

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public 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. Fire Chief Clint Miller, 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 and/or 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).

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

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs	Councilmember Koelling
Councilmember Curry - absent	Councilmember Lane - absent
Councilmember Gloeggler	Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

SWEARING IN: Deputy Fire Chief / Bruce Hopper

ORDINANCES:

None.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – all ayes

Carolee Adams

Happy to see the resolution opposing Rockland Electric rate increase; mentioned that Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi will be introducing a bill in the Fall allowing utility customers the right to decline the installation of smart meters;

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – all ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

June 25, 2019

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - all ayes except for Councilmembers Koelling abstaining

MINUTES CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

June 25, 2019

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs – all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Koelling abstaining

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.

144-2019 Authorize Refund of Recreation Program/Summer Camp

BE IT RESOLVED, the below individuals are hereby granted a refund for Summer Camp for online registration; and

1. Christie Varian, 6 Hillside Terrace, Montvale \$355.15
2. Bhavana Prasad, 11 Marion Road, Montvale \$355.15
3. Saira Jamil, 70 Autumn Way, Montvale \$709.99

BE IT RESOLVED, the below individual is hereby granted a refund for Summer Camp for paper registration; and

1. Marimel DeCarli, 11 Highland Road, Montvale - \$960.00

145-2019 Resolution Opposing Rockland Electric 9.6% Increase

WHEREAS, Rockland Electric Company has made an Application to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the State Agency that regulates all utility companies in New Jersey) for an Electric Rate Increase (BPU Docket No.: ER19050552); and

WHEREAS, Rockland Electric Company has requested a 9.6% Rate Hike, which would force the typical customer to pay \$19.20 **MORE** per month to Rockland Electric; and

WHEREAS, Residents of the Borough of Montvale and all citizens served by Rockland Electric deserve reliable and affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale recommends that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) consider Rockland Electric Company's poor service before making a decision to impose a 9.6% Rate Hike or approximately \$19.20 **MORE** per month on Customers; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips has introduced Bill A-3736 which would require the NJBPU to deny approval of any franchise matter; if the Public Utility cannot provide adequate service that Rate Payers expect and deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey strongly urges the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) to:

- deny Rockland Electric Company's proposed increase of 9.6% as it is excessive;
- the NJBPU consider the information contained in Bill A-3736 during their deliberations on the Rate Increase and reject the Rate Hike.

146-2019 Authorize Hiring / Interim Fire Prevention Inspector / Paul Spagnuolo

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act, (P.L. 1983, c.383) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of fire safety standards throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act authorizes municipalities to provide for local enforcement and to establish local enforcement agencies for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has opted to have the Uniform Fire Safety Act enforced locally; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Inspector shall carry out the duties in accordance with the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the NJ Administrative Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that Paul Spagnuolo is hereby appointed as Interim Fire Inspector, effective June 28, 2019 as a replacement for Christopher Mazzocchi in his absence.

147-2019 Authorize Release Of Performance Guarantee/Soil Movement Bond/KPMG LLP 3 & 75 Chestnut Ridge Road/Block 3102/Lot 1.01 and Block 2701 Lot 2

WHEREAS, KPMG has requested release of their Performance Guarantee for the Chestnut Ridge Road location; and

WHEREAS, a completed inspection of the site has been conducted by Maser Consulting P.A., which takes no exception to the Borough releasing the remaining \$80,000 of the cash portion of the guarantee as site improvements are completed; and

WHEREAS, a detailed letter dated June 27, 2019 from Borough Engineer, Andrew Hipolit has been made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, in addition a prior escrow payment was posted in 2016 in the amount of \$2,000.00 which is also recommended for release; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Department is hereby authorized to release cash posted in the amount of \$82,000.00 to KPMG LLP.

148-2019 Authorize Release of Escrow/UB Chestnut LLC/Block 3101/Lot 4/Chestnut Ridge Shopping Center

WHEREAS, UB Chestnut, LLC, Chestnut Ridge Shopping Center has requested release of escrow for Block 3101/Lot 1, 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 \$6,843.28 is hereby released to UB Chestnut LLC; and

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

Introduced by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - a roll call vote was taken - all ayes

149-2019 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to DLS Contracting, Inc. for the Montvale 2019 Roadway Improvements Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need for services in connection with the Montvale 2019 Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the New Jersey *Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1*, et seq., the Borough of Montvale did publicly solicit bids for said project under the title "2019 Roadway Improvements" with bids due on July 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, said solicitation requested bids for a Base Bid plus Alternates "A" through "E"; and

WHEREAS, in response to said solicitation, six (6) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, in consultation with the Borough Engineer, have determined that sufficient funds are available to perform the work and have recommended that the Borough award the Base Bid plus Alternates “A” through “E”; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for the Base Bid plus Alternates “A” through “E” was submitted by DLS Contracting, Inc., in the total amount of **\$1,074,804.50**; and

WHEREAS, said bid was within the funds allocated for this project and within the Engineer’s estimate for this work; and

WHEREAS, the offices of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney have reviewed this bid and have deemed it responsive to the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that a contract for the above-referenced project shall be awarded as follows:

Bidder DLS Contracting, Inc. 271 Highway 46W, Suite D-205 Fairfield, New Jersey 07004	In the amount of: Base Bid \$714,875.75 Alternate “A” \$ 26,000.00 Alternate “B” \$ 36,230.00 Alternate “C” \$ 30,474.75 Alternate “D” \$ 91,489.25 Alternate “E” \$175,734.75 TOTAL \$1,074,804.50
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute all documents and to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, subject to approval by the Borough Engineer and Attorney.

Introduced by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - all ayes

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.
Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - all ayes

REPORT OF REVENUE: Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue – June

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Council President Gloeggler

Regional Board of Ed
Congratulate all the graduates; special thank you to the staff at the high school for bringing the graduation ceremony inside so fast, due to rain;

TV Access
Residents are now able to stream the station on their phones, computers and tablets.

Councilmember Arendacs
DPW

Working with Rivervale on a cost effective agreement that will benefit both towns; would like to thank Rivervale’s Mayor and Councilmembers as well as Mayor Ghassali, Councilmember Curry, Councilmember Lane, Administrator Iarossi-Alwan and borough attorney; The DPW started lining the streets and will start working on the borough hall parking lot next week; wanted to thank Waste Management for the extra garbage pickup the day after the Holiday.

Engineering
The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week for the road paving program;

Councilmember Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes; Captain McDowell is working on police department donation bins which will be installed at the recycle center;

Tri-Boro Ambulance Corp.

Montvale logged: 67 calls; 962 miles; 50.9 crew hours; looking for volunteers;

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

Special Events Committee

Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 with rain date Sunday, September 22

Summer Camp

Will run from July 1 through July 26; the talent show will be on Friday, July 19th at 7:30pm

Currently exploring the idea of starting a Pickleball club;

Fall programs will begin in September with online registration will open in August

125th Anniversary Committee

A book signing will be scheduled for October, right now 300 books have been sold;

Mayor's Report

The Counsel General of Japan, Mr. Kanji Yamanouchi, will be visiting along with Assemblyman Bob Auth on Monday, July 15, a visit to Sharp Electronics is scheduled.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- a. Report Receipt Of Bids/2019 Road Improvement Program

Road program should be completed by September

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

- a. Attorney Review & Proposed Draft Resolution Awarding 2019 Road Improvement Program – (resolution to be provided at meeting)

Contract is ready to go

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor spoke in regards to flying different flags; the borough attorney will draft a policy for discussion at next meeting.

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.

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Koelling
- all ayes

A few high school students from the Gay/Straight Alliance spoke in favor of the Pride Flag

Carol Loscalzo, 6 Twin Oaks Drive

12 Bergen County towns this year flew the Pride flag; flying the flag shows the LGBTQ community that we respect and appreciate them especially the young LGBTQ people.

Patricia Hanratty, 33 East Grand Ave

Wanted to know how many Narcan cases were reported.

Jarret Schumacher

Wanted to know the procedure of the flag policy, will it be an ordinance with a public hearing; the borough attorney stated it will be a resolution, Mayor Ghassali added there will be a public portion prior to the councilmembers vote.

Carolee Adams

Montvale Astronomy night will be held on July 11 from 7:30-9pm at the Senior Community Center; Pascack Valley train line to Hoboken will be suspended for the summer due to repairs, Mrs. Adams stated that there was poor communication from NJ Transit regarding the situation; in regards to flying flags, there is an inclusiveness that we urn to have, we don't have do what everybody else does, we can do something better or nothing at all.

Matt Solomon, 16 Pine Street

Wanted to thank the council for moving so quickly with the flag issue; he also encouraged councilmembers to see the diversity of the town of Montvale, when making their decision;

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held July 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk