

**INFORMAL PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Senior Community Center at 7:00 PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

Mayor Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Dave Lafferty; Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo; Councilmembers Arendacs, Cudequest, Koelling Lane, Roche and Russo-Vogelsang were in attendance

Mayor Ghassali gave an overview on the following topics:

- *DePiero Farm*
- *2024 Budget*
- *New Affordable Housing Bill just recently passed by the Governor*
- *Chestnut Ridge Warehouse Project*

Each Councilmember introduced themselves and stated what committees they represent as liaisons.

Meeting was attended by approximately 50 Montvale residents. Residents expressed concern over the following items:

- *Can summer garbage pick-up be from May through September*
- *KPMG buildings are vacant*
- *Suggested to put the council liaisons are the website*
- *Will the senior center be closed during the summer for camp*
- *The center is in need of some repairs*
- *With more traffic in town, are there plans to hire more Police*
- *Are you planning on buying more properties-land*
- *What are the plans for the Octogen House*
- *Consider joining other towns to litigate regarding affordable housing*
- *Tri-Boro ambulance consider increasing stipends to get more volunteers*
- *What about bringing back Job Fairs*
- *Speeding on Main Street and considerable amount of liquor bottles thrown on the street*
- *Consider putting the Planning Board applications and plans are the website*
- *Any updates about the planes flying over town*

Mayor Ghassali and Councilmembers addressed concerns and made notes for items to follow up on.

Meeting ended at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Municipal Clerk