

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:31PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Master Sergeant Dieter Koelling 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 Mike Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember Arendacs - absent  
Councilmember Cudequest  
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane - absent  
Councilmember Roche  
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - absent

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

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

**No public comment**

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

**MINUTES:**

**July 26, 2022**

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest – all ayes

**August 9, 2022**

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

**August 30, 2022**

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:****August 9, 2022**

A motion to accept closed minutes by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling  
– 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.

**139-2022 Appointment Jr. Member / Montvale Fire Department / Mustafo Mustafokulov**

**WHEREAS**, the Montvale Fire Department is desirous of adding a Jr. member; and

**WHEREAS**, Mustafo Mustafokulov of Montvale, NJ has been approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners and has undergone a satisfactory physical, pursuant to the attached application which has been made part of this resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the appointment of Mustafo Mustafokulov, as a Member of the Montvale Fire Department, is hereby approved

**140-2022 Approving Tax Appeal Settlement / 20 Craig Road LLC/ Block 1902 Lot 11/20 Craig Road**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property tax appeal filed by 20 Craig Rd Owner, LLC (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 007270-2018, 004603-2019, 004321-2020, 007141-2021 and 003771-2022, and;

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid tax appeal involves a commercial property located at 20 Craig Road, which is otherwise referred to as Block 1902 Lot 11 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "subject property"), and;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal settlement by legal counsel, the Borough Appraiser and the Borough Tax Assessor, and;

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the proposed settlement are set forth in the attached Schedule "A" included herein, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Montvale to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Schedule "A", and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Tax Appeal Attorney and/or any other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

**141-2022 A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Outdoor Seating Permits for Licensed Restaurants, Bars and Other Such Establishments in the Borough of Montvale and Setting Forth a Procedure for Obtaining Said Permits Consistent with State Law**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the hardships imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Borough of Montvale previously adopted a procedure to temporarily allow outdoor dining for restaurants, bars and other establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey previously adopted State-wide standards governing same; and **WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale also previously amended its procedures to be consistent with State Law and to assist businesses during this difficult time due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to allow for additional outdoor seating on a temporary basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has recently extended the time period during which certain outdoor dining will be permitted until November 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, temporary outdoor dining is permitted only between April 1 and November 30 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is therefore desirous of amending its procedures to be consistent with the new law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that effective immediately, the Borough hereby adopts the following procedure for the issuance of Temporary Outdoor Seating Permits in the Borough of Montvale:

1. Temporary Outdoor Seating Permits (hereinafter "Permits") shall be issued by the Zoning Officer.
2. Permit Applications shall be submitted to the Land Use Administrator on a form approved by the Borough.
3. The Application Form shall require, at a minimum, the following information:
  - a. Name, address, email, cell phone and owner(s) of the Applicant
  - b. Name, address and owner(s) of the property (if different than the Applicant) and consent of the property owner to the Application
  - c. Copy of most recent approved Site Plan for the property
  - d. A drawing, survey or sketch showing the proposed Outdoor Seating Area, including any proposed public sidewalks that may be utilized, proposed table set-up, seating capacity and the location and size of any tents, fencing, barriers, canopies, umbrellas, chairs and other fixtures, etc. The Outdoor Seating Area may not encumber more than 75% of a parking lot unless said lot contains less than 8 total spaces. At least one handicapped space must remain in all cases.
  - e. A narrative summary describing in detail the problems that may be generated by the proposed Outdoor Seating Area (e.g., diminished parking, encroachment on set-backs, increased outdoor lighting, increased noise, traffic flow, patron safety, control of litter, removal and storage of garbage, and cleaning of fixtures and grounds) and the manner in which the Applicant intends to address these problems.
  - f. Proof of compliance with all requirements established by the Governor and/or the State of New Jersey pertaining to such Outdoor Seating Area, including but not limited to protocols promulgated by the Commissioner of Health or Executive Order of the Governor in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, concerning social distancing and use of personal protective equipment, and SR-2020-10 issued by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
  - g. Proof of general liability insurance covering the proposed Outdoor Seating Area and the use of the property for outdoor dining in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and a

certificate naming the Borough of Montvale as an additional insured.

- h. A statement acknowledging that nothing in this Resolution or in the issuance of any Permit pursuant to this Resolution shall be considered a land use approval or variance pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq., nor shall any Permit be deemed to authorize the use of any Outdoor Seating Area past November 30, 2024.
  - i. A statement acknowledging the following: Tents may not exceed 40'x40' in size. Tents may not have sides and must be open-air. Open flames are not permitted underneath tent structures. Outdoor Seating Areas may not have electrical service or "wired" lighting. All fees applicable to the approval of tents shall be waived.
  - j. A statement acknowledging that failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any Permit, or with any of the requirements established by the Governor and/or the State of New Jersey, may result in the Borough revoking the Permit and closing the Outdoor Seating Area.
  - k. An executed indemnification agreement in favor of the Borough of Montvale with respect to losses arising solely from the operation of the Outdoor Seating Area.
- 4. Upon receipt of a completed Application, the Land Use Administrator shall refer the Application to the following officials and/or departments or their designees (the "Reviewing Entities") for a review and recommendation:
  - a. Planning Board Site Plan Review Committee
  - b. Police Department
  - c. Fire Department
  - d. Board of Health
  - e. Borough Engineer
  - f. Any other official that the Land Use Administrator deems necessary to assist the Site Plan Review Committee.
- 5. The Reviewing Entities shall review the Application in order to determine that the business has demonstrated that allowing the Outdoor Seating Area is safe for both the customers and the public. The Reviewing Entities shall work with Applicants to reach reasonable accommodations to assist such businesses to obtain a Permit from the Borough, and they shall make any recommendations deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- 6. The Reviewing Entities shall review the Application and the proposed Outdoor Seating Area and either recommend to the Zoning Officer the approval, denial or revision of the Application. The approval of an Application shall set forth all terms and conditions of approval.
- 7. Upon receipt of the recommendation of approval by all Reviewing Entities, the Zoning Officer shall issue a Permit to the Applicant. All terms and conditions set forth by any Reviewing Entities with a recommendation of approval shall become conditions on the issuance of a

Permit by the Zoning Officer.

8. There shall be no fee for a Permit Application.
9. The hours of operation of any Temporary Outdoor Seating Area shall be as per the Borough Code.
10. Applicants seeking to utilize public sidewalks shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. A walking path of not less than four feet wide must be maintained on the public sidewalk at all times so as not to obstruct pedestrian traffic;
  - b. All fixtures must be removed from public sidewalks at the conclusion of each day; and
  - c. The Borough reserves the right to order the temporary suspension of outdoor dining and the removal of all fixtures from public sidewalks due to road or utility construction, predicted high winds or severe weather, predicted snow or ice storms, the need to remove snow or ice from the sidewalks, or any other public emergency that may arise.
11. All Permits issued pursuant to this Resolution and procedure shall terminate on November 30, 2024, unless otherwise extended by State Law or by executive order of the Governor.
12. Nothing in this Resolution or in the issuance of any Permit pursuant to this Resolution shall be considered a land use approval or a variance pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq., nor shall any Permit be deemed to authorize the use of any Outdoor Seating Area past November 30, 2024.
13. All Applicants seeking approval of permanent outdoor seating areas shall apply to the Planning Board in accordance with existing procedures.
14. All Applications shall be either approved or denied within fifteen (15) days of the submission of a complete application. Any denial shall set forth the basis for such denial which must be based upon current violations of any other health, safety, fire, permitted use, or zoning regulation, or upon any applicable law permitting the denial of a zoning permit, which is not otherwise directly superseded by State Law. An appeal of the denial of a Permit shall be filed with the Borough Clerk. The Governing Body (or its designee, which may be either a municipal official or a licensed attorney) shall conduct a hearing and render a decision within thirty (30) days of the filing of an appeal.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that nothing herein shall require re-application by any applicant who has received approval from the Borough for temporary outdoor seating under any prior policy adopted by the Borough.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce.

**142-2022 Award Purchase/ Police Computer/Observation Room/NJ State Contract #19-TELE-00656 Dell Technologies**

**WHEREAS**, The Montvale Police Department is in need of a computer for the Observation Room located in the Montvale Police Department/Dell Computer and related peripherals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has the funding available within their budget for this purchase in the amount of \$1,155.00; and

**WHEREAS**, payment shall be made to Dell Marketing, One Dell Way, Round Rock TX 78682; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available and certification is attached to the original of this resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council authorize the purchase of this computer related peripherals which documentation is attached to the original of this resolution.

**143-2022 Amending Resolution No. 112-2021 To Establish Recreational Fees for Year 2022**

**WHEREAS**, The Recreation Department hereby establishes the programs, times and fees for various programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Director has recommended that the following fees, programs, and times be revised as described; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the following fees and programs and services be and are hereby established

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR SKATING RINK:**

Weekdays:

8:00AM - 2:00PM      Pickleball  
2:00PM - Dusk      Roller/Street Hockey

Weekends:

8:00AM - 10:00AM      Pickleball  
10:00AM - 2:00PM      Roller/Street Hockey  
2:00PM - 5:00PM      Pickleball  
5:00PM - Dusk      Roller/Street Hockey

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Session Length</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>
<b>30+ Basketball</b>	Sept-May	\$75	\$95
	Jan-May	\$40	\$60
<b>Adult Soccer</b>	10 weeks	\$15	\$20
<b>Golf Instruction</b>	6 weeks	\$115	\$135
	8 weeks	\$150	\$170
<b>Pickleball Clinic</b>	3 weeks	\$50	\$65
<b>Pickleball Clinic Drop In Fee</b>	1 class	\$20	\$25
<b>Pickleball Program</b>	January-May	\$50	\$75
<b>Summer Camp: Grades 1-5</b>	4 weeks	\$450 per child \$1350 family max	\$500 per child \$1500 family max
<b>Adventure Camp: Grades 6-7</b>	4 weeks	\$550 per child	\$610 per child

<b>Summer Camp Resident/Non-Resident</b>	<p>\$30 Additional Fee after Registration Period. \$25 late charge for every 15 minutes a child is left under care after camp dismissal. Payment shall be made directly to the Camp Director or Asst. Director and turned over to the Borough of Montvale.</p>		
<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Session Length</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>
<b>Extended Day Multisport Camp by TGA</b> During Summer Camp Weeks Only	1 week (2:30-6:30pm)	\$220	\$250
<b>Multisport Camp by TGA</b> After Summer Camp Weeks Conclude and/or During School Breaks	1 week (Half Day)	\$245	\$255
	1 week (Full Day)	\$295	\$305
	1 week (Full Day + After Care)	\$375	\$395
<b>The Way- The Art of Life</b>	8 weeks (@ 2 classes per week)	\$120	\$180
<b>Tai Chi</b>	8 weeks	\$80	\$100
<b>Montvale Senior Club Tai Chi Discount:</b>	8 weeks	\$40	\$40
<b>Tennis Lessons</b>	6 weeks	\$115	\$145
	8 weeks	\$150	\$190
<b>Tennis Badges</b>			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	March-December	\$30	\$60
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	March-December	\$10	\$20
Family Max	March-December	\$50	\$100
Seniors (Ages 62 & Up)	March-December	Free	\$10
		\$10 Fee for Replacement Tennis Badge	
<b>Basketball Badges</b>			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January-December	Free	\$25
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January-December	Free	\$15

Seniors (Ages 62 & Older)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January-December	Free	\$10
		\$5 Fee for Replacement Basketball Badge	
<b>Pickleball Badges</b>			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January-December	Free	\$25
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January-December	Free	\$15
Seniors (Ages 62 & Older)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January-December	Free	\$10
		\$5 Fee for Replacement Pickleball Badge	
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	6 weeks	\$75	\$95
	8 weeks	\$100	\$120
<b>Volleyball- Adult</b>	January-May	\$210	\$230
<b>Volleyball- Girls</b>	8 weeks	\$140	\$160
<b>Women's Softball- Adult</b>	April - August	\$60	\$70
<b>Yoga</b>	8 weeks	\$80	\$100
<b>Yoga Mini Session</b>	4 weeks	\$40	\$100
<b>Youth Theater</b>	September-December	\$10	\$50

**WHEREAS**, Borough Owned Recreational Fields and Facilities shall be scheduled by the Borough of Montvale Field Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Montvale Athletic League ("MAL"), Montvale Recreation and Pascack Hills High School shall have first priority field scheduling use and shall be provide a schedule to the Field Coordinator no later than February 1 and June 1 for the respective Spring and Fall seasons.

**WHEREAS**, MAL, Recreation, Pascack Hills High School and churches are exempt from payment of fees relating to field use.

<b><u>Facilities</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Resident Team/Corporation</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Resident Team/Corporation</u></b>
<b>Ballfields:</b> Baseball or Softball (Memorial, Fieldstone or LaTrenta)	Per Hour Per Field (2 hour minimum)	\$25	\$50
<b>Turf Fields:</b> Soccer or Lacrosse (Fieldstone)	Per 2 Hour Time Slot Per Field	\$75 (full field) \$50 (half field)	\$150 (full field) \$100 (half field)



<b>Basketball Courts:</b> (Memorial)	Per Hour: Court #2 Only	\$25	\$50
<b>Tennis Court Group Reservation</b> (Memorial or LaTrenta) *Two court maximum reservation at any one location	Per Day	\$25	\$50
<b>Corporation Event Field Reservation</b> (1 scheduled day plus 2 rain dates)	Per Day	\$200	\$400

### **Field and Facility Permit Regulations**

MAL endorsed programs in sports that are not offered by MAL, and which have Montvale residents participating, shall be charged the resident fee for field use.

**Resident Corporation:** Any company that owns or leases commercial within the borough.

**Non-Resident Corporation:** Any company that does not own or lease commercial space within the borough.

**Residential Team:** Any athletic team comprised of at least 75% of its roster with Montvale residents.

**Non-Residential Team:** Any team not having at least 75% of its roster filled with Montvale residents.

**Time Slot:** An uninterrupted 1 or 2 hour time period or any part thereof, that a field/facility is being used by an approved team.

**Corporate Fees:** Corporate fees paid to the borough for field use, whether Resident Corporation or Non-Resident Corporation, will entitle the user to 1 field reservation time slot and up to 2 additional time slots that are designated as "rain dates".

**Season:** Spring season will begin March 1 and end July 31. Fall season will begin August 1 and end December 31.

Field/Facility users who provide 7 days or more notice of changes in their scheduled use can receive a time credit if the scheduled hours are decreased. Any changes in field schedules without 7-day notice will not receive a time credit for unused field time. Time credits are only valid for the existing season and the following season.

**Lightning Detection Credit Policy:** If the lightning detector activates with less than 50% of scheduled time elapsed for that date, the organization shall receive a credit for that day's scheduled timeslot. If the lightning detector activates after 50% of the scheduled time has elapsed, no time credit will be granted.

Payment is required prior to use on all fields or no field use will be granted.

Once field use requests are received in full by February 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring season and June 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall season, field use will be established with the following order of preference:

1. Montvale Athletic League, Recreation and Pascack Hills High School
2. Resident: Not-For-Profit Entity
3. Resident: For Profit Entity
4. Non-Resident: Not-For-Profit Entity
5. Non-Resident: For-Profit Entity

**WHEREAS**, it is the Borough of Montvale's intention by the adoption of this resolution that if any prior established fee is in conflict with fee schedule the fees set forth in this fee schedule shall be the fees charged and any conflicting prior fee is hereby superseded, repealed and replaced with the fees adopted pursuant to this resolution.

**144-2022 A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Community Grants, Planning & Housing ("CGP&H") for Professional Housing Rehabilitation Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has a need to procure professional services to administer the Borough of Montvale's rehabilitation program related to its ongoing affordable housing obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has received a proposal dated August 25, 2022 (the "Proposal") from Community Grants, Planning & Housing ("CGP&H") to provide the necessary services to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for said contract shall come from the Borough's Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding this contract to CGP&H in accordance with the terms set forth in the Proposal, subject to approval and execution of a formal contract acceptable to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, because the value of this contract is anticipated to be in excess of \$15,000 (the Borough's pay-to-play threshold), this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (the "Pay-to-Play Law"), and has been awarded to the contractor based upon the merits and abilities of the contractor to provide the services necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, because this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process," CGP&H has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that CGP&H has not made any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit CGP&H from making any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Local Public Contracts Law*, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, requires the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself to be made available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, public notice of this contract award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough in accordance with applicable law; 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 professional services contract is hereby awarded for housing rehabilitation services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Proposal and rates which are made a part and detailed in Schedule A Scope of Services and Compensation, as follows:

**Contractor:**

CGP&H

101 Interchange Plaza, Suite 301

Cranbury, New Jersey 08512

**Total Not-To-Exceed for 12 months:        \$20,400.00**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute a contract consistent with the provisions and intent of this Resolution, subject to approval of same by the Borough Attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk shall publish notice of this contract award in the official newspaper of the Borough, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*.

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

**BILLS:** Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - all ayes

**REPORT OF REVENUE:** Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue - August

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilmember Koelling**

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes;

Planning Board

2 Use permits were discussed; discussion of the Master Plan

Veterans committee

First meeting – trying to get more members; next meeting will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at boro hall  
September 16 is POW/MIA Recognition Day

**Councilmember Cudequest**

Library

Most successful summer reading program with 250 children and 100 adults that participated; from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 15 over 100 new library cards were issued;

TV Access

My Montvale and Montvale in motion – Tony Salerno is looking for new people to interview

Board of Health

Flu clinic, Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am at Community center; Street Fair, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – 22 street vendors, North West will be inspecting; Rabies clinic, November 19<sup>th</sup> 10-1130am at the DPW garage

**Councilmember Roche**

Chamber of Commerce

Street Fair is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>; networking event will be held at Davey's Locker on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30

MAL

Soccer, cheer and football are underway; registration is open for basketball and indoor soccer

Recreation

Day in the Park was well attended by patrons; the committee is in need of volunteers, they only had 3 volunteers;

Regional BOE

Construction of the schools is going slowly;

Environmental Commission

Made a presentation at the Planning Board regarding the waterways in Montvale; working with DEP to try and stabilize the ground between the brook and Huff pond; the boy scout troops cleaned the trail; there is an alternate position available; will be having an event regarding Bats.

**Mayor**

Day in the Park was well attended; suggestions to make it a longer day, more food trucks, more options. Held 9/11 ceremony, this year we had young kids speak; the Superintendent of Schools attended the ceremony and mentioned she would like her students to be more involved with the ceremony; receiving calls regarding the deer, at this time we have no solutions.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Andrew Hipolit  
Report/Update

Paving program is completed along with Craig Road; LaTrenta field is completed; Magnolia bridge is in the next phase of construction; the light on Woodland and Grand will be coming down once the bridge is completed; Kinderkamack Road paving will be sometime in October; Mayor Ghassali asked what needs to be done in order to keep the light at Woodland and Grand; Andy stated that Montvale and Park Ridge would need to pass a resolution asking for the County to install a light there permanently; Fieldstone bathroom trailer requires hard hookups including water and electric will provide a proposal to go out for competitive bids.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Joe Voytus, Esq.  
Report/Update

The GRC made a decision regarding the O'Sullivan OPRA case in which he was requesting 4 years of closed session minutes relating to any discussions about affordable housing; the decision was upheld for us to redact the majority of the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Request for Street Name/Valley View Subdivision/Sandstone Court  
Councilmembers all agreed on Sandstone Court

**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 Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - all ayes

Clint Miller

Mentioned that the Fire department will have its 100 year anniversary in October of 2024; will be have special events and fundraisers in the next several months

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche  
- all ayes

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes

The Next Regular Public Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on September 27, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm

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