy Van Saders to the position of Part Time Fire Inspector effective September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Van Saders has submitted his resignation from the position of Part Time Fire Inspector effective October 30, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to formally acknowledge and accept said resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the resignation of Timothy Van Saders from the position of Part Time Fire Inspector effective October 30, 2026 is hereby accepted.

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RESOLUTION #2026-175

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROKER OF RECORD FOR DECEMBER 2026

WHEREAS there is an open enrollment period approaching for the Borough's enrollment with NJ Solutions for the Borough's employee health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale have determined that the value of the contract will not exceed $17,500, and the position is an exception to the requirement for public bidding under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) (i) as a professional service, and for the amount of compensation; and

WHEREAS, James Barsa, of Barsa Insurance Agency, of Norwood, New Jersey, is currently the Borough's Risk Manager, and is qualified to serve as Borough's broker of record in connection with Borough's employee health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that it is in the best interest to retain the professional set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that James Barsa of Barsa Insurance Agency is hereby retained as the Borough's broker of record for the Borough of Northvale for the month of December 2026, in connection with the Borough's employee health insurance plan with NJ Solutions. and his compensation for services shall be based on the applicable percentage as is currently paid to the broker for such services.

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RESOLUTION #2026-176

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO RETURN ESCROW FOR JENNIFER AND MICHAEL PAWLOWSKI FOR PROPERTY AT 174 HIGH STREET, BLOCK 1002, LOT 10

WHEREAS, Jennifer and Michael Pawlowski are the owners of 174 High Street, Block 1002, Lot 10; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer and Michael Pawlowski have a balance of $809.50 in their 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 Jennifer and Michael Pawlowski, 174 High Street, Northvale, New Jersey 07647 in the amount of $809.50 from escrow account number 2411.

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DRAFT-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-177

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO RETURN ESCROW FOR JOHN ALCANTARA FOR PROPERTY AT 194 SCHARER AVENUE, BLOCK 816, LOT 12

WHEREAS, John Alcantara is the owner of 194 Scharer Avenue, Block 816, Lot 12; and

WHEREAS, John Alcantara has a balance of $975.00 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 John Alcantara, 194 Scharer Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647 in the amount of $975.00 from escrow account 7673.

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RESOLUTION #2026-178

TITLE: RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurred in the office of Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Northvale following the passing of the previously appointed Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough appointed the Honorable Judge Christopher Martone to fill the unexpired term of the former Municipal Court Judge which expires on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale desire to reappoint the Honorable Judge Christopher Martone to serve as Municipal Court Judge for an additional three-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Honorable Judge Christopher Martone is herby reappointed as Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Northvale for a three-year term effective January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029.

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RESOLUTION #2026-179

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN 2026/2027 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH FOR SANDING, SALTING, AND SNOW PLOWING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et.seq. governs shared service agreements between municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale desires to enter into an Agreement with the Borough of Rockleigh for the providing of sanding, salting, and snow plowing of streets located within the Borough of Rockleigh at an hourly rate of $125/hour; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been prepared to encompass the months of November and December of 2026 and January through April, inclusive, of 2027.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Mayor Joseph McGuire and Municipal Clerk Frances Weston be, and are hereby authorized, to execute the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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RESOLUTION #2026-180

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 2 AND FINAL FOR 2026 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey that the contract for the 2026 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program has been completed by DLS, 100 Bloomfield Avenue, Pine Brook, New Jersey 07058 in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and any approved change orders, as directed by the Project Engineer. The above referenced construction is hereby accepted and final payment in the amount of $1,985.97 is hereby approved.

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RESOLUTION #2026-181

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #293 FOR NORTHERN VALLEY OLD TAPPAN PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION – 50/50 ON PREMISE RAFFLE – MARCH 19, 2027

NAME:	NVOT PTSO
ADDRESS:	100 Central Avenue, Old Tappan, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	March 19, 2027
ID #:	366-5-38539
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	RL #293

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RESOLUTION #2026-182

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING BINGO RAFFLE LICENSE #294 FOR NORTHERN VALLEY OLD TAPPAN PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION – POCKETBOOK BINGO – MARCH 19, 2027

NAME:	NVOT PTSO
ADDRESS:	100 Central Avenue, Old Tappan, NJ
LOCATION OF RAFFLE:	199 Walnut Street, Northvale, NJ
HOURS:	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
DATE OF RAFFLE:	March 19, 2027
ID #:	366-5-38539
RAFFLE LICENSE #:	BA #294

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-183

TITLE: RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-151

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2026-151 was approved on September 9, 2026 and was issued before the State Court Judgement was received.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale hereby rescind Resolution No. 2026-151.

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RESOLUTION #2026-184

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO STATE TAX COURT JUDGEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the following overpayment of taxes due to State Tax Board Judgement:

Block	Lot	Name	Amount	Year
302	4	Waters, McPherson, McNeill PC Attorney for Twenty Twenty Union ST LLC 300 Lighting Way P.O. Box 1560 Secaucus, N.J. 07096 Property – 260 Union Street	$12,020.30 $19,149.31	2024 2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue one check in the amount of **$31,169.61 to Waters, McPherson, McNeill PC for benefit of Twenty Twenty Union Street LLC** and forward it to Waters, McPherson, McNeill PC.

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RESOLUTION #2026-185

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2026 FINAL TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, Block 916, Lot 3, 183 Washington Street is owned by Jung Yon Won, a Totally Disabled Veteran who was granted Tax Exempt Status according to New Jersey Statute 54:4-3.30 et sep; and

WHEREAS, application for tax exempt status neglected to include Final 2026 Tax.

Assessed to	Property Location	Bl/Lt	Tax
Jung Yon Won	183 Washington Street	916/3	$8,197.12.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 Final Tax on Block 916 Lot 3 in the amount of $8,197.12.

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DRAFT-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-186

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO CANCEL THE 2026 FINAL TAX FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

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, application for tax exempt status neglected to include Final 2026 Tax declared Totally Disabled Veteran.

Assessed to	Property Location	Bl/Lt	Tax
Fred G Russenberger III	602 Woodland Avenue	406/5	$7,713.72

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 Final Tax on Block 406, Lot 5 in the amount of $7,713.72.

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RESOLUTION #2026-187

TITLE: RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-169-CANCEL 2026 PRELIMINARY TAX

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2025-169 was approved to cancel the 2026 Preliminary Tax for a Totally Disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Canceling the Preliminary Tax caused a Negative Overbilling situation when the County issued negative amounts for Final 2026 Billing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Resolution No. 2025-169 be rescinded removing negative $7,479.68 from Preliminary 2026 allowing the tax to be zero for a Totally Disabled Veteran.

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RESOLUTION #2026-188

TITLE: RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99 – CANCEL 2026 PRELIMINARY TAX

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2026-99 was approved to cancel the 2026 Preliminary Tax for a Totally Disabled Veteran, and;

WHEREAS, Canceling the Preliminary tax caused a Negative Overbilling Situation when the County issued negative amounts for Final 2026 Billing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Resolution No. 2026-99 be rescinded removing negative $5,595.83 from Preliminary 2026 allowing the tax to be zero for a Totally Disabled Veteran.

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DRAFT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESOLUTION #2026-189

TITLE: RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO FRANK A. MACCHIONE FOR WHITE AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (NJDOT FUNDED)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Neglia Group, that the contract for:

WHITE AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT (NJDOT FUNDED)
BASE BID

Be awarded to Frank A. Macchione Construction, LLC, 141 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662, in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents ($152,900.00), being the lowest of six (6) bids received.

This resolution to take effect upon certification of this Resolution by the Borough CFO that sufficient funds are available.

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RESOLUTION #2026-190

TITLE:

ROLL CALL

ORDINANCE-1st READING
PUBLIC HEARING - DECEMBER 9, 2026

ORDINANCE #26-13

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED 'FIRE DEPARTMENT"

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend and revise Chapter 18 of the Borough Code entitled " Fire Department." as set forth herein.

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

Section 1.

Article I **Northvale Volunteer Fire Department**

§ 18-1 **Name; establishment.**
The name of this Department shall be the "Northvale Volunteer Fire Department." It is referred to in the following as "Fire Department." The Fire Department is hereby established coextensive with territorial jurisdiction of the Borough of Northvale.

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§ 18-2 **Purpose.**
The object of the Fire Department shall be the protection of life and property from fire, hazardous situations, spills, leaks or other conditions endangering the public for which the Fire Department has equipment to handle and the procuring of personnel to accomplish the same.

§ 18-3 **Composition.**
The Department shall be entitled to 90 members and no more.

§ 18-4 **Qualification of members.**

A.
Class A Members (regular fire fighters). The regular or Class A members of the Fire Department shall meet the following requirements:
(1)
They shall be citizens of the United States. ~~and members of the Northvale Fire Association, except for Class B members.~~
[Amended 11-10-2021 by Ord. No. 1043-2021]
(2)
They shall be residents of the State of New Jersey and reside in Bergen County. ~~Northvale or one of the following communities: Closter, Harrington Park, Norwood, Rockleigh or Old Tappan. Membership from the five communities other than Northvale shall be limited to 10. If a current member moves to one of the other enumerated communities from Northvale, he or she shall remain an active member of the Northvale Fire Department.~~

(3)
They shall not be under 18 nor over 57 years of age at the time of their appointment, or as state law may require. Active firefighters who have an established line number with the New Jersey State Firemen's Association who transfer from another department are exempt from this age restriction.
[Amended 11-10-2021 by Ord. No. 1043-2021]
(4)
They shall be able to pass a physical examination, said exam be paid for by the Borough.
(5)
~~They shall answer to and perform a minimum of 50% of fire calls and drills during the calendar year.~~ They shall answer to and perform the duties and responsibilities of the Department and abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the Northvale Volunteer Fire Department, Borough of Northvale Ordinances, and the law of the State of New Jersey.

B.
Class B members (daytime fire fighters). There shall be a maximum total of five Class B members of the Fire Department who shall meet, in addition to the requirements of Subsection **A(1)**, **(3)**, **(4)** and **(5)** above, the following:
(1)
They shall be actively employed in a place of business within the Borough of Northvale during normal weekday business hours. Any member who shall become employed outside of the Borough of Northvale shall no longer qualify as a Class B member.
[Amended 11-10-2021 by Ord. No. 1043-2021]
(2)
They shall have successfully completed Fire Fighter I schooling or its equivalent and be a current, active member in good standing in the town in which they reside and present their certificate for review by the Department.
(3)
They shall submit to the Department written permission from their place of employment to leave work in order to fulfill their duties as a fire fighter. In conjunction with their employer's written permission, it shall be the responsibility of Class B members to attend all fire calls during business hours. Required drills under Subsection **A(5)** shall be deemed to be during work hours and may attend regular nighttime drills. Class B members shall be precluded from holding office within the Department of a line officer.
[Amended 11-10-2021 by Ord. No. 1043-2021]

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C.
It shall be a further qualification of all Class A members (regular fire fighters) and Class B members (daytime fire fighters) appointed hereunder to complete all hazardous waste operations and emergency response training as required by the New Jersey Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Act (PEOSH), N.J.S.A. 34:6A-1 et seq. and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and all rules and regulations contained thereunder [29 CFR 1910.120 q(6)(i-iv)].

§ 18-5 **Application for membership; appointment.**

From the effective date herein, each application for Class A and/or Class B membership shall be made in writing, using forms ~~provided by the New Jersey State Fire Association~~ approved and accepted by the Borough of Northvale. The applicant shall be recommended to the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Northvale by the Chief of the Department of appointment.
A.
A Class A member shall be appointed as a probationary fireman for a period of one year or until satisfactory completion of training as required by state and/or federal regulation.
B.
A Class B member shall be appointed as a probationary fireman for a period of six months upon satisfactory completion of training as required by state and/or federal regulation.

§ 18-6 **Probationary requirements.**
Upon the appointment as a probationary fireman, the member must meet the requirements as set forth in this chapter, but the member shall not be eligible to vote or hold office. Upon the satisfactory completion of training as defined by the Chief and any training that may be required by the State of New Jersey, he shall be accepted as a member.

§ 18-7 **Board of Fire Officers.**
A.
Membership. The membership of the Board of Fire Officers shall consist of the Chief and one other member chosen by him, the immediate Past Chief and two members of the Department chosen by the members at the annual meeting. Said two members shall each hold office for a two-year term.
B.
Quorum. A quorum of the Board of Fire Officers shall consist of no less than a majority of the full qualified membership.
C.
Meetings. Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chief or by any two other members of the Board of Fire Officers acting on behalf of the Chief in the event of illness or incapacity, removal, death or disqualification. Members of the Board shall be entitled to receive due and timely notice of all special meetings.
D.
Interpretation of chapter. Any question as to the interpretation, intention or meaning of this chapter shall be determined by the Chief of the Fire Department. However, if two or more members of the Board of Fire Officers disagree with said interpretation, then the Mayor and Council, upon the advice of the Municipal Attorney, shall issue a legal opinion. Any decision shall be transmitted to the active Department at its next regular meeting and a copy retained in a separate file for future reference. It shall be the duty of every member of the Board of Fire Officers to respect and enforce this chapter to the best of said member's ability in order that the Board may operate efficiently and in order to ensure that the Department shall function properly.

E.
Duties. The duties of the Board of Fire Officers shall be:
(1)
To enforce this chapter.
(2)
To receive and make any recommendations concerning any matter which may be material and of concern to the Fire Department or any of its members jointly or severally.
F.
Charges; hearings; penalties.

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(1)
No member or officer of the Northvale Volunteer Fire Department shall be removed from his office or position for any cause other than incapacity, misconduct or disobedience, or for violation of the applicable provisions of this chapter; nor shall such member or officer be suspended, removed, fined or reduced in rank or in office or position except for just cause as herein provided and then only upon written complaint to the Mayor and Council ~~through the Fire Commissioner setting forth the charge or charges against such member or officer.~~ The Borough Mayor and Council shall have the authority to remove, suspend, reduce in rank, fine or discipline said officers for cause after a hearing.

(2)
All charges against any officer or member must be submitted in writing and signed by a member or members in good standing. The written charges shall be submitted to the Board of Fire Officers. The Board of Fire Officers shall meet within 10 days following the receipt of the charges. A true copy of the written charges must be served on the accused by the Board of Fire Officers personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, immediately upon receipt by the Board of Fire Officers. The charges shall be reviewed by the Board of Fire Officers, which shall take appropriate action to either dismiss the charges or require a hearing, which decision shall be made within 20 days of the presentation of the written charges to the Board of Fire Officers. A failure to substantially comply with the service of the complaint, the meeting of the Board of Fire Officers or the decision of the Board of Fire Officers to take appropriate action shall require a dismissal of the complaint.

(3)
In the event that the Board of Fire Officers does not dismiss the charge after a preliminary investigation and after presentation of the charges to the accused, it shall have the power to compel the production of proofs and witnesses required by it relative to said charges. All charges shall be heard before the Board of Fire Officers at a closed hearing. Neither the accused nor the complainant shall sit as a member of the trial board either at the hearing or in any of the preliminary decisions. The accused shall be entitled to be heard in his own behalf and shall be entitled to be represented by counsel of his choice. The accused and his representatives shall be afforded the right of cross-examination and confrontation of the witnesses against him. Should the accused stand mute and refuse to answer the charges, the hearing shall proceed in the same manner as if said accused had entered a plea of "not guilty" to the charges.

(4)
In the event that a hearing is held pursuant to the previous subsection, the accused shall receive a written notice of the hearing designating the time and place, which shall not be less than 10 days nor more than 30 days from the date of service of the complaint.

(5)
Upon receipt of charges by the Board of Fire Officers, the same shall have the power to order a temporary suspension of the accused from active duty and other duties and privileges of the Department. The accused may not serve at fires or any Fire Department duties until the final outcome of the charges is determined and made known to him in writing. In the event that no temporary suspension is ordered, the accused shall be entitled to continue as an active member of the Department in all respects.

(6)
In the event that a member of the Department is finally determined not guilty, then he shall be immediately entitled to resume all rights and privileges and duties as a member of the Department. In the event that a suspension has occurred or in the event of no suspension, his status shall be that of a member in good standing as though no charges had been brought.

(7)
The following is a list of the offenses and violations, which are not to be considered as all inclusive and limiting:

(a)
Willful disobedience of orders of a duly empowered superior.

(b)
Appearance at a fire, meeting or drill while under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any other controlled dangerous substance. Such member so appearing shall be referred to the Board of Fire Officers for disciplinary action.

(c)
Disrespect to a superior officer in his official capacity.

(d)
Incompetence with respect to the performance of any firematic duty.

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(e)
Neglect on duty.
(f)
Leaving any official Fire Department operation without permission of the officer in charge, i.e., fires, drills, standby or parades.
(g)
Failure to perform assigned firematic duty.
(h)
Failure to report to the firehouse upon hearing a fire alarm, other than the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief, who may go directly to the fire scene.
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(i)
Countermanding any order of an officer in charge of a fire.
(j)
Loaning of any uniform, badge, key or other fire equipment to anyone not a member of the Fire Department.
(k)
Willfully breaking, tampering or damaging any property of the Fire Department, Borough of Northvale, including but not limited to any and all types of firematic equipment of whatever nature.
(l)
Violation of any rule or order of this chapter resulting in harm or injury to the Department, its equipment or any of its members.
(8)
In the event, as a result of a hearing, that the Board of Fire Officers recommends permanent expulsion or removal of a member or officer, said member or officer is entitled to a hearing upon the charges before the Mayor and Council at a closed meeting, unless otherwise requested by said member. The hearing before the Mayor and Council shall only take place after the Board of Fire Officers has completed its hearing and made its recommendations. The hearing before the Mayor and Council shall be an appellate hearing de nova. The accused shall once again be afforded the opportunity to appear, respond, present evidence, confront the evidence and witnesses against him and present arguments as to all issues involved. The accused shall be allowed to have counsel represent him. A complaint shall be presented to the Mayor and Council, in writing, with a copy to the accused, and the Board of Fire Officers. Said complaint shall be signed by the original complaining party or parties and shall consist of a concise written statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation sufficient to give the member reasonable notice of the charges against him and adequate enough so as to enable him to prepare his defense.
(9)
Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent the parties to a disciplinary hearing, by consent, stipulation or agreed settlement, to informally dispose the charges, provided that the same is accomplished, in writing, by all parties.
(10)
All proceedings in the hearing shall be without transcript except upon the request of any party to the hearing and to the expense of such party.
(11)
All findings of fact at a hearing shall be tape-recorded and based exclusively on the evidence and on the matters officially noticed at the hearing.
(12)
The parties of the hearing shall not be bound strictly by the rules of evidence, whether statutory, constitutional or adopted formally by the rules of court. All relevant evidence is admissible except if such evidence is cumulative and would constitute an undue consumption of time or is prejudicial. The complainant may present its case and defense by oral and by documentary evidence, submit rebuttal evidence and conduct cross-examination for a full and true disclosure of the facts.
(13)
In the event that the Mayor and Council are called upon to conduct a hearing of a member, said hearing may be closed or in open session, at the option of the defendant member. A final decision shall be made by the Mayor and Council in response to the charges in the complaint. The deliberation for making the decision may be in the closed session of the Mayor and Council or stated in the record and shall be made within 30 days after the completion of the hearing. A final decision of the Mayor and Council shall include findings of facts and conclusions of the grounds for the decision separately stated and shall be based upon the evidence of the record. The member shall be notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service of the Mayor

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and Council. Said decision of the Mayor and Council shall be effective as of the date thereof and shall be deemed to be final subject only to judicial review.

§ 18-8**Duties of members.**

A.

Attendance at fires. It shall be the duty of a member to regularly attend all fires and drills. Upon the sounding of every alarm of fire, such member shall proceed promptly to the firehouse to discharge the duties assigned to him by the Chief or his designated officers.

B.

Fulfilling of duties. All members shall fulfill the duties assigned to them by the officers of the Department.

C.

Excuses. An excuse from a drill and/or a Department requirement may be given by the Chief or officer acting in the place of the Chief; and said excuse, if granted, shall be recorded on the attendance sheet.

D.

Uniforms and appurtenances. All uniforms and appurtenances thereon issued by the Borough of Northvale to the Fire Department members shall be maintained in good order. The uniforms shall be used solely for Fire Department activities and shall bear the insignia of Northvale Fire Department.

~~**(1)**~~

~~Follow all rules and regulations. All members shall adhere to and follow all rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey State Firemen's Relief Association and New Jersey Exempt Firemen's Association.~~

~~**(2)**~~

~~Life members. After attaining 25 years of continuous service or 30 years of broken service with the Northvale Fire Department, a member shall become a life member and shall be exempt from any mandatory provisions of this article.~~

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§ 18-9 **Qualification and enumeration of officers; terms.**

To qualify for officer positions, line officers shall not hold any fire officer position with another department. All fire officers must be residents of Northvale. Members must have the following fire service time and must meet the state requirements and certifications for each rank. The following line of officers shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual meeting of the Fire Department to be held during the first week of December:

A.

Chief: prior service as a member of the Northvale Volunteer Department of five years;

B.

Deputy Chief: prior service as a member of the Northvale Volunteer Department of three years;

C.

Captain: prior service as a member of the Northvale Volunteer Department of three years;

D.

Four Lieutenants: prior service as a member of the Northvale Volunteer Department of three years.

§ 18-10 **Vacancies in office.**

In the event of a vacancy of one of the officers, a special election will be held at the discretion of the Board of Fire Officers, upon 48 hours' notice to all members of the Department, to fill said vacancy.

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§ 18-11 **Participation in election of officers.**
All members in good standing of the Fire Department shall be entitled to participate in the election of line officers, subject to the other provisions of this chapter.

§ 18-12 **Approval of officers by governing body.**
After the election of the officers, the Chief shall submit to the Mayor and Council the results of said elections. Upon the approval of the Mayor and Council of the officers, they shall be sworn in the Mayor and Council and shall assume the duties of their respective offices.

Section 2. All sections of the ordinance unchanged herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately on adoption and publication as per all applicable laws.

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ORDINANCE #26-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to provide a better framework accumulating credits for the Length of Service Award Program for the Northvale Fire Department Members;

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

Section 1. Schedule "A" of Chapter 31 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Schedule "A" – Volunteer Fire Department
LOSAP Point System

A. LOSAP Eligibility

1. Active volunteer members earn points for their service to the Fire Department under the schedule below. A member must earn at least one hundred (100) points during each calendar year to qualify for a length of service award. See N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et. seq.

B. LOSAP Point System

1. **Length of Service**:
   a. Members earn one (1) point for each year of active emergency service. There shall be no maximum points earned for this category.
2. **Fire Department Responses**:
   a. Members earn three (3) points for each emergency response. There shall be no maximum points earned for this category.
3. **Training Courses**:
   a. Members earn two (2) points for each class or course attended that lasts at least one (1) hour. There shall be a maximum of eighty (80) points earned for this category.
   b. A Training Course must be certified firematic training by an accredited individual, fire department, or organization. Members shall present any certification upon completion of the Training.
   c. Members shall not earn points for emergency responses, drills, or other activities missed while attending a Training Course, unless a Member was given prior permission to respond and actually responded.

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4. **Company Drills**
    a. Members shall earn three (3) points for each Company Drill. There shall be no maximum points earned for this category.
    b. Qualifying Company Drills include:
        i. Company Drill
        ii. Mutual Aid Drill
        iii. Special Drill
5. **Sleep-in or Standby**
    a. Members shall earn one (1) point per hour of sleep-in or standby, provided such period lasts at minimum four (4) hours. There shall be a maximum of twenty (20) points earned for this category.
    b. Time spent on emergency responses during sleep-in or standby shall not be included in this category.
    c. This category shall include Fire Department line-of-duty activities that last at minimum four (4) hours and do not fall under another point category.
6. **Official Meetings**
    a. Members shall earn three (3) points for each Official Meeting attended. There shall be no maximum points earned for this category.
    b. Qualifying Official Meetings include:
        i. Company Meeting
        ii. Line Officer Meeting
        iii. Mutual Aid Association Meeting
        iv. NJSFA[1] Convention
        v. NJSEFA[2] Convention
        vi. NJ/NY Volunteer Firemen's Convention
        vii. State, County or Local Exempts Meeting
        viii. State, County or Local Fire Meeting
        ix. State, County or Local Relief Meeting
7. **Non-Emergency Fire Department Activities**
    a. Members shall earn two (2) points for each non-emergency event lasting at minimum one (1) hour. There shall be no maximum points earned for this category.
    b. Points shall be awarded for participation in the following activities, which shall be deemed official Fire Department Activities:
        i. Administrative and Reporting
        ii. Clean-ups
        iii. Department and/or Truck Inspection
        iv. Fire Prevention Activities
        v. Firematic Competitions
        vi. Fundraising Activities
        vii. House Duties
        viii. Mutual Aid Events
        ix. Parades
        x. Public Relations and Town Events
        xi. Recruitment Activities
        xii. Special Projects (approved by both the Chief and the President)
        xiii. Wakes and Memorial Services
        xiv. Wetdowns
        xv. Work Details
8. **Elected or Appointed Positions**

[1] New Jersey State Firefighter Association

[2] New Jersey State Exempt Firefighter Association

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a. A Member shall complete more than half of a one-year term in an elected or appointed position to receive the full points for that position. There shall be no partial points awarded.
b. A Member shall not earn more than 40 points in total for elected or appointed positions.
c. A Member elected or appointed as a convention Delegate shall be included under this section.
d. Points shall be awarded according to the following:

LINE OFFICER POSITIONS

Chief	40
Deputy Chief	30
Captain	20
Lieutenant	15
Incident Safety Officer	10
Board of Fire Officers	10
Ex-Chief	10
Chaplain	10

All current Line Officers must attend at minimum 25% of emergency calls to earn points.

DESK OFFICER POSITIONS

Association President	25
Association Vice President	20
Association Treasurer	15
Association Secretary	15
Association Financial Secretary	15
Past President	10

All current Desk Officers and Past Presidents must attend a minimum of 6 meetings to earn points.

OTHER ELECTED & APPOINTED POSITIONS

Relief President	15
Relief Vice President	10
Relief Secretary	10
Relief Treasurer	10
Exempt President	15
Exempt Vice President	10
Exempt Secretary	10
Exempt Treasurer	10
Life Member of NJSFA	10
Delegate Member of NJSFA	10
Life Member of NJSEFA	10
Delegate Member of NJSEFA	10
NJ/NY Volunteer Firemen's Association Delegate	10

Current Delegates must attend their respective conventions to earn points

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2027 following its passage and publication, as required by law.

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

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