

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:35 PM. 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

Councilmember Lane

Councilmember Curry - absent

Councilmember Roche

Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – via telephone

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

**Proclamation for Former Mayor David Metlitz****ORDINANCES:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1507** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 13 WEST GRAND AVENUE, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY, IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 1601, LOT 22, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, ET SEQ.

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 authorizes municipalities to acquire real property by way of negotiated purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effect such a purchase, a municipality must adopt an ordinance authorizing same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary and advisable to acquire certain real property in the Borough known as 13 West Grand Avenue, and identified as Block 1601, Lot 22 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property and the building located thereon have historic value to the Borough, and the Property is located in a valuable location for facilitating future development in the Borough's primary business district; and

**WHEREAS**, a valuation of the Property was completed in 2021, after which negotiations were conducted with the Owners of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough subsequently issued a Letter of Intent to the Owners of the Property, which was accepted by the Seller and its attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for the purchase of the Property shall come from a Bond Ordinance to be adopted by the Borough, and the purchase shall be conditioned upon the Borough receiving funding from said Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Montvale to acquire the Property for the purposes set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor, Borough Clerk and all other appropriate officials, consultants, agents and employees of the Borough are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute all

documents, and to take all steps necessary and appropriate to acquire, by way of negotiated purchase, the real property known as 13 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey, identified as Block 1601, Lot 22 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough, consistent with the terms of the Letter of Intent for Purchase of Real Property dated April 16, 2021 to John and Doris Sutich from the Borough Attorney's office.

**Section 2.** The Borough Council hereby confirms its approval of the fair market value of the Property of \$825,000.00 as of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** This purchase is authorized by the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, and specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5*, which permits a municipality, by ordinance, to purchase any real property.

**Section 4.** If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2021-1507** by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

Motion to open meeting to public by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane  
- All ayes

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1508** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2021-1498 & ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1504 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

**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		2021 Salary Range			
1.	Recreation Assistant (PT)	\$20	-	\$25	Per hour
1.	Various Summer Camp Counsellors Stipends	\$600-\$5,250			

**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 become effective upon publication as required by law, 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. 2021-1508** by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane; 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 Roche - 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

**MINUTES:**

**June 10, 2021**

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

**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.

**114-2021 Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation - Chapter 159 – Clean Communities**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has been awarded \$18,119.32 from the State of New Jersey – Solid Waste Administration and wishes to amend its 2021 Budget to include this amount as a revenue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$18,119.32 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with  
Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government

Services: Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

State of New Jersey – Solid Waste Administration:

Clean Communities Program, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$18,119.32 be and hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

State of New Jersey – Solid Waste Administration: Clean Communities Program

**115-2021 Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation - Chapter 159 – Recycle Tonnage Grant**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has been awarded \$15,584.07 from the State of New Jersey – Solid Waste Administration and wishes to amend its 2021 budget to include this amount as a revenue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$15,584.07 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with  
Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:  
 State of New Jersey – Solid Waste Administration:  
 Recycling Tonnage Grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$15,584.07 be and hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

State of New Jersey – Solid Waste Administration: Recycling Tonnage Grant

**116-2021 Authorize Hiring / Part Time on Call / Crossing Guard / Thomas Ritger**

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

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Ritger 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 June 15, 2021.

**117-2021 Resolution Providing For The Combination Of Certain Issues Of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 Of The Borough Of Montvale, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey Into A Single Issue Of Bonds Aggregating \$6,465,000 In Principal Amount.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021, in the principal amount of \$6,465,000 (the "Bonds").

The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<b>Bond Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
#2019-1470	\$2,348,435	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 28, 2019.	11.46 years
#2020-1482	\$1,954,665	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 12, 2020.	9.56 years
#2020-1497	\$2,161,900	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 13, 2021.	21.49 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,465,000</b>		<b>14.23 years</b>

The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds: The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 14.23 years.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2 hereof.

The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**118-2021 Resolution Determining The Form And Other Details Of \$6,465,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 Of The Borough Of Montvale, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey, And Providing For Their Sale.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** (a) The \$6,465,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), referred to and described in a resolution of the Borough duly adopted on June 29, 2021, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$6,465,000 in Principal Amount" and in the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law, shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021" (the "Bonds").

(b) The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on August 15 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2022	\$375,000	2027	\$700,000
2023	550,000	2028	730,000
2024	575,000	2029	750,000
2025	620,000	2030	750,000
2026	665,000	2031	750,000

(c) The actual principal amounts may be adjusted by the Borough, at its option, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(g). Any such adjustment shall not exceed 10% of the principal for any maturity with the aggregate adjustment to maturity not to exceed 10% of the principal for the overall issue.

(d) At the discretion of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, to the extent an original issue premium is received as part of the bid, it may be applied to any purpose permitted under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including the costs of other capital projects previously authorized.

(e) The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

(f) The Bonds shall be ten in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered GIB-1 to GIB-10, inclusive.

(g) The Bonds shall be dated their date of issuance and shall bear interest payable semiannually on the fifteenth day of February and August in each year until maturity, commencing on February 15, 2022, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Full Notice of Sale.

(h) The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Borough Clerk.

**Section 2.** (a) The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof (or any integral multiple thereof, where applicable) through book-entries made on the books and records of the Securities Depository and its participants.

(b) The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Borough on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on the records of the Securities Depository as of each next preceding February 1 and August 1 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds).

**Section 3.** The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository:

**119-2021 Annual Appointment Of Municipal Representatives To Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee Fy 2021 - 2022 Covering Period July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Borough of Montvale has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and **WHEREAS**, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council to appoint a representative and alternate and that the mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2021-2022 term starting July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Maureen Iarossi-Alwan as its representative and Councilmember Dieter Koelling as its alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Councilmember Timothy Lane as his/her representative and Douglas Arendacs as his/her alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2021-2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor; Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 | resposito@co.bergen.nj.us as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 30, 2021.

**120-2021 Renewal Liquor License Establishments 2021/2022/License Term Effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that renewal Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses, Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses and Club License be granted to the following, said Licenses to be effective July 1, 2021 and to terminate June 30, 2022.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation has provided Tax Clearance Certificates for each establishment for this renewal period.

0236-33-004-009 ERA Hospitality, LLC (This Plenary Retail Consumption License is currently approved to be a "Pocket License")

0236-33-005-008 The Waterfall, Inc., t/a Hearth & Tap for the premises at 125 Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-33-006-003 Montvale Recreation, Inc., t/a Montvale Recreation Inc. for premises at 14 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-33-007-004 TPC, Inc., t/a Davey's Locker, for premises at 5 Park Street, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-31-009-001 Montvale Engine Co. #1, Inc., t/a Montvale Fire Department, for premises at 35 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey.

0236-44-001-006 Mo & Sy Corp. t/a Montvale Wine & Spirits, Inc. for premises at 18 South Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, New Jersey

0236-44-002-011 BPO Wine Corporation, t/a Wegmans, 100 Farm View, Montvale, New Jersey

0236-36-012-003 South City Prime Montvale, LLC t/a Fire & Oak for premises at 100 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montale, New Jersey

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby directed to issue said licenses

**121-2021 Award Professional Service Contract /Construction Administration Services/Colliers Engineering & Design**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide professional services for construction administration services for the Memorial Drive Synthetic Turf Bocce Ball Courts/Bergen County Open Space Fund 2019 Municipal Park Improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, Colliers Engineering & Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated June 9, 2021 to provide the engineering administrative services which are detailed and attached to the original of this resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available certification hereto attached to the original of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Montvale as follows:



- 1) That the proposal for the scope of engineering administrative services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design
- 2) That the following be provided: Construction Administrative Services
  - 1) Construction/Observation Administration \$9,000.00
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$9,000.00. The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be published an official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale, be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Complex, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

**122-2021 A Resolution Adopting An Amended "Schedule A" Pursuant To Borough Code Section 350-9 And The Municipal Land Use Law**

**WHEREAS**, municipalities may, by resolution, adopt a schedule of fees required to be paid by applicants seeking development approvals pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale did previously approve such fees as Schedule A pursuant to Borough Code §350-9; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of amending Schedule A and revising the fees applicable for development applications in the Borough of Montvale.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that

Borough Code §350-9, **Schedule A, is hereby replaced with a new Schedule A, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of Schedule A shall be kept on file with the Borough of Montvale Planning Board Secretary and available upon request. A copy of Schedule A shall further be posted on the municipal website.

**123-2021 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Summit Avenue Roadway Project.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of Montvale formally approves the grant application for the above-stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022- Summit Avenue Roadway Project- 00560 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Montvale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Montvale, that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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 Koelling - all ayes

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

a. Revised Location Installation Bocce Ball Courts/Memorial Drive Location

The location will be behind the grey shed on the south side;

b. Discussion Memorial Fields

The infield by the red shed is ours; MAL is struggling to maintain the fields; the borough can use open space funds to put in synthetic turf; Councilmember Roche added that currently there is a lot of water that remains on the field, a drying agent is used and that is killing the grass. It was decided to put the project as a budget consideration for next year.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

The Borough Planner, Darlene Green and Planning Board attorney, Bob Regan are making final changes to the lighting ordinance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Authorize Approval of Summer Camp Staffing & Salaries

A motion to approve the summer camp staff and salaries by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Arendacs abstaining

b. Environmental Commission Chairman R. Hanrahan/Proposed Community Garden

1) Update Huff Pond/Status

The power point presentation is included with original minutes; Councilmembers agreed to spend approximately \$31,000 to remove the contaminated soil;

**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

Steve Fischer

Wanted to know is there a timetable regarding the plan for a community center; what is your overall goal?? What is the 5 year plan???

Elizabeth Gloeggler

Honor to serve on the diversity committee over the past year; Ms. Gloeggler publicly apologized to all Montvale residents regarding the events that took place at the Pride event between her and Senator Schepisi; Ms. Gloeggler asked Mayor Ghassali to re-consider his decision of removing her from the committee.

A discussion ensued with Bergen County Commissioners, Tom Sullivan and Tracey Zur along with a few Montvale residents stating that sometimes emotions get the best of us; an Elected Official should not act in that manner; the event was a day of celebration; at the end of the discussion, all the speakers encouraged Mayor Ghassali to re-consider his decision and re-instate Elizabeth Gloeggler to the Diversity Committee

Carolee Adams

Thanked the Mayor for having the fireworks once again this year in August; to rename the fireworks display to "Freedom Festival; spoke with the Commander of the American Legion post and he is in favor of the banners with photos of our Veterans, along with the Elks Club and other organizations in the area; all are onboard with honoring our Veterans.

Bob Hanrahan

Wanted to remind everyone that the plastic bag ban will go into effect over the next year in New Jersey

Brian Rosenblum

He sent an email and did not receive a response; he noticed commercial vehicles parked in residence driveways and asked why they did not get a violation. He received 3 violations.

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

Mayor Ghassali stated that he does not have a prepared response to Elizabeth Gloeggler, but thanked her for the apology; he added that the Senator was wrong and has since apologized to him as well. At this time he is not ready to re-instate Elizabeth to the committee;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on July 13, 2021 at 7:30pm in person and on Zoom

**Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk**