

**WORK SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:32pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Master Sargent Dieter Koelling led in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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).

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember Arendacs	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Cudequest	Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

Also Present: Mayor Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Dave Lafferty; Administrator, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Jamie Giurintano; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Carol Manhart

**2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Councilmember Lane and Councilmember Roche

**Resolution No. 92-2024 Permitting the 2024 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 permits that the Municipal Budget as advertised may be read by its title, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget shall be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted, and is made available to each person requesting the same during the said week and during the public hearing, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full, of the Municipal Budget for the year ending December 31, 2024.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Municipal Budget Only

*A motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - all ayes*

**Carolee Adams**

*Thanked all for the budget presentation*

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

Municipal Budget Only

*A motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - all ayes*

**Resolution No. 93a-2024 Self-Examination of 2024 Budget**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Montvale has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that the 2024 annual budget be examined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer’s certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, if applicable, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget.
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
  
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the “CAP” law).
  
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
  
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated;
  - b. Items of appropriations are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
  
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
  
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

**ADOPTION 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

**Resolution No. 93-2024 Adoption of 2024 Municipal Budget**

Resolution attached to minutes

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

On the Submission of a 2024 Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Application – Octagon House Designation and Preservation

Borough Administrator, Joe Voytus gave a brief explanation regarding the grant, we received proposals to do a National Register nomination and to prepare a preservation plan; cost of the project is estimated to be \$90,000 of which half will be paid by the grant.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

*A motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - all ayes*

*No Public Comment*

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

*A motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes*

**Resolution 94-2024 A Resolution Endorsing and Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the J.J. Blauvelt (Octagon) House**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund provides grants to municipalities for assistance in the preservation of historic buildings, districts, and sites; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the 2024 application by the *Borough of Montvale* to the County of Bergen is the requirement that the applying municipality must adopt a resolution supporting and approving the application; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Borough of Montvale* intends to apply for a Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for assistance in the historic preservation of the *J.J. Blauvelt (Octagon) House*, located at 13 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey, also identified as Block 1601, Lot 22 on the tax map of the Borough of Montvale.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that *Borough of Montvale* does hereby support and approve the Borough's application to the Bergen County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the *J.J. Blauvelt (Octagon) House*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the *Borough of Montvale* does hereby commit to the matching requirement set forth in the grant application.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

On the Submission of a 2024 Bergen County Open Space Recreation Trust Fund Grant Application – Montvale Flag Field 2 Improvements

*Borough Engineer, Jamie Giurintano, gave a brief explanation regarding the grant; the project consists of turfing the infield, upgrade the fences and the backstop, provide covers over the dugouts and to provided ADA accessibility; estimated total cost of the project is \$300,000 of which half would be paid by the grant. This project will be for the year 2025.*

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

*A motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes*

*No Public Comment*

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

*A motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane - all ayes*

**Resolution 95-2024 A Resolution Endorsing and Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the Bergen County Open Space, Recreations, Floodplain Protections, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Improvements to Montvale Flag Field 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$150,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Improvements to Montvale Flag Field 2, which includes significant improvements to the infield, fencing, backstop, and dugout, as well as comprehensive maintenance and remediation of the outfield grass; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the application process, the governing body/board received held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on April 30, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

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

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of MAY 3rd, 2024, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,

3. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale is committed to providing a dollar-for-dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

**PUBLIC HEARING OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1552** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,643,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,560,850 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,643,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$82,150 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,560,850 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.** The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE**

**APRIL 30, 2024**

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
<b>A) FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
1) Acquisition utility vehicle with firefighting and rescue capability, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$60,000	\$57,000	5 years
2) Radio upgrades, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$12,000	\$11,400	10 years
3) Acquisition of generator and light tower, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$18,000	\$17,100	10 years
<b>B) POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
1) Acquisition of sport utility vehicles, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$108,000	\$102,600	5 years
<b>C) ROADS</b>			
1) Various road improvements, as described in a list in the office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated herein by reference thereto, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$900,000	\$855,000	10 years
<b>D) PARKS/RECREATION</b>			
1) Improvements and renovations to Memorial Major Field synthetic turf infield, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	\$300,000	\$285,000	15 years
<b>E) PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
1) Acquisition of a truck with a plow, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$165,000	\$156,750	5 years
<b>F) LIBRARY</b>			
1) Improvements to the library, including recarpeting, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$76,000</u>	10 years
TOTALS	<u>\$1,643,000</u>	<u>\$1,560,850</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.89 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,560,850, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$135,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

**Section 7.** The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

**Section 8.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9.** The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 11.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

*A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2024-1552** by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only. Motion to open meeting to public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes*

**Carolee Adams**

*Wanted to know what is the interest rates of the bonds; the CFO stated the rate is 3.3*

*Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - 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:**

April 11, 2024

*A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane - all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Arendacs and Cudequest 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.



**96-2024 A Resolution Endorsing and Supporting the Submission of a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Memorial Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, formally approves the grant application for the above-stated project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Administrator and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “Memorial Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Montvale; and

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

**97-2024 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc. Pursuant to State Contract #CC-0049-22 for Veterans Banners**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has a need to procure banners for the Montvale Proudly Salutes our Veterans program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the most convenient and cost-effective way to procure said vehicle is by State Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a, and the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did solicit a quote from Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc. in the total amount of \$10,370.00 for fifty-seven (57) banners and hardware; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding this contract to Gates pursuant to Order No. 77132 dated March 25, 2024; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Montvale hereby accepts the March 25, 2024 Quote from Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc., 6 E. First Street, Clifton, New Jersey 07011-1002, for the aforementioned banners and hardware and directs, authorizes and empowers all appropriate officials to execute an agreement and/or purchase order for this contract, subject to all the conditions applicable to State Contract #CC-0049-22 and subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

**98-2024 Authorize Release Of Performance Guarantee, Montvale Family Apartments (aka) Walters Cornerstone Contracting LLC - Block 1002, Lots 3 & 5 and Posting Of Two Year Maintenance Bond**

**WHEREAS**, Montvale Family Apartments (aka) Walters Cornerstone Contracting, LLC requested a release of their cash Performance Guarantee and Bond; and

**WHEREAS**, a completed inspection of the site has been conducted by Colliers Engineering & Design and in a letter dated February 12, 2024, Colliers recommends the Borough to release the Performance Guarantee of \$46,696.00 and cash bond in the amount of \$5,188.00; and

**WHEREAS**, A condition of the release of the Performance Guarantee and Cash Bond is the requirement to furnish a two-year Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$8,765.10; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the cash performance guarantee for Montvale Family apartments (aka) Walters Cornerstone Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$5,188.00

**99-2024 Authorize McNerney & Associates, Inc. for Appraisal Services on 50 Chestnut Ridge Road**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale (hereinafter the “Borough”) is the taxing authority for all properties located within its municipal boundaries, and;

**WHEREAS**, the owner of real property located at 50 Chestnut Ridge Road and identified as Block 3004 Lot 2 (hereinafter the “Subject Property”) has filed a property tax appeal challenging the assessment of the Subject Property for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 tax years, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is seeking to retain the services of an appraisal company to assist in the defense of the aforesaid tax appeal, and to memorialize its conclusions of value in a certified appraisal report that covers the aforementioned tax years, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough had received a proposal dated April 15, 2024 from McNerney & Associates, Inc. (hereinafter the “Proposal”) to prepare the desired appraisal report for the total amount of \$7,500.00, and;

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the aforementioned Proposal is attached hereto as an Exhibit to this resolution, and;

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of McNerney & Associates, Inc. is considered a professional service appointment exempted by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that McNerney & Associates, Inc. is hereby appointed to prepare an appraisal report for the property located at 50 Chestnut Ridge Road, at Block 3004 Lot 2 in the Borough of Montvale, in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Proposal for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 tax years.

**100-2024 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to GTBM for Outdoor HD License Plate Reader Cameras and Related Equipment and Services Pursuant to State Contract 17-FLEET-00716 and Bergen County Co-Op Contract BC-BID-23-17 For Use By The Montvale Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has a need to procure Outdoor HD License Plate Reader Cameras (“LPRs”) and related equipment and services for use by the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did previously approve a contract with a vendor who is no longer authorized to sell said cameras; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale is a member of the Bergen County Co-Op; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did solicit a quote from Gold Type Business Machines, Inc., 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073, for these LPRs and related equipment and services under State Contract 17-FLEET-00716 and Bergen County Co-Op Contract BC-BID-23-17; and

**WHEREAS**, GTBM submitted a Quote to the Borough dated February 16, 2024, in the total amount of \$108,696.61, of which \$29,467.17 will be paid for out of forfeiture funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Police Chief has recommended that the Borough award this contract pursuant to the GTBM Proposal; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. The Borough of Montvale does approve the attached Quote from Gold Type Business
- 2.

3. Machines, Inc., 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073, for Outdoor HD License Plate Reader Cameras and Related Equipment and Services.
4. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with GTBM consistent with this resolution.
5. The previously-adopted Resolution No. 242-2023 is hereby rescinded.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:**

**101-2024 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a Vehicle Camera System Pursuant to NJ State Contract 23-FLEET-33791 for Use by the Montvale Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has authorized a contract to acquire a 2023 Dodge Charger (LDEE48) Police AWD for use by the Montvale Police Department to replace a police vehicle recently totaled in an accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has a need to procure a new vehicle camera system to replace equipment that was also damaged in the accident; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.C.A. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did solicit a quote from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for this camera system, a copy of which is attached hereto, in the total amount of \$7,568.00 under NJ State Contract 23-FLEET-33791; and

**WHEREAS**, the camera system shall be fully funded by proceeds directly paid by the Joint Insurance Fund as a result of the totaling of the other police vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance due from the Borough shall be zero dollars (\$0.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding this contract and purchasing said camera system from Motorola Solutions pursuant to the April 1, 2024 Quote, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

The Borough of Montvale does approve the attached Quote from Motorola Solutions, Inc., 123 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677 for one Vehicle Camera System for use by the Montvale Police Department.

The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., consistent with this resolution. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**102-2024 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc. Pursuant to State Contract #17-FLEET-00761 for the Purchase of Various Equipment for the Department's New 2023 Dodge Charger**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale has authorized a contract to acquire a 2023 Dodge Charger (LDEE48) Police AWD for use by the Montvale Police Department to replace a police vehicle recently totaled in an accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has a need to procure certain equipment that was also damaged in the accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the most convenient and cost-effective way to procure said vehicle is by State Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a, and the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did solicit a quote from East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc. pursuant to State Contract #17-FLEET-00761 for said equipment in the total amount of \$6,442.60; and

**WHEREAS**, this equipment shall be fully funded by proceeds directly paid by the Joint Insurance Fund as a result of the totaling of the other police vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance due from the Borough shall be zero dollars (\$0.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of awarding this contract and purchasing said equipment from East Coast pursuant to the April 18, 2024 Quote, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

The Borough of Montvale hereby accepts the April 18, 2024 Quote from East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc., 200 Meco Drive, Millstone Twp., New Jersey 08535, for the aforementioned equipment.

The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with East Coast Emergency Lighting consistent with this resolution and all the conditions applicable to State Contract #17-FLEET-00761 and subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**BILLS: Administrator read the Bill Report**

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Jamie Giurintano

Report/Update

*Looking to schedule a pre-construction meeting for the road paving; received final authorization from the NJDOT for Terkuile Road; started video of Valley View pump station; 12 inch water main break on Grand Ave, it was an old water main.*

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

David Lafferty, Esq.

Report/Update

Application for the sub-division for the DePiero property was approved at the Planning Board.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Joe Voytus

Report/Update

10 "Welcome to Montvale" signs have been installed; Veterans banners have been ordered and hope to install them before Memorial Day.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

2024 Safety Award – Highest Award - Platinum - \$1,750 – Carol Manhart, Safety Coordinator

*The Safety committee received the Platinum award which is the highest level of achievement from the Bergen JIF; we promote safety in our work environment while we perform our daily duties; the committee consists of Fire Chief, Geoff Gibbons, Police Captain, Alisha Foley, Fire Official, John Kurz and Recreation Director, Lisa Loranger; Carol would like to thank them for their timely, consistent and well-prepared monthly reports.*

**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 Cudequest – all ayes*

**Carolee Adams**

*Thanked all involved with Hometown Hero Banners; wanted to know the update about the tree that leans over East Grand Ave, encouraged the Mayor and councilmembers to pressure Orange and Rockland; Thursday, is the National Day of Prayer.*

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 9, 2024

**Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk**