

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:32pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Roll call was taken.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and 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).

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs
Councilmember Curry
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

Also Present: Mayor Mike Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

This meeting was held teleconference by Zoom.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO: 2020-1480 CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
Public Hearing 4-14-20

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2020-1480** for first reading was made by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Curry made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Ridgewood News; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - A roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1481 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1477 TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE, AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
(Public Hearing April 14th 2020)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2020-1481** for first reading was made by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Ridgewood News; seconded by Councilmember Curry - A roll call was taken – all ayes

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1479 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 26 NORTH KINDERKAMACK ROAD, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY, IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 1601, LOT 7, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 authorizes municipalities to acquire real property by way of purchase; and

WHEREAS, in order to effect such a purchase, a municipality must adopt an ordinance authorizing same; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary and advisable to acquire certain real property in the Borough known as 26 North Kinderkamack Road, and identified as Block 1601, Lot 7 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, a valuation of the Property was completed on or about December of 2019, setting forth the fair market value of the Property as of the date thereof at \$414,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough subsequently issued a Letter of Intent to the Owner of the Property, which was accepted by the Seller and its attorney; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the purchase of the Property shall come from the Borough's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and the purchase shall be conditioned upon the Borough obtaining approval from the Borough's Planning Board to convert the Property into a two-family home for affordable housing purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Montvale to acquire the Property for the purposes set forth herein.

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

Section 1. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and all other appropriate officials, consultants, agents and employees of the Borough are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute all documents, and to take all steps necessary and appropriate to acquire, by way of negotiated purchase, the real property known as 26 North Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, New Jersey, identified as Block 1601, Lot 7 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough, consistent with the terms of the Letter of Intent for Purchase of Real Property dated December 30, 2019 to Dr. William Greco from the Borough Attorney's office.

Section 2. The Borough Council hereby confirms its approval of the fair market value of the Property of \$414,000.00 as of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This purchase is authorized by the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, and specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5*, which permits a municipality, by ordinance, to purchase any real property.

Section 4. If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A motion Introduced for second reading Ordinance No 2020-1479 by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

Motion to open meeting to public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - All ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - All ayes

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in Ridgewood News by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - All ayes on a roll call vote

INTRODUCTION 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 70-2020

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - a roll call was taken
- all ayes

Councilmember Lane stated the municipal portion will have a slight decrease, overall it is a good budget. Budget hearing and presentation will be held April 28, 2020.

MINUTES:

March 10, 2020

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - all ayes

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

February 25, 2020

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche
- all ayes

RESOLUTIONS: (CONSENT AGENDA*)

All items listed on a consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by a motion, seconded and a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

71-2020 Authorize Settlement Resolution/5 Paragon Drive/Block 2002/Lot 3/Tax Appeal

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by Alsta, LLC d/b/a ND XXX, LLC (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Number 000092-2020, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid tax appeal involves an office building located at 5 Paragon Drive, and is otherwise referred to as Block 2002 Lot 3 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "Subject Property"), and;

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel and the Borough Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement would reduce the Subject Property's 2020 assessment from \$12,500,000 to \$11,900,000, and;

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (i.e. the "Freeze Act") shall be applicable to the terms of this settlement, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Montvale to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Tax Appeal Attorney and/or any other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

72-2020 Adopting Revised AXA Plan/Deferred Compensation

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") by resolution adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") effective 2/28/19 for the purpose of making available to eligible employees the accrual of tax benefits under a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 amended Section 402A(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires its Plan to add Roth provisions brought about by the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to adopt a restated Plan that is substantially similar to one on which a favorable Private Letter Ruling has been previously obtained from the federal Internal Revenue Service including provisions of The Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (United States Public Law No. 104-188), the Tax payer Relief Act of 1997 (United States Public Law No 105-34), the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001 (United States Public Law No 107-16), Section 401 (a)(9) of the Internal Revenue code, the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, and all such provisions are stated in the plan in terms substantially similar to the text of those provisions in the code Section 457 including pertinent applicable Treasury Regulations. The use of the Ruling is for guidance only and acknowledges that for Internal Revenue Service purposes, the Ruling of another employer is not to be considered precedent; and

WHEREAS, such revised Plan shall supersede the previously adopted Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Employer hereby adopts the attached revised Plan 89-PD-AXA-120616.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

73-2020 Authorize Professional Service Contract/Engineering & Construction Observations/2020 Road Improvement Program/Maser Consulting, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide professional services to design, construction observation services and bidding for the 2020 Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated March 5, 2020 to provide the engineering services which are detailed and attached to the original of this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available certification hereto attached to the original of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale as follows:

- 1) That the proposal for the scope of engineering services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Maser Consulting.
- 2) That the following be provided: Design Specification/ Bidding Services/Construction Administration
 - 1) Design, Specification & Bidding \$70,000.00
 - 2) Construction Administration \$75,000.00
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$145,000.00 The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be published an official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale, be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Complex, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

74-2020 Authorize Environmental Services/26 North Kinderkamack Rd./Property Acquisition /Maser Consulting

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide professional environmental services for the property acquisition of 26 North Kinderkamack Road; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated March 5, 2020 to provide the engineering services which are detailed in the proposal and attached to the original of this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available certification hereto attached to the original of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale as follows:

- 1) That the proposal for the scope of engineering services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Maser Consulting.
- 2) That the following be provided: Environmental Services:
 - 1) Environmental Services \$22,500.00
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$22,500.00 The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be published an official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale, be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Complex, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

75-2020 Authorize Execution Interlocal Service Agreement/Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:17C-6 requires all New Jersey municipalities to provide telephonic access to an appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) serving the municipality; and

WHEREAS, regionalized provision of such services is a concept specifically endorsed by N.J.S.A. 52:17C-7; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch (hereafter referred to as "NWBCD") is a joint meeting established by the Borough of Glen Rock and the Village of Ridgewood pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48B-1, et seq. to provide, among other things, regional PSAP and dispatch services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is a New Jersey municipality with its offices at 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, due to increasing costs of operations, capital improvements and maintenance, the Borough of Montvale has determined that it is in the public interest of the communities it serves to have its duties and responsibilities performed by NWBCD; and

WHEREAS, each of the parties is a governmental entity authorized to provide jointly for PSAP and dispatch services pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, each of the parties has independently concluded that implementation of the New Jersey mandated Emergency Enhanced 9-1-1 Telephone System program on a shared basis is in the best interests of the taxpayers of the respective entities; and

WHEREAS, Montvale and NWBCD have negotiated the terms of an Interlocal Services Agreement entitled "INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENHANCED 9-1-1 SERVICE BETWEEN NORTHWEST BERGEN CENTRAL DISPATCH, A Joint Meeting AND THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE," a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk and which is expressly incorporated herein by reference pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(b); and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act requires that the Shared Services Agreement be approved by resolution of the governing body of each participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of approving this Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

1. The Interlocal Services Agreement referenced herein between the Borough of Montvale and NWBCD is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute the Interlocal Services Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Montvale.
3. All other appropriate officials, officers and employees are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution including compliance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act requirements.
4. Upon its execution, a copy of the Shared Services Agreement shall be filed with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

76-2020 Borough of Montvale Fire Department LOSAP Eligible's

WHEREAS, The Borough of Montvale, has adopted a LOSAP program for the members of the Montvale Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the annual \$1,350.00 stipend for 2019, totaling \$24,300.00 for the Department, the Montvale Fire Department must meet certain criteria; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough Treasurer initiate LOSAP payments in the name of those Fire Department members deemed eligible to receive them.

77-2020 Authorize Refund of Escrow/Block 2802/Lot 2/ First Watch Restaurants

WHEREAS, First Watch Restaurants, 8027 Cooper Creek Blvd #103, University Park, FL 34201 has requested release of escrow for Block 2802/Lot 2 ; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and other Borough professionals take no exception to the release; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale the amount of \$156.50 is hereby released to First Watch Restaurants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Treasurer shall receive a copy of this resolution for processing.

78-2020 Authorize Refund of Escrow/Block 402/Lot 5/Lukoil/Petro-Mechanics

WHEREAS, Lukoil/Petro-Mechanics 18 Prices Lane, Lafayette, NJ 07848 has requested release of escrow for Block 403/Lot 5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and other Borough professionals take no exception to the release; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale the amount of \$353.75 is hereby released Lukoil/Petro-Mechanics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Treasurer shall receive a copy of this resolution for processing.

80-2020 Authorize Hiring Full Time Court Violations Clerk/G. Scordo

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court desires to hire a full time employee in the Borough of Montvale for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court in the capacity of Violations Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, Gabrielle Scordo has met the qualifications for this position, agrees to the terms and conditions of employment, and has completed a satisfactory background investigation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the above-named individual is hereby appointed to the position of Full-time Violations Clerk, effective March 25, 2020.

81-2020 Resolution Dedication by Rider, Storm Recovery Reserve (NJSA 40A:4-62.1)

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-39 provides that a municipality may dedicate certain revenues in any budget when the character of the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimate in advance by including in said budget a statement dedicating such revenues to the purpose or purposes for which they are received, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1 provides that unexpended balances budgeted annually for storm recovery may be lapsed into a storm recovery reserve. Funds in the reserve may be used for any purpose related to storm recovery, including, but not limited to, snow, ice and debris removal. In addition, funds in the reserve may be used for any purpose necessary to protect the safety, security, health, and welfare, of its citizens from damages caused by an emergency declared by the President of the United States or the Governor. Any reimbursement of these expenditures shall be deposited back into the reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale Bergen County, New Jersey that funds deposited into the storm recovery reserve are hereby dedicated and shall be made available for expenditures for the purpose stated above as and when received in cash during the fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

82-2020 Transfer of Unexpended Budget Balances to the Storm Recovery Reserve

WHEREAS, there exists unexpended budget balances in the 2019 appropriation reserves for snow removal in the amount of \$150,000, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1 permits the municipality to transfer such unexpended budget balances into a storm recovery reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale Bergen County, New Jersey that the unexpended budget balances for snow removal currently available in the 2019 appropriation reserves be transferred to the storm recovery reserve in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1.

83-2020 Authorize Refund of Escrow/Block 2504/Lot 10/ John Trumbetti

WHEREAS, John Trumbetti, 9 Cottage Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645 has requested release of escrow for Block 2504/Lot 10; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and other Borough professionals take no exception to the release; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale the amount of \$683.34 is hereby released to North Star Signs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Treasurer shall receive a copy of this resolution for processing.

84-2020 Authorize Refund of Escrow/Block 2602/Lot 5/North Star Signs

WHEREAS, North Star Signs, 66 Clinton Rd. Fairfield NJ 07044 NJ has requested release of escrow for Block 2602/Lot 5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and other Borough professionals take no exception to the release; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale the amount of \$447.50 is hereby released to North Star Signs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Treasurer shall receive a copy of this resolution for processing.

Introduced by: Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - a roll call was taken - all ayes

79-2020 A Resolution Confirming that Non-Emergency Road Opening Work is Temporarily Suspended in the Borough of Montvale

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared both a National Emergency and a Public Health Emergency throughout the country as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and **WHEREAS**, Governor Murphy has similarly declared New Jersey to be in the midst of a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, Governor Murphy has issued a number of Executive Orders concerning COVID-19 including Executive Orders #102 through #109, which have, among other things, implemented certain restrictions on businesses and imposed social distancing requirements on individuals; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these Executive Orders and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Borough of Montvale has effectively closed its offices to the public, and all staff have been directed to work from home to the extent possible for an indefinite period of time; and

WHEREAS, further as a result of these foregoing restrictions and recommendations, many Montvale residents are being compelled to work from home, and all Montvale students are presently being educated at home utilizing computers, tablets and other electronic devices; and **WHEREAS**, as a result of the foregoing, utility interruptions and loud, ongoing construction work pose an extreme hardship to Montvale residents - specifically students and individuals working from home - while the restrictions set forth in Executive Order #106 remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Montvale does hereby confirm its understanding that as a result of the restrictions that have been recommended by the CDC and/or put in place by Governor Murphy, the performance of non-emergency road opening work is hereby temporarily suspended; and further, that the performance of non-emergency construction or utility work requiring road opening permits issued by the Borough of Montvale is hereby prohibited until further notice.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN**BILLS:** *Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report*

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Curry - all ayes

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- a. Proposal for Professional Engineering Services Authorization to Bid/FY2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid/Paragon Drive/Philips Parkway

Montvale received a \$220,000 grant for the paving of Paragon Drive and Philips Parkway; preparing to go out for bid for the 2020 road improvement program. Anticipating reasonable bids because the prices of asphalt is currently low.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

In regards to the acquisition of 26 N. Kinderkamack, the inspection took place, once we receive the report, we will proceed to apply to the Planning Board for a variance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Notification from Tax Collector/Municipal Tax Payments Due May 1st 2020/The Drop Box located at 12 Mercedes Drive/Availability/& Payments On Line www.montvaleboro.org/COVID-19/Council Discussion on grace period extension. For both municipal tax payments and excess sewer payments normally grace period is 10 days.

After reviewing the State guidelines, the borough cannot extend the grace period for property taxes that are due May 1st, therefore the grace period will remain to May 11. The discussion continued about the Excess Sewer charges that are due April 1. It was decided by Councilmembers to extend the grace period to April 30, after April 30 interest will revert back to April 1. A motion by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry – all ayes

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Local Finance Notice/FY2020/SFY 2021 State Aid Certification

This is for informational purposes

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.

A motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes

Jarret Schumacher

Ask for clarification as to when the public hearing of the budget will be. Councilmember Lane stated April 28; Mr. Schumacher asked for an explanation of the Cap Bank Ordinance. Councilmember Lane explained it is used as an accounting method to be flexible with spending.

John Rotante

Wanted to know about the trucks that were at the senior center, the clerk explained they were hired by the borough to de-sanitize the building

Mike Centineo

Thanked the Mayor and Council for their help and support to the community during the crisis.

A motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs – all ayes

Councilmember Lane in discussion with Mayor Ghassali stated that until further notice, only essential employees are allowed in the building and they should ask permission to enter the building. Continue to work remotely.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held April 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Municipal Budget Hearing to be held on April 28, 2020/Budget Presentation

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk