

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:42 PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Fire Chief Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and roll call was taken.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and/or The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

Also Present: Borough Attorney, Bill Betesh; Borough Engineer, Andrew Hipolit; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Curry -arrived 8:30pm	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Talarico
Councilmember LaMonica	Councilmember Weaver -absent

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1410 CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Montvale in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$329,232.68 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Borough of Montvale in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Montvale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$329,232.68, and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Borough of Montvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Ordinance No. **2016-1410** was introduced for second reading by Councilmember LaMonica; seconded by Councilmember Koelling Clerk read by title only
Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico
- all ayes
NO PUBLIC COMMENT
Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane
- all ayes
Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in the Ridgewood News by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico; Clerk read by title only ----- A roll call vote was taken --- all ayes

PROCLAMATIONS:

Wolfgang Vogt – Former Chairman Environmental Commission & Paul Cohen, Former Vice Chairman

PANEL DISCUSSION: Corporate Office Space Trends & Demands
Judy Troiano, Gail Price, Chris Olson

Mayor Ghassali invited the above guests to discuss in their professional experience the trends of corporate office space and what the borough can try to do to occupy the office space that is currently vacant. Some suggestions were to change parking lots to have charging stations, allow flexibility within the office space, sharing of office space with multiple businesses, allow a mix use facility such as part medical part office. Or part residential part office. The future will consist of the millennials and the trend seems to lead to a Hoboken, Ridgewood, and Jersey City type work, live, eat and shop all in walking distance.

GOALS, UPDATES & INFORMATION:

Eric Gundersen, Superintendent of Schools
Thanked the Mayor for opening up the lines of communication with the school board and also thanked Councilmember Weaver as the liaison. Mr. Gundersen briefly spoke about the changes they are making to the future millennials. Different style of teaching, not all teaching takes place in the classroom, different lunch periods, some down time to socialize. Seniors are allowed to do internships with some corporate sponsors.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling

- All ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry

- All ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

March 29, 2016

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry – all ayes

MINUTES CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

March 29, 2016

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

RESOLUTIONS:

67-2016 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Millennium Strategies, LLC for Grant

Consulting Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale requires the services of a firm capable of providing grant consulting services related to the submission of a grant proposal for the NJ DEP Recreational Trails Grant; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies, LLC has submitted a proposal to the Borough dated March 21, 2016, which sets forth the terms and conditions of Millennium's proposal to provide the Borough with such services; and

WHEREAS, Millennium's proposal sets forth an hourly fee of \$120.00, not to exceed \$1,500.00, which shall include all meetings, travel, communications and application preparation services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract to Millennium Strategies, LLC pursuant to the March 21, 2016 Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that a contract for grant consulting services for the NJ DEP Recreational Trails Grant is hereby awarded as follows:

Contractor

Millennium Strategies, LLC
60 Roseland Avenue
Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

In the amount of:

As Per March 21, 2016 Proposal
Hourly: \$120.00
Not-To-Exceed: \$1,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution, subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

68-2016 A Resolution Revising The Borough of Montvale Field Scheduling & Fees For Field Use Effective 2016

WHEREAS, Borough Owned Recreational Fields shall be scheduled by the Borough of Montvale Field Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Montvale Athletic League ("MAL") shall have first priority field scheduling use and shall be provide a schedule to the Field Coordinator no later than March 1st.

WHEREAS, MAL and churches are exempt from payment of fees relating to field use.

FIELD USE: 2016

Field Use- Chestnut Ridge complex	\$ 200	Resident team
	\$ 400	Non-Resident team
Field Use-Memorial and FMS fields	\$ 200	Resident team
	\$ 500	Non-Resident team
**Add 15% if lights are requested		
Resident Corporation One Day Field Use	\$ 200	(1 scheduled day plus 2 rain dates)
Non-Resident One Day Field Use	\$ 400	(1 scheduled day plus 2 rain dates)

Resident Corporation: Any company that owns or leases commercial within the borough.

Non-Resident Corporation: Any company that does not own or lease commercial space within the borough.

Residential Team: Any athletic team comprised of at least 75% of its roster with Montvale residents.

Non-Residential Team: Any team not having at least 75% of its roster filled with Montvale residents.

Time Slot: An uninterrupted 2 hour time period, or any part thereof, that a field is being used by an approved team.

Corporate Fees: Corporate fees paid to the borough for field use, whether Resident Corporation or Non-Resident Corporation, will entitle the user to 1 field reservation time slot and up to 2 additional time slots that are designated as "rain dates".

Season: Spring season will begin March 1 and end July 31. Fall season will begin August 1 and end December 31.

No credit for unused Field Time Slots

All organizational (i.e. club team) play will be considered a non-resident teams.

Payment is required prior to use on all fields or no field use will be granted.

WHEREAS, Arsenal Soccer Club Team shall pay the Borough of Montvale the amount of \$5,000 for the Spring/Summer and \$5,000 Fall Program 10 days prior to the commencement that specific season; and

WHEREAS, it is the Borough of Montvale's intention by the adoption of this resolution that if any prior established fee is in conflict with fee schedule the fees set forth in this fee schedule shall be the fees charged and any conflicting prior fee is hereby superseded, repealed and replaced with the fees adopted pursuant to this resolution.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

REPORT OF REVENUE: Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue - March

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Lane

Fire Department

16 calls; they are in the process of moving all the equipment from the firehouse to the DPW building.
Bids will be received once again on April 19th and award a contract on April 26

Councilmember Talarico

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Tri-Boro

Montvale logged: 46 calls; 699 miles; 43 hours; 20 crew hours

Local Public Assistance

Please consider dry goods to donate – the bin is located by library

DPW

Street sweeper is going from West to East; pot holes are being filled.

Councilmember Curry

Construction

Permits have increased from this time last year; document storage facility

Recreation

Preparations have begun for Day in the Park which is scheduled for June 18th;

BOH

Next meeting is scheduled for May 2nd;

Website

Launch is expected on April 18

Councilmember LaMonica

Chamber of Commerce

April 13 will be a networking event held at Davey's at 7:00am including breakfast; The annual street fair is scheduled for Sunday, June 5; working on scholarship awards.

Seniors

Montvale Evangelical Church host on the third Wednesday of every month a luncheon for all seniors in the Pascack Area; going forward, all senior events will be held at Seasons.

Clean-Up Day

April 23rd meet by the red shed at 9am

Mayor's Wellness Walk

Scheduled for April 30 at 9am meet at the atrium in Park Ridge

Councilmember Koelling

Swim Club

Waiting for approval on some budgetary items

MAYOR

Library

Circulation 10,302; 5,689 patron visits; Dining for Dollars will be held at Davey's on May 2, for lunch and dinner, May 3rd lunch only and May 5th lunch and dinner; Davey's will donate 15% of bill.

Report

First town hall meeting had around 65 residents; the Economic committee met on April 7, very eager group; Pool committee will be working to try and pay back bonds to residents; a few members of the Library board met with Woodcliff Lake Library to see if possible to share library services.

Historic Preservation Commission has a vacancy and Mayor Ghassali would like to appoint Dawn Cherie-Hopper as a Class C, 2nd alternate member

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- a. Update 2016 Paving Roads/Terkuile Road (entire length), Magnolia Ave (Woodland Road To Kinderkamack), Upper Saddle River Road (Spring Valley Road To End of Street)

Pre-construction meeting has been held and project will start May 9th to be completed in July

- b. NJDOT Grant Denial– North Avenue

Total cost will be \$300,000 – should be included in road program

- c. Proposal Preparation of Bid Specifications New Roof & HVAC System 12 Mercedes Dr.

Approximate cost is \$500,000

- d. Eagle Ridge Sewer Project

Bids will be receive on April 29

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Bill Betesh, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Councilmember Approval Sample Do Not Knock Sticker Re: Ordinance No. 2016-1411 Public Hearing 4/26

All in agreement

- b. Capital Budget Projects/Approve Capital Improvement Bonding/Road Improvements/Eagle Ridge Sanitary Sewer/Buildings & Grounds/HVAC & Roof 12 Mercedes

A motion to authorize CFO to go for bonding by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

- c. Excess Sewer Charge

After a brief discussion, it was decided once again not to make changes to the current ordinance

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Councilmember Curry – Update New Municipal Website Launch Councilmember Review/Prior to Launch 4/18

Mentioned in Committee report

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

HEARING OF CITIZENS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry
- all ayes

Bob Hanrahan

April 23 is Clean-Up day Steins will donate bagel; train station has been cleaned on a regular basis; 375 people came for the Boy Scout spaghetti dinner; on the Tree ordinance, Mr Hanrahan asked - what is the problem? What are you trying to address? is there really a problem?

Belle Barnes

Voiced her concerns towards the tree ordinance and would like to be included with further discussions

Mayor Ghassali suggested to have a small amount of residents come to further discuss at an informal discussion

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico
- all ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico
- all ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm

ADJOURNMENT The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held April 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING/BUDGET PRESENTATION: April 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk