

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:45PM. 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, Phil Boggia; Administrator/Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Presentation / The Arc-For People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**  
**Kathy Walsh**

**Proclamation: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Year End Holiday Crackdown**  
Copy included with minutes

**Pascack Valley DPW/Year End Report:**

Richard Campanelli, Superintendent  
Due to the unseasonable warm weather, pot holes are still being filled. Regular maintenance of the fields continue to be updated. Recycle center has been busy.

**ORDINANCES:**

**INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 1405** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIREHOUSE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,100,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,855,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

(Public hearing December 29, 2015)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2015-1405** for first reading was made by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Ridgewood News; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - A roll call was taken – all ayes

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only  
Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry  
- 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:**

November 24, 2015

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

**MINUTES CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

November 24, 2015

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**171-2015 Cancellation of Tax and Excess Sewer Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax and excess sewer overpayments or delinquent amounts in the amount of less than \$10.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax and excess sewer overpayments or delinquencies of less than \$10.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel said property tax and excess sewer amounts as deemed necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Finance Officer and the Municipal Auditor.

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

**172-2015 Authorizing Refund of Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00003 for Block 1502; Lot 9 / 8 Pearl Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 23, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 1502, Lot 9, also known as 8 Pearl Avenue, for 2013 delinquent taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #13-00003, was sold to Tower Fund Services as Custodian for Ebury Fund 1 NJ, LLC for a 0% redemption fee and a \$16,900.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Direct Title & Closing Agency, has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00003 in the amount of \$17,912.60; 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 Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to Redeem Certificate #13-00003 and send payment of \$17,912.60 to Ebury Fund 2 NJ, LLC, P O Box 54908, New Orleans, LA 70154; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a check in the amount and \$16,900.00 premium to the aforementioned lien holder.

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

**173-2015 Grant Re-Appointment / Tenure / Tax Collector, Fran Scordo**

**WHEREAS**, Fran Scordo was appointed for a four year term as Tax Collector on January 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2012 has served the Borough of Montvale as Tax Collector and continues to meet the continuing education requirements as required by law; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.8, Fran Scordo, duly certified as Tax Collector, be and is hereby re-appointed to and granted tenure in the Office of the Tax Collector in the Borough of Montvale, effective January 1, 2016.

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

**174-2015 Refund Tax Overpayments / Various Parcels**

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing the Borough of Montvale to refund an overpayment of taxes for the property located at 32 Donnybrook Road, also known as Block 1301 Lot 17; and also for the property located at 18 Stuyvesant Road, also known as Block 3001 Lot 5; and

**WHEREAS**, the above referenced properties were assessed incorrectly and paid additional property taxes in error; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to refund the following:

Anthony Pucciarelli, 32 Donnybrook Road, in the amount of \$5,624.65; and  
Jennifer Abend, 18 Stuyvesant Road, in the amount of \$129.86

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 Curry - All ayes

**REPORT OF REVENUE:** Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue for November

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilmember Lane**

Fire Dept

20 calls; 2 drills; 1 Chiefs call; Fire Department decorated the center of town for the Holiday Season; Election of new officers for 2016 was held.

Councilmember Lane wanted to extend his gratitude towards Mayor Fyfe and his leadership over the years.

**Councilmember Talarico**

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Tri-Boro

Montvale logged: 46 calls; 691 miles; 47 hours; 36 crew hours

Councilmember Talarico briefly commented on the election and how Mayor Fyfe deserved another term as mayor. He continued to say he has the upmost respect for Mayor Fyfe and Mayor Fyfe should be proud of all his accomplishments. He concluded by saying it was an honor and privilege to serve with Mayor Fyfe.

**Councilmember Koelling**

Swim Club

Fixing insurance issues, to be ready for next season.

**Councilmember LaMonica**

Seniors

Van service will be available Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday; Holiday luncheon will be held at Florentine Gardens.

Chamber of Commerce

Updating their website

Councilmember LaMonica also wanted to express her gratitude to Mayor Fyfe for many years of service.

**Councilmember Curry**

Construction

Training has been ongoing with new staff member

Recreation

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> tree lighting ceremony was held; Thanked the Fire Department for decorations in center of town

Local Board of Ed

Winter concerts are scheduled December 16 at Fieldstone and December 17 at Memorial; Thanked Marie Miller-Noonan for her many years of service to the Board of Ed

Board of Health

Rabies clinic will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the DPW building

Councilmember Curry also thanked Mayor Fyfe for his years of service with the scouts, MAL, as a councilmember and as Mayor.

**MAYOR**

Library

Circulation 10,379; 4,901 patron visits; 24 library cards issued; Fines will be increased in January.

New Jersey Turnpike Authority will be putting a salt shed at the rest area by exit 172;

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

No Report

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Philip Boggia, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Fyfe thanked all board members, Fire Department and Tri-Boro ambulance volunteers for their years of service to the Borough. He also thanked all councilmembers he worked with over the years. Mayor Fyfe extended his gratitude to the borough staff and finally, he thanked his wife and family.

**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 Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry  
- all ayes

Clint Miller

Thanked Mayor Fyfe for his years of service.

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 Curry  
- all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held December 29, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.  
Re-Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 3PM

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