

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:30pm. 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 Lane
Councilmember Curry - absent	Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

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

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1485 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. Code adopted; existing ordinances continued.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, the ordinances of the Borough of Montvale of a general and permanent nature adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, as revised and codified and consisting of Chapters 1 through 400, together with an Appendix, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as Parts I and II of the Code of the Borough of Montvale, hereinafter referred to as the "Code." The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those of the ordinances in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and not as new enactments. This ordinance and the Code adopted hereby shall supersede and replace the 1966 Code of the Borough of Montvale, as amended and supplemented.

Section 2. Code on file; additions and amendments.

A. A copy of the Code has been filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey, and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance. Following adoption of this ordinance, such copy shall be certified to by the Clerk of the Borough of Montvale by impressing thereon the Seal of the Borough, as provided by law, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.

B. Additions or amendments to the Code, when adopted in such form as to indicate the intent of the Mayor and Council to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of the Borough of Montvale" shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments.

Section 3. Notice; publication.

The Clerk of the Borough of Montvale shall cause notice of the passage of this ordinance to be given in the manner required by law. The notice of passage of this ordinance coupled with filing of the Code in the office of the Borough Clerk as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

Section 4. Severability.

Each section of this ordinance and of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

Section 5. Repealer.

A. Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions contained in the Code adopted by this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency, and any valid legislation of the Borough of Montvale which is not in conflict with the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.

B. The following ordinances have been excluded from the Code and are specifically repealed:

- (1) Former Chapter 8, Article II, Stray Animals, of the 1966 Code, adopted 8-14-1897 by Ord. No. 12.
- (2) Former Ch. 12, Bicycles, of the 1966 Code, adopted 4-11-1951 by Ord. No. 353.
- (3) Former Ch. 20, Building Code, of the 1966 Code, adopted 10-14-1975 by Ord. No. 641.
- (4) Former Ch. 22, Building Design, of the 1966 Code, adopted 9-14-1955 by Ord. No. 390.
- (5) Former Ch. 25, Conservation Commission, of the 1966 Code, adopted 8-12-1969 by Ord. No. 563.
- (6) Former Ch. 26, Crime Prevention, of the 1966 Code, adopted 2-25-1895 by Ord. No. 3.
- (7) Former Ch. 38, Art. II, Additional Fees, of the 1966 Code, adopted 12-9-1986, as amended.
- (8) Former Ch. 42, Art. I, General Regulations, of the 1966 Code, adopted 12-12-1967 by Ord. No. 536, as amended 6-10-1969 by Ord. No. 562.
- (9) Former Ch. 62, Minimum Construction Requirements, of the 1966 Code, adopted 1-11-1950 by Ord. No. 341.
- (10) Former Ch. 67, Newsracks, of the 1966 Code, adopted 12-14-1993 by Ord. No. 93-956.
- (11) Former Ch. 72, Oil-Burning Equipment, of the 1966 Code, adopted 6-11-1952 by Ord. No. 360.

- (12) Former Ch. 76 of the 1966 Code, Peace and Good Order: Art. I, Public Safety, adopted 6-13-1972 by Ord. No. 596; and Art. II, Disorderly Conduct, adopted 10-14-1931 by Ord. No. 237.
- (13) Former Ch. 90A, Fieldstone School Recreation Complex, of the 1966 Code, adopted 12-30-2003 by Ord. No. 2003-1213.
- (14) Former Ch. 90B, Recreation, of the 1966 Code, adopted 6-11-2013 by Ord. No. 2013-1376.
- (15) Former Ch. 93, Road Construction, of the 1966 Code, adopted 4-12-1966 by Ord. No. 509.
- (16) Former Ch. 100, Shade Tree Commission, of the 1966 Code, adopted 5-11-1960 by Ord. No. 426.
- (17) Former Ch. 109 of the 1966 Code, Streets and Sidewalks: Art. IV, Bushes and Weeds, adopted 11-13-1897; Art. V, Trees, adopted 8-14-1897; Art. VI, Obstructions, adopted 8-14-1897 by Ord. No. 10.
- (18) Former Ch. 116, Taxes, Art. II, Transportation of Personal Property, of the 1966 Code, adopted 2-13-1952 by Ord. No. 358.
- (19) Former Ch. 124, Water, Art. I, Use Regulations, of the 1966 Code, adopted 7-14-1954 by Ord. No. 385.
- (20) Former Ch. A136, Master Plan, of the 1966 Code, adopted 8-9-1950.
- (21) Former Ch. A138, Sewer Agreement, of the 1966 Code, adopted 4-8-1969 by Ord. No. 559.

Section 6. Ordinances saved from repeal.

The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in Section 5 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any ordinance adopted subsequent to June 30, 2020.
- B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provision or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance, brought pursuant to any legislative provision.
- E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.
- F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing of grade, changing of name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.
- G. Any ordinance or resolution appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the Borough's indebtedness.

H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract, agreement or obligation.

I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges or the approval of the municipal budget.

J. The dedication of property or approval of preliminary or final subdivision plats.

K. All currently effective ordinances pertaining to the rate and manner of payment of salaries and compensation of officers and employees.

L. Any ordinance adopting or amending the Zoning Map.

M. Any ordinance relating to or establishing a pension plan or pension fund for municipal employees.

Section 7. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.

A. In preparing the revision and codification of the Borough's ordinances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, certain minor grammatical and nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said ordinances. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances so changed had been formally amended to read as such.

B. In addition, the changes, amendments or revisions as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)

C. Nomenclature changes. Throughout the Code, the following titles have been updated as follows:

(1) References to "Municipal Magistrate" are amended to read "Municipal Judge."

(2) References to "Land Use Board," "Board of Adjustment," and "Zoning Board of Adjustment" are amended to read "Planning Board."

(3) References to "Construction Code Official," "Building Code Official," and "Building Official" are amended to read "Construction Official."

(4) References to "Building Inspector" are amended to read "Building Subcode Official."

(5) References to "Zoning Enforcement Officer" are amended to read "Zoning Officer."

(6) In Chapter 142, Article II, instances of "mechanical amusement game," "automatic amusement game," "amusement game" and "games" are amended to read "automatic amusement device" or "device."

(7) Chapter 84 is amended to change references to "patrolman" and "patrolmen" to read "patrol officer(s)"; references to "policeman" and "policemen" are changed to read "police officer(s)."

(8) Chapter 362, Article II, is amended to change "tourist lodge or motel" to read "hotel or transient accommodation."

(9) Chapter 400 is amended to change references to "affordable households" to read "certified households."

Section 8. Titles and headings; editor's notes.

A. Chapter and article titles, headings and titles of sections and other divisions of the Code are inserted in the Code and may be inserted in supplements to the Code for the convenience of persons using the Code and are not part of the legislation.

B. Editor's notes indicating sources of sections, giving other information or referring to the statutes or to other parts of the Code are inserted in the Code and may be inserted in supplements to the Code for the convenience of persons using the Code and are not part of the legislation.

Section 9. Altering or tampering with Code; violations and penalties.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to change, alter or tamper with the Code in any manner which will cause the laws of the Borough of Montvale to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section shall be subject, upon conviction, to one or more of the following penalties: a fine of not more than \$2,000, imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

Section 10. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2020-1485** 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 Koelling
- All ayes

Jarret Schumacher

Asked for clarification regarding the ordinance, is the entire chapter being repealed; the attorney stated this ordinance is a result of months going through the entire borough code to update or remove sections that are no longer in affect.

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

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; Clerk read by title only. - All ayes on a roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1486 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

BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

SECTION 1. Each of the offices and positions of employment hereinafter named that are not established or created by virtue of any statutes or of any ordinance, resolution, or other lawful authority heretofore exercised by the Borough of Montvale, is hereby established, created, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The rate of compensation of the persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment whose compensation shall be on an annual basis and shall be payable semi-monthly is hereby fixed and determined to be as set opposite the title of each of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment.

Title		2020 Salary Range	
1.	Building Inspector	\$60,000 -	65,000
2.	Fire Prevention Official	\$50,000 -	58,000
3.	Special Police Officers (SLEO)	\$47,000 -	53,000

SECTION 5. The Borough Treasurer shall present semi-monthly or as established by Resolution to the Governing Body for approval warrants drawn to the order of the Borough of Montvale Payroll Account and the Borough of Montvale Salary Account.

At the first meeting of the Governing Body in January of each year, there shall be approved accounts to be designated "The Borough of Montvale Payroll Account" and "The Borough of Montvale Salary Account" and from time to time the Borough Treasurer upon receipt of a warrant for the amount due each Payroll, shall deposit the same to the credit of these accounts, charging the appropriate budgetary accounts therewith. The Borough Treasurer shall thereafter draw checks on said accounts to the employees entitled to payment therefrom.

Any employee hired under the terms of a Special Library Grants, salary will be determined by the Authority making such grant.

The Mayor and Borough Council may by adoption of a resolution and by approved payroll advice, increase compensation (base wage adjustment or one-time merit/bonus increase) of any salaried employee in the above schedule, who has reached their maximum, up to 10% above the pay range maximum.

At each regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, the Treasurer shall submit for the approval or ratification as the case may be, the necessary payroll amounts due to the several officers and employees for compensation.

Such officers as may be determined by the Governing Body, as established by resolution, shall be authorized to sign warrants drawn in favor of the Payroll Account, upon due notice that the payrolls have been approved by the proper certifying authorities.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be operative as of January 1, 2020, and salaries paid shall be adjusted in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in the manner provided by Law.

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2020-1486** 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 Roche
- All ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs; Clerk read by title only - All ayes on a roll call vote

MINUTES:

September 8, 2020

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

September 8, 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.

153-2020 Awarding Emergency Contracts For Emergency Tree Debris Removal Services To Top Notch Tree & Ken's Tree Service/Emergency Storm Isaias/NJ Declares State of Emergency

WHEREAS, proposals were received and contracts executed in August 2020 for emergency debris removal and chipping removal; and

WHEREAS, two contracts were awarded and received as follows:

Ken's Tree Care 401 Paulding Avenue Northvale, NJ 07647	\$28,875.00
Top Notch Tree 83 Grant Street Ramsey, NJ 07446	\$14,000.00

WHEREAS, the documents have been reviewed by Richard Campanelli, Superintendent of the Pascack Valley Department of Public Work, who recommended said awards; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer has certified funds in the total amount of \$42,875.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that:

1. A contract is hereby awarded to Kens Tree Service in the amount of \$28,875.00 for Emergency Tree Removal Services and Top Notch Tree in the amount of \$14,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Council authorized said contracts and other documents necessary to implement this resolution.

154-2020 Authorizing Refund of Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00003 for Block 1501;Lot 19.08 / 6 Quail Ridge Road

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 20, 2016, a lien was sold on Block 1501, Lot 19.08, also known as 6 Quail Ridge Road, for 2015 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #15-00003, was sold to Cristina Capparelli, for a 0% redemption fee and a \$14,000.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, Cristina Capparelli has started foreclosure proceedings which include fees in the amount of \$1,522.00; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Soh, homeowner, has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00003 in the amount of \$52,507.33; 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 Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to Redeem Certificate

#15-00003 and send payment of to Cristina Capparelli, 26 Bluefields Lane, Blauvelt, NY 10913; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$14,000.00 (premium) and \$1,522.00 (foreclosure fees) and \$52,507.33 (redemption) for a total amount of \$68,029.33 to the aforementioned lien holder.

155-2020 Amend Resolution No. 74-2020 Award Professional Service Contract /Additional Engineering Services/Environmental Services 26 North Kinderkamack Road Property Acquisition/Block 1601 Lot 7/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 74-2020, and

WHEREAS, additional work was required to be conducted on said site; and

WHEREAS, additional work totaling two bills in the amount of \$1,562.50 and \$4,916.25 are hereby outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified additional funding is 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 additional engineering in the total amount of \$6,478.75 is hereby authorized to be paid to Maser Consulting.
- 2) The following was provided: Environmental Services:
 - 1) Environmental Services \$22,500.00 Resolution No. 74-2020
Additional Environmental Services \$6,478.75 to be paid
Total Services \$28,978.75
- 3) The new cost not to exceed shall be \$28,978.75. 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.

156-2020 Authorizing Hiring Full Time Floater/Administrative Assistant/Archivist/Fire Prevention Secretary / K. Ciborowski

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale restructured a position within the Administration; and **WHEREAS**, Kasey Ciborowski meets the qualifications for this position and agrees to the terms and conditions of employment, and has previously 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 Floater which duties and responsibilities include Archivist, Administrative Assistant and Fire Prevention effective October 1, 2020.

157-2020 Renewal Liquor License Establishments 2020/2021/Effective October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that renewal Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses, Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses and Club License be granted to the following, said Licenses to be effective October 1, 2020 and to terminate June 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation has provided Tax Clearance Certificates for each establishment for this renewal period.

0236-33-004-009 ERA Hospitality, LLC (This Plenary Retail Consumption License is currently approved to be a "Pocket License")

0236-33-005-008 The Waterfall, Inc., t/a Hearth & Tap for the premises at 125 Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-33-006-003 Montvale Recreation, Inc., t/a Montvale Recreation Inc. for premises at 14 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-33-007-004 TPC, Inc., t/a Davey's Locker, for premises at 5 Park Street, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-31-009-001 Montvale Engine Co. #1, Inc., t/a Montvale Fire Department, for premises at 35 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-44-001-006 Mo & Sy Corp. t/a Montvale Wine & Spirits, Inc. for premises at 18 South Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, New Jersey

0236-44-002-011 BPO Wine Corporation, t/a Wegmans, 100 Farm View, Montvale, New Jersey

0236-36-012-003 South City Prime Montvale, LLC t/a Fire & Oak for premises at 100 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to issue said licenses

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

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - all ayes

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit
Report/Update

Salt Shed installation is completed; road paving program is completed; PSEG will be paving a few roads in town, the roads will be listed on the borough's website; LaTrenta field is complete and will be closed through mid-November;

Councilmember Roche asked about Kinderkamack Road north of Railroad Ave, the road is really bad; Mr. Hipolit stated that the County will be paving that and it will be included with the Park Ridge development.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.
Report/Update
No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Frank DiPalma – OEM

The County reached out to all towns asking to compile a “wish list” of PPE needed for Police, Fire, Tri-Boro, schools and Municipal; to Frank’s surprise, the county notified him to pick up the PPE supplies. With the help of the Police department went to the County to get the supplies which included 1,040 N95 masks, 10,000 surgical masks, 600 disposal gowns, many boxes of gloves, face shields at no cost to the borough. Thanked Bergen County OEM for putting it altogether.

Still working with the Finance department to submit Covid expenses to FEMA. Mayor Ghassali added that to keep track of our inventory of all PPE supplies.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Certificate of Determination & Award/Bond Anticipation Note

For informational purposes

b. Montvale Police Dept./Recommendation/Suggestion/Woodland Road/Speeding Vehicles

Mr. Hipolit recommended “shadow lines” to be painted on the road which narrows the road to slow down the traffic. The DPW should be able to do this. A motion to allow the lines to be painted by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

1) Montvale Police Dept Request Table of Organization Be Raised To 27 Officers

The Finance Committee suggested to table this to a later date.

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.

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

Jarret Schumacher

Asked for clarification about the rate of the bond that was mentioned earlier; Councilmember Lane stated that the rate is .46% at maturity and it is a Bond Anticipation Note that is a one year note; Jarret questioned why the difference in the current tax bill from 3rd quarter to 4th quarter. Councilmember Roche answered that 3rd quarter was estimated and 4th is final/actual. There is a line item in the budget “Hotel Revenue” will that affect us given that Hotels took a loss due to Covid. Councilmember Lane responded by saying it will be looked at when reviewing the budget this year. Wanted to know about the minutes and the purpose behind it being an accurate representation of when people speak. The clerk responded by saying minutes should be read in minutes not hours. Minutes are not transcripts, they are an action that is taken by the governing body. Minutes are a permanent record which contain resolutions and ordinances. What people say are not verbatim. In certain sections of our minute books, they are transcripts, that were transcribed due to the fact of an issue that was going to make history in Montvale or a change; we had those discussions and those presenters were transcribe and put in our minute books so they can be maintained historically.

Frank DiPalma

Wanted to know an update on Huff Pond; Mayor Ghassali stated that we have all the approvals from the DEP and work should start in the Spring and the Trial is expected to start in the Spring as well. In discussions with Congressman Gottheimer and Orange and Rockland in regards to the last storm and future storms, they should be better prepared and that their website tends to focus on outages but not so much about what are causing the outages, like a blown transformer, downed wires, etc.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

The next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held October 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk