

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was 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 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 Cudequest
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - absent

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

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1529 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1528 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 FOR THE YEAR 2023

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		2023 Salary Range
1	Borough Administrator	\$110,000 - \$150,000
2	Safety Coordinator	\$5,000 - \$8,000
3	Chief Financial Officer (PT)	\$21,000 - \$30,000
4	Municipal Clerk	\$85,000 - \$110,000
5	Municipal Clerk (PT)	\$50,000 - \$75,000
6	Deputy Municipal Clerk (PT)	\$20,000 - \$55,000

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7	Floater/ Admin. Assistant to Administrator	\$40,000 - \$60,000
8	Tax Collector (PT)	\$62,000 - \$75,000
9	Tax Assessor	\$37,000 - \$45,000
10	Treasurer/Purchasing Agent	\$78,000 - \$105,000
11	Deputy Treasurer	\$55,000 - \$65,000
12	Accounts Payable Clerk	\$42,000 - \$50,000
Title		2023 Salary Range
13	Secretary, Planning Board/Land Use Admin. (PT)	\$83,000 - \$95,000
14	Planning Board Secretary Special Meetings	\$45 - \$60/hour
15	Board Secretary, Clerical/Recording	\$130 - \$160
16	Office Manager (PT)	\$4,000 - \$7,000
17	Board of Health Secretary	\$22 - \$30/hour
18	Registrar Vital Statistics	\$800 - \$1,200
19	Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	\$250 - \$500
20	Construction Official	\$72,000 - \$100,000
21	Building Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000 - \$45,000
22	Zoning Officer	\$5,000 - \$11,000
23	Building Subcode and Special Inspections	\$40 - \$50/hour
24		
25	Facilities Manager, Buildings & Grounds and Property Inspector	\$20,000 - \$30,000
26	Property Maintenance Officer (PT)	\$20,000 - \$25,000
27	Construction Dept. Control Person	\$50,000 - \$70,000
28	Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000 - \$45,000
29	Plumbing Subcode and Special Inspections	\$40 - \$50/hour
30	Fire Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000 - \$45,000
31	Fire Subcode and Special Inspections	\$40 - \$50/hour
32	Electrical Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000 - \$45,000
33	Electrical Subcode and Special Inspections	\$40 - \$50/hour
34	Fire Prevention Official	\$65,000 - \$75,000
35	Fire Inspector/ Senior/Deputy Fire Official	\$7,600 - \$25,000
36	Fire Prevention Secretary	\$1,000 - \$1,000
37	Municipal Court Administrator	\$75,000 - \$95,000

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38	Deputy Municipal Court Administrator	\$55,000	-	\$70,000
39	Court Security	\$20	-	\$27/hour
40	Violations Clerk	\$40,000	-	\$50,000
41	Police Secretary	\$42,000	-	\$50,000
42	Administrative Assistant for Police Chief	\$50,000	-	\$65,000
43	Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$5,000	-	\$7,000
44	Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$3,000	-	\$6,000
45	Library Director	\$80,000	-	\$97,000
46	Library – Library Adult Services	\$55,000	-	\$70,000

Title		2023 Salary Range		
47	Library (PT)	\$13	-	\$50/hour
48	Library (PT) meetings	\$120	-	\$225/mtg.
49	Director, Public Assistance	\$2,000	-	\$5,000
50	Director of Recreation	\$52,000	-	\$64,000
51	Recreation Assistant	\$40,000	-	\$55,000
52	Recreation Summer Camp Stipend	\$2,000	-	\$6,000
53	Summer Camp Counsellors	\$500	-	\$2,000
54	Park Monitor (PT)	\$20	-	\$26/hour
55	Van Drivers (PT)	\$20	-	\$25/hour
56	Station Technicians (PT)	\$15	-	\$20/hour
57	Booker Cable Access TV	\$3,000	-	\$6,000
58	Archivist Records Manager/D.A.R.M.	\$25	-	\$28/hour
59	Clerical/Recording Special Meetings	\$20	-	\$40/hour
60	Deputy Construction Official	\$75,000	-	\$85,000
61	Wellness Coordinator	\$500	-	
62	Wellness Incentive Participants	\$300	-	
63	Executive Assistant to Police Chief	\$60,000	-	\$80,000
64	Coordinator, Off-Duty Details (PT)	\$10,000	-	\$15,000

SECTION 3. The rate of compensation of the persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis and payable semi-monthly, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

Title		2023 Salary Range		
A.	Municipal Judge	\$40,000	-	\$45,000
B.	Mayor	\$8,000	-	\$10,000
C.	Councilpersons (each)	\$6,500	-	\$8,000

SECTION 4: The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices in the Police Department, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, and payable semi-monthly, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

Title		2023 Salary Range
A.	Chief	\$220,000 - \$250,000
B.	Captain	\$200,000 - \$225,000
C.	Lieutenant (Base Wage)	\$167,373 - \$171,892
D.	Sergeants (Base Wage)	\$155,750 - \$159,956
E.	Detective – Additional per year	\$4,000 - \$4,500
F.	Juvenile Officer – Addt'l per year	\$400 - \$400
G.	Asst. Juvenile Officer – Addt'l per year	\$350 - \$350
H.	Special Police Officer Class III (SLEO)	\$50,000 - \$57,000
I.	Special/Auxiliary Police	\$22/hour - \$26/hour
J.	School Cross Guard/Police Matrons	\$22/hour - \$26/hour

SECTION 4A: The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices in the Police Department whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, and payable semi-monthly, is fixed and determined as follows:

Police Officers Schedule (Base Wage Each)		
0-6 months	\$47,452	- \$48,733
6 months – 1 year	\$54,347	- \$55,814
1 – 2 years	\$59,007	- \$62,894
2 – 3 years	\$68,490	- \$77,053
3 – 4 years	\$88,815	- \$91,213
4 – 5 years	\$102,601	- \$105,372
5 – 6 years	\$116,388	- \$119,530
6 – 7 years	\$130,176	- \$133,691
7 – 8 years	\$143,963	- \$147,850

SECTION 4B: In addition to the compensation stated above, Full Time Employees in Section 4 and Section 4A (excepting the Chief, Captain, and any other employee whose contract specifically excludes longevity), shall be paid an annual longevity increment pursuant to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Officers Hired BEFORE January 1, 2006	Officers Hired AFTER January 1, 2006
Beginning five (5) years	1%	-
Beginning seven (7) years	2%	-
Beginning nine (9) years	3%	1%
Beginning eleven (11) years	4%	2%
Beginning thirteen (13) years	5%	3%
Beginning fifteen (15) years	6%	4%
Beginning seventeen (17) years	7%	5%
Beginning nineteen (19) years	8%	6%
Beginning twenty-one (21) years	-	7%
Beginning twenty-two (22) years	-	8%
Beginning twenty-four (24) years	9%	9%

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, 2022, 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. 2023-1529** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; 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 Cudequest - all ayes

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

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1530 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 170 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE ENGINEERING FEES AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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

Section 1. Chapter 170, "Construction Codes, Uniform," Section 11, "Other certificates and permits," is hereby amended by replacing Subsection H thereof to read as follows:

§170-11 Other certificates and permits.

H. Engineering fees.

- (1) In order to ensure that the Borough standards are met for all site improvements, including curbs, sidewalks, driveway pavement, seepage pits and to create zero runoff from new residential single-family dwelling construction and additions, swimming pools, tennis and retaining walls over four feet, the following fees shall be collected at the time an application is made that will require engineering plan review and construction inspection. An administrative fee of 20% will be added to the base fees to be retained by the construction department:

	Plan Review	Construction Inspection	Engineering Subtotal	Total Fee
New single-family dwelling	\$500	\$500	\$1000	\$1200
Additions to single- family dwelling	\$400	\$400	\$800	\$960
Swimming pools, tennis courts	\$350	\$350	\$700	\$840
Retaining walls over four feet in height	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$600
Other site improvements affecting impervious coverage or runoff	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$600

- (2) In the event that the above engineering fees are determined to be insufficient to complete the necessary engineering plan review and/or construction inspection, then in that event the applicant shall be provided a letter from the Borough Engineer setting forth the additional services required, including the estimated cost

of such activities. The applicant shall be required to deposit such additional funds prior to the issuance of a permit or the closing out of a permit, as the case may be. There shall be no administrative fee for additional engineering fees.

- (3) Any engineering fees deposited in excess of the fees actually charged by the Borough Engineer for the application shall be refunded to the applicant within thirty (30) days of the closing out of the permit.

Section 2. All other provisions of Section 170-11 other than subsection H shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Borough of Montvale Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2023-1530** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

Motion to open meeting to 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 Cudequest - all ayes

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

MINUTES:

February 14, 2023

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

February 14, 2023

A motion to accept the closed session minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - 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.

70-2023 A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education Concerning the Hiring and Placement of Special Police Officer IIIs at Pascack Hills High School/For the 2023/2024 School Year

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has created a new class of Special Police Officers known as Special Police Officer III (SLEOIII) specifically and solely for the purpose of school security as outlined in NJSA 40A:14-146.10, 40A:14-146.11, 40A:14-146.14, and 40A:14-146.16; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale (the "Borough") and the Pascack Valley Regional School District (the "District") Board of Education (the "Board") agree that having security personnel that are police officers and specifically trained for school security is a best practice for the safety and security of the students and staff at Pascack Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board agree that school security is of the utmost importance to create a safe learning environment for students; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board desire to enter into an agreement concerning the hiring by the Borough and placement of SLEO IIIs in Pascack Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board have negotiated an agreement concerning same that is acceptable to the Chief of Police, a copy of which is on file with the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement entitled "AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE HIRING AND PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER IIS IN PASCACK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AND PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute same in substantially the form negotiated, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Borough Clerk, and all other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

71-2023 Authorize Execution of Agreement with The Reserve at Montvale / Municipal Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the Condo Services Act provides for a phase in schedule for municipal reimbursement payment at the municipal cost for certain enumerated municipal services or the providing of such services by the municipality in lieu of such reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been negotiated between the Borough of Montvale and The Reserve at Montvale to satisfy the obligation of the Borough as provided by the Condo Service Act, which agreement is attached and made part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall remain in effect for a five year period to commence on January 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2027; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale hereby authorize the execution of the attached Agreement on behalf of the municipality by the appropriate municipal officials.

72-2023 Authorize Appointing Frances Scordo as Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, Frances Scordo meets the qualifications for the position of Municipal Clerk and agrees to the terms and conditions of employment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLEVED, 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 above position effective March 1, 2023 for a term of three years per NJSA 40A:9-133.1

73-2023 Authorize Appointing Carol Manhart as Deputy Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, Carol Manhart meets the qualifications for the position of Deputy Clerk and agrees to the terms and conditions of employment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLEVED, 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 above position effective March 1, 2023.

74-2023 A Resolution Appointing William Betesh, Esq. Of Boggia, Boggia & Betesh To Represent The Borough Of Montvale In Tax Appeal Matters Pending As Of December 31, 2022

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 30-2023, the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale ("Borough") appointed David S. Lafferty, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, L.L.P. Borough Attorney for the 2023 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2022, William Betesh, Esq. of the law firm of Boggia, Boggia & Betesh was appointed as Borough Attorney for the Borough of Montvale, including representation of the Borough in tax appeals and matters before the New Jersey Tax Court;

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the law firm of Boggia, Boggia & Betesh should continue its representation of the Borough for tax appeals pending as of December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this Contract is from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of Professional Service contracts without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey that the office of Boggia, Boggia & Betesh will continue to represent the Borough of Montvale in the following tax appeals pending as of December 31, 2022:

Muhammet Erarsian

Mario Varano

1 Paragon Drive

Amerjit Sandhu

Roger Raj

Verizon

Lukoil North America

Grand Prix Montvale

Life Time Fitness

Fintan Seeley

Montvale Estates

KPMG

PRM Hospitality

Toll NJ, LLC

Trudie Weiser

Pranay Aiya

PLP Family Partnership

Richard Queen

Angela Aaron

Anthony Santarelli

Ridgecrest Realty

Frank Celli

20 Craig Rd, LLC

JD Montvale, LLC

Summit Property 1, LLC

Hornrock Properties

Rothman Realty, LLC

Rothman Realty I, LLC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Boggia, Boggia & Betesh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that William Betesh, Esq., shall complete and submit a Business

Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract shall prohibit William Betesh, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of this contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that David S. Lafferty, Esq. will represent the Borough of Montvale in any tax appeal matters filed on and after January 1, 2023.

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

75-2023 Amending Resolution No. 155-2022 Authorizing Emergency Purchase Pursuant To NJSA 40a:11-Rapid Pump & Meter, Co, Inc. / Three (3) Pump Stations

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works received pricing from Rapid Pump and Meter Service, Inc. in the amount of \$47,730.00.

WHEREAS, the initial quote did not include freight charges of \$814.50; and

WHEREAS, the Borough CFO has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the additional charges in the amount of \$814.50.

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

76-2023 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Creative Pavers Installations, Inc. for the Repair and Replacement of the Municipal Complex Patio

WHEREAS, the Borough has a need to repair and replace the patio at the municipal complex, which is also used by the Montvale Library; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did solicit three quotes for this work; and

WHEREAS, the lowest quote received, and the most advantageous proposal, price and other factors considered, was from Creative Pavers Installations, Inc. in the amount of \$43,700; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be awarded under the "alternative process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (the "Pay-to-Play Law"), and will be awarded to Creative based upon the merits and abilities of Creative to provide the services necessary; and

WHEREAS, Creative has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Creative has not made any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that Creative is prohibited from making any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Library has graciously agreed to split the cost of this project and contribute \$10,000 towards the total cost, and the remainder of the funds shall come from the Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract for this project is hereby awarded pursuant to the February 16, 2023 proposal as follows:

Contractor:
Creative Pavers Installations, Inc.
136 Summit Avenue, Suite 203
Montvale, New Jersey 07645

Price:
\$43,700 (as per proposal)

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

The administrator stated the library will contribute \$10,000 towards the project

BILLS: *Administrator 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. Huff Pond Discussion

Met with Downes Tree Service, Bob Hanrahan and Joe Voytus. After observing the site, Mr. Hipolit recommends removal of the sand, re-grading the area so it drains and adding live stakes for a total amount of \$38,835. Mayor Ghassali stated that the Governor's office stated that there is additional funds from FEMA for Hurricane Ida damage that we can apply for. Councilmembers gave the go ahead to do the work as it is time sensitive due to the plantings.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

David Lafferty, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion / Change Mayor/Council Meeting Dates

Mayor Ghassali asked to hold until next meeting

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

The Administrator received a letter from Bergen County regarding a speed survey that was done on Grand Ave from Spring Valley to Chestnut Ridge Road and their recommendation was to lower the speed limit from 45mph to 40mph. Chief McDowell will speak on this at the next meeting.

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

No Public Comment

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 7.55pm

The Next Regular Public Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on March 14th, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk