



AGENDA
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
October 14, 2026
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, 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 September 9, 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

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 #2026-159

TITLE: REGIONAL DEER MANAGEMENT REQUEST TO THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

WHEREAS residents of the Borough of Northvale have expressed growing concern regarding the impact of increasing deer populations on public safety, property damage, vegetation, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale have reviewed available deer management options, including hunting, fencing, professional sharpshooting, relocation, culling, and sterilization, and have considered community feedback and regional best practices; and



WHEREAS the Mayor and Council recognize that the increasing deer population is a regional issue that extends beyond the borders of any individual municipality and that a deer management program implemented solely within the Borough of Northvale would have limited effectiveness in addressing the broader overpopulation problem; and

WHEREAS effective management of the regional deer population requires coordination among municipalities and appropriate county and regional authorities in order to address deer movement and population levels across municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS management methods such as deer relocation, culling, and sterilization may involve significant financial and administrative costs that can be difficult for a small municipality to undertake independently; and

WHEREAS, increasing deer populations may contribute to public health and safety concerns, including the accumulation of deer droppings in public areas and fields used by children, the potential spread of disease, and other environmental and sanitary concerns; and

WHEREAS, increasing deer populations have contributed to an increased risk of motor vehicle accidents involving deer, thereby presenting a concern for motorists, pedestrians, and the general public; and

WHEREAS the increasing deer population has resulted in substantial damage to natural vegetation, landscaping, gardens, and homeowner plantings throughout the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that a coordinated regional approach, supported by population monitoring, data collection, and cooperation among municipalities and Bergen County, is necessary to effectively address the ongoing deer overpopulation issue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Borough hereby respectfully requests that Bergen County monitor deer populations and their impact on public safety, vegetation, natural resources, and property throughout Bergen County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council respectfully request that Bergen County coordinate with municipalities throughout the County to evaluate the scope of the regional deer population and develop appropriate, effective, and financially responsible regional deer management strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate representatives of Bergen County, including the Bergen County Executive and Bergen County Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION #2026-160

TITLE: RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 100% DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey provides a full exemption from property taxation for honorably discharged Veterans who have been declared by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability rated as 100% permanent and total pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale recognize and strongly support the sacrifices made by disabled Veterans and their families in service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the increasing number of qualifying disabled Veteran property tax exemptions results in a reduction of the Borough's ratable tax base, thereby placing additional financial pressure upon municipalities and non-exempt taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are responsible for maintaining essential public services, including police, fire protection, emergency medical services, sanitation, road maintenance, recreation, and other critical operations, all of which rely heavily upon local property tax revenues; and



WHEREAS, exempt properties remain a part of the funding calculations of local school districts and municipalities remain responsible for funding local school district obligations absent the corresponding revenue from exempt properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey mandates the exemption but does not currently provide municipalities with sufficient reimbursement or aid to offset the resulting loss of ratable property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale believe that the State should share in the financial responsibility for this important Veterans' benefit in order to ensure that municipalities remain fiscally stable while continuing to honor disabled Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale urge State policymakers to pass legislation, including Assembly Bill A273 and Senate Bill S1568, or any successor legislation, requiring the State to reimburse municipalities for the cost of disabled Veterans' total property tax exemptions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the State Legislature and Governor of New Jersey are respectfully urged to establish a program of direct reimbursement, dedicated State aid, or other financial relief measures to compensate municipalities for local revenue losses associated with the 100% Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such relief be structured in a fair and equitable manner based upon the assessed valuation of exempt Veteran properties within each municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northvale respectfully urges State policymakers to enact legislation requiring the State to reimburse municipalities for the cost of disabled Veterans' total property tax exemptions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn A. Suarez, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Holly Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assembly John V. Azzariti, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and all municipalities within Bergen County.

RESOLUTION #2026-161

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale Police Department is in need of two vehicles for use within the department; and

WHEREAS, appropriate vehicles were found at Winner Ford namely a 2026 Ford Explorer, Vin 1FM5K8AB4TGC19159 and a 2026 Ford Explorer, Vin 1FM5K8AB6TGC19163, for the sum of \$61,0967 each; and

WHEREAS, the Chief obtained three quotes for the said vehicles and was approved by the Borough's Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds under Line Item T-10-500-001 DEA Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Northvale, in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, that the purchase of the aforesaid vehicles are hereby approved.



RESOLUTION #2026-162

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that Phyllis Bernstein of 401 D'Ercole Court, Norwood and James Gilroy of 75 Mills Avenue, Norwood are appointed as Alternate School Crossing Guards.

RESOLUTION #2026-163

TITLE: RESOLUTON APPOINTING COLLEEN AND ROBERT SUROVICH AS CO-RECREATION DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Recreation Director as of October 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has considered the qualifications of Colleen and Robert Surovich to fill this position on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for this position is \$5,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's CFO has certified the availability of funds under Budget Line Item 6-01-28-375-101.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale hereby appoints Colleen and Robert Surovich as Co-Recreation Director at an annual salary of \$5,000 effective retroactive to October 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION #2026-164

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

ROLL CALL

ORDINANCE-2nd READING
Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #26-12

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$65,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS., INCLUDING ALL WORK, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS NECESSARY THEREFOR OR INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED, BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE OF THE BOROUGH

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of



all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements or purposes described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE (the "Borough"), in the County of Bergen New Jersey (the "County"). For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$65,000 from Capital Fund Balance of the Borough.

Section 2. (a) The improvements hereby authorized are the acquisition of (i) Fire Fighting Equipment for the Fire Department including Extrications Struts, Portable Generator, Light Tower, Hoods, Masks, EV Shut-off plugs and Federal Siren and (ii) Public Safety Equipment, including Lucas Device and Automated External Portable Defibrillator for the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, including all work, equipment and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto. The purpose stated in this Section 2 is a lawful capital improvement

(b) The estimated cost of the several improvements or purposes is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 2 of this ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the several improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of the respective amounts or obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is at least 5 years.



Section 5. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 6. If any part(s) of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 7. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-9 this ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption.

ROLL CALL

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

ADJOURNMENT