

MINUTES WORK SESSION

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held virtually by Zoom and also held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:32PM. Adequate notice was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

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 - absent	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Curry - absent	Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Koelling	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

RESOLUTION NO. 65A-2021 Temporary Capital Budget:

A copy of the resolution is included with original minutes

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65B-2021 Resolution To Anticipate Miscellaneous Revenues In The 2021 Budget Using The Three-Year Average Of Realized Revenues From The Prior Three Years

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current fund budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services ("Division") to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY 2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Montvale, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3 year average of the amounts realized in 2018 - 2020 may be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021;

Revenue Category	2018	2019	2020	Average
Fees and Permits	213,115.00	254,408.00	126,066.00	197,863.00
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	183,988.00	181,356.00	76,257.00	147,200.33
Hotel/Motel Tax	196,043.00	188,722.00	82,096.00	155,620.33

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the 3 year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A: 4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74

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

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1495 CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
(Public Hearing 4-13-21)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2021-1495** for first reading was made by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Roche; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Bergen Record; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1496 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 400, "ZONING," ARTICLE III, "DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; ZONING MAP," OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO REPLACE AND REESTABLISH THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
(Planning Board Recommendation Letter Dated 3-17-2021)
(Public Hearing 4-13-2021)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2021-1496** for first reading was made by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Roche; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Bergen Record; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1497 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,270,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,161,900 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.
(Public Hearing 4-13-2021)

A motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance **2021-1497** for first reading was made by Councilmember Koelling; 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 Bergen Record; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 66-2021

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

Mayor Ghassali stated that the borough will be receiving approximately \$840,000 from the latest stimulus bill. We are waiting for instructions on how it can be used. Councilmember Lane added that we will proceed with the budget.

MINUTES:

None

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

None

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.

67-2021 Urging the Legislature to Amend Senate Bill 3454 (Also Known as Assembly Bill 5342) To Permit Law Enforcement Officers to Perform Their Duties Without Substantial Risk of Civil and Criminal Liability

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3454 (also known as Assembly Bill 5342) (collectively "the Legislation"); and

WHEREAS, the Legislation prohibits law enforcement officers from engaging in certain actions when investigating an individual under the age of 21 for possession of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol. The legislation criminalizes the conduct of officers who respond to a call for service or are investigating the underage use of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol by:

- no longer allowing the odor, possession or consumption of marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcohol to be used as reasonable articulable suspicion to initiate a stop of an individual under the age of 21, nor does it provide probable cause to search the person's personal property or vehicle,
- no longer allowing for marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcoholic beverages, observed in plain sight to constitute probable cause to initiate a search of an individual under the age of 21 or that individual's personal property or vehicle,
- an individual under the age of 21 shall not be arrested, detained, or otherwise taken into custody except to the extent required to issue a written warning.
- Officers are further prohibited from contacting the minor's parent or guardian to advise them of the minor's possession or consumption of marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcoholic beverages for the minor's first offense.

WHEREAS, the Legislation will discourage officers from enforcing underage use and possession of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol and will specifically expose officers to civil and criminal liability for the deprivation of civil rights, even if the officer did not act with specific intent to deprive a person of his or her civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes that the Legislation will result in officers avoiding situations where criminal conduct has occurred to limit exposure to civil and criminal liability; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that the Legislation creates significant burdens on law enforcement and will obstruct police officers from performing their duties and conducting lawful investigations of individuals under the age of 21, who

possess or consume any amount of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol in any public place, including a school, criminalizing law enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation will severely limit the ability of law enforcement agencies to police our community effectively, increase risks to children from illicit drugs and alcohol, and fail to protect society from criminal drug activity and impaired drivers to the detriment of public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that it does hereby indicate its strenuous apposition to the Legislation and urge members of the State Senate and General Assembly to immediately enact amendatory Legislation so as to permit law enforcement personnel to perform their duties in the interest of safety and general welfare without substantial risk of civil and criminal liability.

68-2021 Authorize Hiring / Part Time on Call / Crossing Guard / Sharon Sims

WHEREAS, the Montvale Police Department desires to hire a part-time on call crossing guard in the Borough of Montvale; and,

WHEREAS, Sharon Sims has met the qualifications for this position, agrees to the terms and conditions of employment; 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 Part-time on Call Crossing Guard, effective March 31, 2021.

69-2021 A Resolution Awarding a Maintenance Contract to Air Systems Maintenance for the Montvale HVAC Units

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need for preventative maintenance services in connection with the Montvale HVAC Upgrades for the Montvale Municipal Building and Senior Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that a contract for the covered maintenance services is outlined in the attached contract dated February 2, 2021 and shall be awarded to Air Systems Maintenance, Inc. 718 Jefferson Avenue Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 in the amount not to exceed \$23,610.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator /Municipal Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute this contract and Christopher Gruber, Construction Code Official/ Buildings & Grounds is hereby directed to oversee this preventive maintenance contract with Air Systems Maintenance on behalf of the Borough.

70-2021 Transfer of 2020 Appropriation Reserves

WHEREAS, certain transfer of funds for 2020 budget appropriation reserves are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides for transfers from appropriation reserves with an excess over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose for such appropriation reserves, to those appropriation reserves deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the transfer be made between the 2020 budget appropriation reserves as follows:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Operations - within "CAPS"		
Emergency Management:		
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00	
Police:		
Other Expenses		\$5,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds:		
Other Expenses	5,000.00	

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Police:		
Acquisition of Police Vehicles		5,000.00
Legal Services and Costs:		
Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Garbage and Trash Removal:		
Other Expenses		<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

71-2021 Emergency Temporary Appropriations

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to certain budget appropriations and no adequate provision has been made in the 2021 temporary budget, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951) including this resolution total:

Current Fund \$11,900,254.41

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made in the total amount of:

Current Fund \$11,664,254.41

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation (will be) provided in the 2021 budget;

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local

Government Services.

CURRENT FUND

General Appropriations

Operations - Within "CAPS"

Administrative and Executive:	
Salaries and Wages	\$172,450.00
Other Expenses	115,337.00
Mayor and Council:	
Salaries and Wages	40,425.00
Other Expenses	16,600.00
Borough Clerk:	
Salaries and Wages	112,350.00
Other Expenses	9,150.00
Elections	
Salaries and Wages	2,500.00
Other Expenses	10,300.00
Financial Administration:	
Salaries and Wages	146,800.00
Other Expenses	30,500.00
Audit Services:	
Other Expenses	45,000.00
Tax Assessment Administration (Assessment of Taxes):	
Salaries and Wages	26,425.00
Other Expenses	23,200.00
Revenue Administration (Collection of Taxes):	
Salaries and Wages	48,350.00
Other Expenses	14,200.00

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Legal Services and Costs:	
Other Expenses	225,000.00
Engineering Services and Costs:	
Other Expenses	102,000.00
Cable TV Committee:	
Salaries and Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	54,750.00
Historic Preservation Commission:	
Other Expenses	200.00
Historian:	
Other Expenses	50.00
Planning Board:	
Salaries and Wages	69,600.00
Other Expenses	60,000.00
Zoning Official:	
Salaries and Wages	2,150.00
Property Maintenance:	
Salaries and Wages	1,100.00
Life Insurance	1,920.00
General Liability Insurance	104,040.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	75,718.15
Employee Group Health	365,608.00
Employee Group Health - Waiver	47,750.00
Fire:	
Other Expenses	129,050.00
Fire Hydrant Service	140,000.00
Police:	
Salaries and Wages	2,701,300.00
Other Expenses	176,900.00
Acquisition of Police Vehicles	5,000.00
Police Dispatch / 911 (Radio Communications):	
Other Expenses	45,000.00
First Aid Organization:	
Other Expenses	24,000.00
Emergency Management:	
Salaries and Wages	1,225.00
Other Expenses	12,600.00
Uniform Fire Safety:	
Salaries and Wages	81,200.00
Other Expenses	6,800.00
Prosecutor:	
Other Expenses	12,500.00
Road Repair and Maintenance:	
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Sewer System:	
Other Expenses	35,000.00
Garbage and Trash Removal:	
Other Expenses	605,000.00
Recycling:	
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds:	
Salaries and Wages	11,600.00
Other Expenses	133,825.00
Maintenance of All Vehicles:	
Other Expenses	42,500.00
Municipal Services Act:	
Other Expenses	14,000.00
Stormwater Management:	
Other Expenses	50,000.00

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Public Health Services (Board of Health):	
Salaries and Wages	3,000.00
Other Expenses	66,450.00
Environmental Commission:	
Salaries and Wages	3,050.00
Other Expenses	12,400.00
Animal Control Services (Animal Regulation):	
Other Expenses	8,500.00
Welfare Administration (Public Assistance):	
Salaries and Wages	5,325.00
Other Expenses	250.00
PEOSHA Compliance:	
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Parks and Playground Maintenance:	
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Recreation:	
Salaries and Wages	39,525.00
Other Expenses	25,500.00
Senior Citizens Van:	
Salaries and Wages	10,750.00
Other Expenses	28,000.00
Municipal Court:	
Salaries and Wages	99,350.00
Other Expenses	12,051.00
Public Defender:	
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Construction Code Official:	
Salaries and Wages	149,500.00
Other Expenses	32,500.00
Building Sub-Code Official:	
Salaries and Wages	21,850.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Official:	
Salaries and Wages	18,925.00
Fire Sub-Code Official:	
Salaries and Wages	6,740.00
Electrical Sub-Code Official:	
Salaries and Wages	29,930.00
Elevator Sub-code Official:	
Other Expenses	26,000.00
Gasoline	25,000.00
Electricity	96,680.00
Telephone	29,910.00
Natural Gas	19,120.00
Street Lighting	85,000.00
Celebration of Public Events:	
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Salary Adjustment Account	10,000.00
Contingent	1,000.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory	
Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"	
Statutory Expenditures:	
Public Employees Retirement System	205,248.00
Social Security System	150,983.25
Police and Fire Employees Retirement System	931,722.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	<u>6,814.00</u>

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	8,388,046.40
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	
Maintenance of Free Public Library	538,684.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library - Additional	15,513.00
Sewer Processing and Disposal:	
Contractual	591,000.00
LOSAP	55,000.00
	<u>1,200,197.00</u>
Inter-local Municipal Service Agreements	
Police Dispatch / 911:	
Other Expenses	100,500.00
Municipal Court Administration:	
Salaries and Wages	75,050.00
Other Expenses	40,269.00
Prosecutor:	
Other Expenses	9,500.00
Public Defender:	
Other Expenses	3,000.00
Pascack Valley Special Police Officers:	
Salaries and Wages	111,500.00
Other Expenses	15,212.60
Department of Public Works:	
Other Expenses	<u>1,361,635.00</u>
	<u>1,716,666.60</u>
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	
Municipal Alliance Program - County Funds	3,126.15
Municipal Alliance Program - Matching Funds	781.54
Body Armor - State Share	1,973.19
Alcohol Education	833.53
Bullet Proof Vest - Federal	2,780.00
Bergen County Municipal JIF - Safety Incentive Program	<u>1,750.00</u>
	<u>11,244.41</u>
Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS"	
Capital Improvement Fund	100,000.00
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	
NJDOT - Various Streets	<u>210,000.00</u>
	<u>310,000.00</u>
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	
Interest on Notes	38,100.00
	<u>\$11,664,254.41</u>

72-2021 Governing Body Certification Of Compliance With The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the governing body of the Borough of Montvale, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

73-2021 Authorize Contract Heath Awareness Regional Program (HARP) / Hackensack Meridian Health Hackensack University Medical Center

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Borough of Montvale has received and reviewed the proposal from Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical Center (HARP) on Monday March 2, 2020 at their regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, said attached proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recommends the Health Department Services of Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical Center based upon the services provided by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to provide funds in the year 2020 Budget for this contract for public health services, administrative services, health education, public health nursing and other related services as outlined in the attached contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the contract for Health Services for 2021 be and is hereby awarded to Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical, Center, Hackensack, NJ 07601 pursuant to the terms and conditions as outlined in the attached contract effective January 1, 2020, copy of which is attached to this resolution in the amount of \$11,847.00 payment as outlined in the attached proposal.

74-2021 Authorizing Resolution/2020 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program/ Grant Award LaTrenta Field Complex/ADA Compliant Access, Parking, Excavating & Milling

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract ("Contract") with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$96,309 grant award from the 2020 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the municipal park project entitled LaTrenta Field Complex/ADA Compliant Access, Parking, Excavating & Milling located in The Borough of Montvale, on the tax maps of the Borough of Montvale; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the proposed total budget for this project is \$482,000 and the Grant award from Bergen County's grant application had a shortfall in funding as detailed in the attached email dated August 28, 2020 and;

BE IT RESOLVED, the funding for the Borough was reduced from a 50% match in funds to the amount of \$96,309; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Maureen Iarossi-Alwan, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about February 16, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and

other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements. Professional Service Costs may be reimbursed from grant award's unexpended balance, should there be a balance

75-2021 Authorize Release of Escrow / LTF Real Estate Company Inc. / Block 3302, Lot 2

WHEREAS, LTF Real Estate Company, Inc. 2902 Corporate Place, Real Estate Dept. Chanhassen, MN 55317 with offices located at 10 Van Riper Road, Montvale, NJ have requested release of escrow posted for Block 3302, 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 hereby release to LTF Real Estate Company, Inc. in the amount of \$14,921.26; and

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

76-2021 Resolution Awarding Purchase Under New Jersey State Contract/Montvale Police Department Radio's/Motorola

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey adopted legislation which requires all municipalities who purchase under New Jersey State Contract to award said purchases by resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale that the following purchases under New Jersey State Contract are hereby authorized:

PURCHASE OF Police Radio's STATE CONTRACT #83909

Goosetown Communications Total \$7,481.25

58 North Harrison Avenue

Congers, NY 10920

Attn: Jerry Ables

WHEREAS, attached is a detailed description of the purchase of Radio's quotation #QU0000521326 dated March 22, 2021 which is attached to the original of this resolution.

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 Roche - all ayes

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

a. **Status of Proposed 2021 Road Program/Municipal Parking Lot**

Proposed streets are as follows: Wildwood, McGuire, Hickory Hill, Partridge Run, Ellsworth, Maureen Court, Echo Hill, Arthur Court, Cardinal, Fairview, Glen, Hartel Lane, Jefferson, Locust, Westmoreland, Madison, Main, Meadow, Montvale Ave, Nottingham, Phyllis, Raven, Spruce, Waverly, Hemlock, Grove, Hunting Ridge, Pearl, Pine, Quail Ridge, Stone Hollow, Walnut and the Municipal Parking Lot

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.
Report/Update
No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Proposed Date & Time/Town Hall Meeting/M&C/Thursday, April 15th 7:00 p.m.
The main topic will be on cannabis, it will be both in person and on Zoom

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

Carolee Adams

Wished everyone a Happy Passover; wanted to know if on the Zoning map, can there be texted showing the changes. At the town hall meeting, will the discussion just be on cannabis or other topics as well. Commend the council on passing resolution #67. How much of the property taxes goes to the high school; Saturday, the Montvale Evangelical Church will be having a drive through Easter experience; wished everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter.

A few members of a cannabis group spoke about the benefits of medical marijuana and that the members of council should consider a medical marijuana facility in Montvale.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held April 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Municipal Budget Public Hearing to be held on May 11, 2021/Budget Presentation

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk