

INFORMAL PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Montvale Community Senior Center for Seniors called to order at 6:30 PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Mayor Ghassali led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and roll call was taken.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

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

Also Present: Mayor Michael Ghassali; Senator Holly Schepisi; Administrator Joseph Voytus; Deputy Municipal Clerk Carol Manhart; Planning Board Chairman John DePinto.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember Arendacs

Councilmember Lane - absent

Councilmember Cudequest

Councilmember Roche

Councilmember Koelling - absent

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

***Meeting was attended of approximately 70 Montvale Seniors. Residents expressed concern over the following items:***

- ***Various roads are in disrepair***
- ***Traffic light for Grand Ave/Woodland Road intersection***
- ***Traffic on Kinderkamack Road***
- ***Speeding on Woodland Road and Magnolia Avenue***
- ***Will new businesses offset our current property tax rate***
- ***Garden State Parkway entrance closure***
- ***Right turn on Garden State Parkway exit 171 in Woodcliff Lake***
- ***Montvale Grove***
- ***Leaf blowers cause noise and pollution***
- ***New construction of a home on Terry Court/Grand Avenue***
- ***St. Paul's status***
- ***Bocce Courts***
- ***Potholes on the parking lot of the Municipal Building***
- ***Garbage complaints***
- ***Why are flags half staff***
- ***Fire alarms are loud near Valley View Townhomes***
- ***Community Center needs bathrooms repaired***
- ***Pickle Ball Courts need more time for Senior Residents***
- ***Tax base for the former SONY and DePiero's***
- ***Blinking light at Grand Avenue***
- ***Deer population***
- ***25 West Grand Avenue***
- ***Trucks for leaf collection***
- ***Senior Center should not be closed in the summer for Seniors during camp***
- ***Bus service***
- ***Need a safety seminar for Seniors***
- ***Sewers***
- ***Energy***

***Councilmembers and Administrator addressed concerns and made notes for items to follow up on.***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Arendacs; seconded by Councilmember Roche  
- all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

**Respectfully submitted, Carol Manhart, Deputy Municipal Clerk**