

**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. 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDINANCES:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry – all ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

January 28, 2020

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs – 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.

52-2020 Authorize Refund of Recreation Program / Taekwon-Do

BE IT RESOLVED, the below individual is hereby granted a refund for Taekwon-Do Li Lin online registration \$125.18

53-2020 Authorize Release Of Escrow/BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC / Bergen County United Way/Block 1606, Lots 6.0 & 6.02

WHEREAS, Bergen County United Way, 6 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ has requested a release of their remaining cash escrow in the amount of \$36,178.73 for United Way Development In Montvale; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A., which takes no exception to the release of the remainder of the escrow with the exception of \$1,000.00 for inspection and engineering related fees associated with this project. The two year maintenance bond in the amount of \$71,042.40 is currently active and will expire on October 15, 2020. An email from engineering from Engineering has been made a part of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale hereby authorized to release the escrow in the amount of \$35,178.73 with the Borough of Montvale retaining \$1,000.00 for Engineering Fees

WHEREAS, a copy of this resolution and payment shall be sent to Gina Nicoletti Gilseman, Director of Special Projects, Bergen County United Way, 6 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652.

55-2020 Authorizing Resolution/2019 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund/Memorial Drive Synthetic Turf Bocce Ball Courts

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 a \$45,000 matching grant award from the 2019 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Memorial Drive Synthetic Turf Bocce Ball Courts located in The Borough of Montvale, on the tax maps of the Borough of Montvale; 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 December 23, 2021; 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

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

54-2020 Resolution Adopting the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for The Village Spring at Montvale

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New Jersey Uniform Housing Affordability Controls pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26-1, *et seq.*, the Borough of Montvale is required to adopt an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan to ensure that all affordable housing units created within the Borough of Montvale are affirmatively marketed to low- and moderate-income households, particularly those living and/or working within Housing Region 1, the COAH Housing Region encompassing the Borough of Montvale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of adopting the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for the Village Springs at Montvale development, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, that the Borough does hereby approve and adopt the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for the Village Springs at Montvale in the form attached hereto.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - all ayes
Councilmember Curry asked for clarification as to which project is The Village Springs, this is Toll Brothers project

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Arendacs

Engineering

Senior Center bathroom renovations went out for bid once again; LaTrenta field turf will begin in June; the installation of the salt shed are in negotiations;

DPW

Would like to branch out with an app to help with questions regarding garbage pickup and recycling; went out for bids for cleaning service;

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Councilmember Curry

Website

New website will go live in March, it will be more user friendly

Planning Board

New business in town, Meta Surgical Associates; Lukoil has new owners;

TV Access

Welcome Tony Salerno, he will be the interviewer for Montvale in Motion;

Councilmember Roche

Chamber of Commerce

Feb 4 was the first meeting of the year with 150 businesses attending; Street fair is scheduled for June 14 from 10am-5pm;

Regional BOE

Mid-terms were held January 15-18 at the high school and therapy dogs were available in the gym for students; Fashion show is scheduled for April 2 at the Pearl River Hilton, they are looking for donations;

Special Events/Recreation

Currently working on the following events: The Spring Fling which is scheduled for April 25 from 10-12 and Day in the Park which is scheduled for September 12 from 3pm-7pm

Environmental Commission

Friends of the EC have 23 people that signed up; 2,172 lbs. of plastic bags have been collected;

Councilmember Lane

Fire Dept

14 fire calls, 2 drills and 4 extra credit

Finance

Working through the budget process; reminder all budget meetings are open to the public;

MAYOR

Held first town hall meeting on February 3rd, a small crowd attended;

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit
Report/Update
No Report

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.
Report/Update
No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Recommendation Increase In LOSAP Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corp./Borough of Park Ridge & Woodcliff Lake

Councilmembers agreed to the increase - a roll call was taken all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Roche abstaining

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 Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - all ayes

Carolee Adams

Community Dinner & Raffle hosted by Boy Scout Troop 334 will be held Friday, March 27, 6:30 PM, cost \$7. Tickets can be purchased with individual Boy Scouts or email: Troop 334@gmail.com
Suggested that 3 benches to be located on the Montvale Trail be purchased via donations with plaques of dedication affixed as requested by donors. Montvale Chamber of Commerce will host a Restaurant Week in August with restaurants from towns asked to participate. (Details to follow.) The pedestrian crosswalk at the top of E. Grand Avenue/Hillcrest is dangerously located - particularly at night. Suggested a safety review of such crosswalks and adequate lighting; referenced an article: "Pedestrian Hit in Unmarked Crosswalk: Who's To Blame" suggesting pedestrians should be as aware as drivers about safety and laws. Will share with MPD.
<https://dailyvoice.com/new-jersey/saddlebrook/police-fire/pedestrian-hit-in-unmarked-crosswalk-whos-at-fault/783228/>

Jarret Schumacher

BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Mentioned that the NJ Forest Department has grants available for trees; Councilmember Curry mentioned that this was done years ago by Councilmember LaMonica on Arbor Day. Mayor Ghassali will mentioned to the Environmental Commission.

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry
- all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held February 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Final 2020 SCHEDULED BUDGET MEETING:

February 25th, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk