



A G E N D A
Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
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 official Newspaper 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 FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION – Difference Card

RESOLUTION #2023-162

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIFFERENCE CARD PROGRAM

MOTION: SECOND:

WHEREAS, the Difference Card Program is an employer funded program that may reduce health insurance costs for the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, employee participation in the Difference Card Program is Optional and at no additional cost to employees; and

WHEREAS, the Difference Card will reduce employee premiums and also will reduce health insurance costs to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that the Borough of Northvale hereby authorizes participation in the Difference Card program and authorizes its officials to enter into agreements for that purpose.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Combined Meeting of October 11, 2023

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. Best Practices Checklist Inventory
(Resolution #2023-164)
2. Colliers Engineering Letter, dated October 17, 2023
Re: 2024 Riverside Coop Paving Program
(Resolution #2023-165)
3. Neglia Letter, dated October 26, 2023
Re: Recommendation of Award-Veterans Drive Phase II
(Resolution #2023-168)

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”

MOTION:

SECOND:

RESOLUTION #2023-163

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024

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 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 8th day of November 2023, 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.

RESOLUTION #2023-164

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPROVING BOROUGH OF MONTVALE TO JOIN THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale is the Lead Agency for the Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale would like to join the Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale as Lead Agency agree to allow the Borough of Montvale to join the Riverside Cooperative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Montvale may join the Riverside Cooperative effective immediately.



RESOLUTION #2023-165

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 2023-17 mandates that the municipality shall submit by November 3, 2023 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 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.

RESOLUTION #2023-166

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO 2024 RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE PAVING PROGRAM – PROPOSAL NO. 23013518P

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, Harrington Park, Harrington Park BOE, Haworth, Hillsdale, Little Ferry, Montvale, New Milford, Northvale, Norwood, River Edge, and Tenafly located within the County of Bergen (hereinafter referred to as the “2024 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 2024 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has submitted an agreement to provide professional engineering services for the coordination of the 2024 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 Six Thousand, Seven Hundred, Fifty Dollars (\$6,750.00) to be shared by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2024 Riverside Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough and the 2024 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 \$6,750.00 to Colliers Engineering & Design to be shared by the participating municipalities and Boards of the 2024 Riverside Cooperative, for design services only.



RESOLUTION #2023-167

TITLE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONNJ

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, and County of Bergen, Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

New Jersey Historical Commission
P.O. Box 305
Trenton, NJ 08625

Crossroads of the American Revolution Assoc. Inc.
101 Barrack Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northvale hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Borough of Northvale commemorates the 250th



anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.

2. The Borough of Northvale authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.

3. The Borough of Northvale further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

RESOLUTION #2023-168

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO RETURN ESCROW FOR RAB LIGHTING 140,150,170 LUDLOW AVENUE, BLOCK 1102, LOTS 2,3,4

WHEREAS, Rab Lighting owned 140, 150, 170 Ludlow Avenue, Block 1102, Lots 2, 3, 4; and

WHEREAS, Rab Lighting sold the properties in July of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rab Lighting has requested the return of their escrow totaling \$10,976.98; 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 Rab Lighting Inc., 408 W 14th Street 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10014 in the amount of \$10,976.98 from escrow accounts 13011, 15011, 27009, 26011, 13015, and 23015.

RESOLUTION #2023-169

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR VETERANS DRIVE ROADWAY PROJECT PHASE II (NJDOT MA-23 FUNDED)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has solicited bids for a contract award for the Veterans Drive Roadway Project Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale received eight bids as follows:

1. DLS Contracting, Inc. 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 \$289,340.55
2. American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC 818 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ \$299,496.29
3. D & L Paving Contractors, Inc. 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 \$323,140.48



4. Frank Macchione Construction 141 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 \$326,391.25
5. Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057 \$339,598.55
6. AJM Contractors, Inc. 300 Kuller Road, Clifton, NJ 07011 \$341,459.50
7. 4 Clean Up., Inc. PO Box 5098, North Bergen, NJ 07047 \$354,112.75
8. Zuccaro, Inc. 64 Commerce Street, Garfield NJ, 07026 \$519,200.50

WHEREAS, The Bids were submitted pursuant to a solicitation package prepared by Neglia Engineering, and

WHEREAS, Acari + Iovino Architects reviewed the bids and determined that Innovational Design is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive bid is \$289,340.55 submitted by DLS Contracting; and **WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney and Neglia Engineering have reviewed the bid package submitted by DLS Contracting and recommend that the contract be awarded to DLS Contracting as the lowest responsive bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Northvale that, subject to the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer certifying the availability of funds, the Borough of Northvale hereby determines that the lowest responsive bid is that of DLS Contracting, Inc. and accepts its bid in the sum of \$289,340.55 and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract for said purpose.

RESOLUTION #2023-170

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR 2024 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services has made grant funding available via the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$75,000.00 to carry out a project to provide the Northvale Fire Department with proper fire Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE:

1. Hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Northvale and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION #2023-171

TITLE: PETITION THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO INSERT AN ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 – NEW JERSEY LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT AT VETERANS PARK

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Northvale in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year **2023** in the sum of **\$70,000** which is now available from New Jersey Recreation Improvement Grant at Veterans Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$70,000** is hereby appropriated under the caption of **New Jersey Recreation Improvement Grant at Veterans Park**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from **New Jersey Recreation Improvement Grant at Veterans Park** in the amount of **\$70,000**.

RESOLUTION #2023-172

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 (2023)	\$194,340.96
Retro Check Approval 10/30/23	\$1,000.00
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	
General Capital Fund	\$393,677.37
Grant Fund	\$196,469.39
Animal Trust	\$9.00
Police DEA Trust	
Retro Check Approval 10/13/23	\$34,945.50
Retro Check Approval 11/2/23	\$73,779.72
Escrow Trust	\$17,440.48
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$385.20
Summer Recreation Trust	\$1,350.00



TOTAL	\$803,672.40
TOTAL RETRO	\$109,725.22

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, council liaison, 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 attached hereto, 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:

Payroll – Salaries & Wages	10-10-23	\$150,000
	10-31-23	\$135,000
Payroll – Salaries & Wages		
Payroll- Salaries & Wages		
Health Benefits	10-6-2023	\$58,030.07
County Taxes		
Employee Pension Payment- PERS/PFRS		
Northvale Board OF Education		
Northern Valley Regional High School District		
Northvale Public Library		
Trust - Interfund		
DTC- Bond Principal	10-31-23	\$475,000
DTC- Bond Interest		\$46,118.75
TOTAL		\$1,777,546.44

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$1,777,546.44** and ratified respectively.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

ROLL CALL



ORDINANCE – 1ST READING

ORDINANCE #1075-2023

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE LIVINGSTON STREET STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (EAST SIDE OF LIVINGSTON STREET - FROM ROCKLAND AVENUE TO EIDNER WAY) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$420,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Action may not be taken upon return to open session.

RESOLUTION #2023-173

TITLE: TO PROVIDE FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT N.J.S.A 10:4-12

MOTION:

SECOND:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Northvale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Council of the Borough of Northvale to discuss in session not open to the public certain matter relating to an item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b, as listed below:

- 1. Matters required by law to be confidential
- 2. Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- 3. Matters involving individual privacy
- 4. Matters relating to collective bargaining
- 5. Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- 6. Matters relating to public safety and property.
- 7. Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney client privilege.
- 8. Matters relating to the employment relationship – Personnel
- 9. Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Northvale that immediately after the adoption of this resolution the Council shall enter into closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



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