

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7.32 PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Mayor Fyfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and roll call was taken.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and/or The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

Also present: Mayor Roger Fyfe; Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Administrator/Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo;

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Curry	Councilmember LaMonica
Councilmember Ghassali	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Koelling - absent	Councilmember Talarico

ORDINANCES:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico
- All ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

August 25, 2015

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry
- all ayes

Update / Report DPW, Superintendent

Still working on pot holes; micro-paving is complete; line painting has begun; ball fields will be addressed as far as repairs; new mechanic is working out well;

Resident from 3 Meadow Lane – mentioned a bad pot hole, DPW will take a look at it.

RESOLUTIONS:

125-2015 Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal / 100 Summit Ave / Western Union

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property tax appeal filed by Western Union Financial Services, Inc. (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 005923-2012, 004057-2013, 007629-2014 and 003696-2015, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a commercial property located at 100 Summit Avenue, and is otherwise referred to as Block 1102 Lot 3 on the tax assessment map of the Borough, and;

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

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement components are set forth in the Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, 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 approved, per the terms set forth in accordance with the enclosed Schedule "A", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough 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.

SCHEDULE "A"

The terms of the aforesaid tax appeal settlement shall consist as follows:

- 2012 Appeal: Withdraw
- 2013 Appeal: Withdraw
- 2014 Appeal: Withdraw
- 2015 Appeal: \$13,825,000

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

126-2015 Resolution For Renewal Of Membership In The Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2015 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Borough of Montvale agrees to renew its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverage's, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

127-2015 A Resolution Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for Participation in the County Road Resurfacing Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of entering into a Shared Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with the County of Bergen in order to participate in the County Road Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that entering into this Shared Services Agreement is in the best interest of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth the rights and responsibilities of each party to the Agreement, including the requisite standards to be utilized in the road resurfacing project; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, has been reviewed and approved as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Mayor and Borough Clerk and all other appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized and empowered to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution, along with the executed Agreement, shall be kept on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes

128-2015 Authorize Purchase State Contract/Montvale Fire Department/Mid Power Radios/Motorola Inc.

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council approved the purchase of Radios for the Montvale Fire Department State Contract 83909 from Motorola Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said radio equipment will be used for emergency response purposes:

WHEREAS, attached quotation # QU000033009 in the amount of \$12,937.00 which is attached to the original of this resolution is a detail of the radios description and installation; and

WHEREAS, purchase and installation is hereby awarded to Motorola Inc. 5 Paragon Drive, Montvale, New Jersey 07456; 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.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

129-2015 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the North Avenue Roadway Improvement Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of Montvale formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2015-Montvale Borough-00224 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Montvale. (NJDOT Application number to be filled in at time of filing); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and 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.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

130-2015 Authorize Change Order #1 2015 Road Improvement Program/D.L.S. Contracting, Inc.

Alternates, A, B, & C

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on July 14, 2015 via 95-2015 to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., 633 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110-1029 in the total amount of \$876,936.50; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body at a regular meeting held on August 25, 2105 determined Alternates A, B C & D would be award as per the summary detail hereto attached to the original copy of this resolution in a total change order amount of 107,700.00; and

Original awarded contract was: \$ 876,936.50

Alternate A: \$ 42,000.00

Alternate B: \$ 48,460.00

Alternate C: \$ 17,240.00

New Contract Amount \$984,636.50

WHEREAS, The Borough Engineer recommends the awarding of this change order in letter dated September 3, 2105 which is hereto attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been previously appropriated and are available for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale approve the Change order #1.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Ghassali - All ayes

REPORT OF REVENUE: Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Ghassali

Environmental Commission

Meeting will be held September 21

Planning Board

Would like to welcome Sprat Organic Foods, to 50 Chestnut Ridge Rd; a foreclosure company, to 1 Paragon Drive; a debt collector, to 85 Chestnut Ridge Rd; GGI, a financial company, to 180 Summit Ave; and Montvale LLC to 20 Chestnut Ridge Rd

Councilmember LaMonica

Seniors

Howard Minnick passed away, longtime resident, senior van driver, and longtime member of the seniors club, certainly will be missed.

Councilmember Curry

Construction

\$206,000 over the same time as last year; 86 permits more than last year. 21 property maintenance violations were issued

Recreation

Sign ups for Tennis will begin on September 9; Tennis lessons will be taught by Tennis Dynamics classes are once a week on Mondays and Saturdays cost is \$80 per resident, \$120 for non-resident

Board of Ed

Kindergarten has 82 students enrolled; Fieldstone has 472 and Memorial has 501 students; Montvale School district invites the community to participate in the creation of a strategic plan for the school district, for more information go to schools website. Back to School Night at Fieldstone is scheduled for September 10th and for Memorial School September 16th and 17th

Board of Health

Flu Clinic will be held September 12 at 9am-11am

Kudos to the staff at borough hall because they have been short staff due to some employees out on medical leave, doing a great job – Thank you.

Councilmember Talarico

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Tri-Boro

Montvale logged: 47 calls; 772 miles; 48 hours; 57 crew hours

Montvale Police department will receive monies from bullet proof vest program

Councilmember Lane

Fire Dept

20 calls; 1 drill; annual convention will be held in Wildwood end of September; new fire truck moving forward as scheduled.

MAYOR

Library

Circulation 12,368; 6,035 patron visits; 27 library cards issued; Slightly used books, cds, and dvds are needed for the Friends of the Library annual book sale which will be held on September 26 and 27

Would also like to echo Councilmember Curry's comment in regard to the borough staff. We do appreciate their efforts under the current conditions.

New senior van should arrive by the end of September; also anyone interested in driving the senior van call borough administrator;

Woodland Heights Development – 10 acres will be deeded to Montvale

September 24 is the ground breaking on DePiero's property

NJ Monthly rated Montvale number 12 in the state

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

1. Maser/Proposal/Construction/Inspection Fees/Additional Alternates/2015 Road Program

Will have for next meeting

2. Update Proposals on Fencing/Fields/Backstop Areas

Will set up a meeting with MAL to further discuss

3. Sidewalk at 43 West Grand Avenue to Memorial Drive/D.L.S. Contracting, Inc./Change Order

Will have for next meeting

4. Magnolia and Turkeile NJDOT grants

Borough has been awarded grants to pave these roads

Councilmember Curry asked for an update about the Magnolia Bridge, Bergen County is aware the bridge is in need of repair, the county will not commit to a date of the repair.

Councilmember Ghassali received a few calls regarding Raven Road that the paving on the road is failing

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request/Use of Tennis Court/Senior Girl Scout/Gold Award Project/L. Drum

Senior girl scout would like to have a tennis clinic for special needs residents;

A motion to grant permission by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica – all ayes

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 Ghassali; seconded by Councilmember Lane
- all ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held September 29, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk