

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 8:16pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Roll call was taken.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and 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).

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Curry	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Talarico
Councilmember LaMonica	Councilmember Weaver

Also present: Mayor Mike Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Administrator/Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

Presentation: Flanagan Productions: Manage Municipal Websites, Website Development/Video Production/Event Videos/Social Media

MINUTES:

January 12, 2016

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Talarico abstained

Appointment:

Alternate No. 1, Environmental Commission / Richard Johnson

Mayor Ghassali would like to appoint Richard Johnson to the Environmental Commission; a motion by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

RESOLUTIONS:

39-2016 A RESOLUTION REVISING THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE FIELDS SCHEDULING AND FEES FOR FIELD USE EFFECTIVE 2016

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

WHEREAS, Montvale Athletic League (“MAL”) shall have first priority field scheduling use and shall be provide a schedule to the Field Coordinator no later than March 1st.

WHEREAS, MAL and churches are exempt from payment of fees relating to field use.

FIELD USE: 2016

Field Use- Chestnut Ridge complex	\$ 200	Resident team
	\$ 400	Non-Resident team
Field Use-Memorial and FMS fields	\$ 200	Resident team
	\$ 500	Non-Resident team
	**Add 15% if lights are requested	
Resident Corporation One Day Field Use	\$ 200	(1 scheduled day plus 2 rain dates)

Non-Resident One Day Field Use \$ 400 (1 scheduled day plus 2 rain dates)

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 2 hour time period, or any part thereof, that a field 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.

No credit for unused Field Time Slots

All organizational (i.e. club team) play will be considered a non-resident teams.

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

WHEREAS, Arsenal Soccer Club Team shall pay the Borough of Montvale the amount of \$5,000 for the Spring/Summer and \$5,000 Fall Program 10 days prior to the commencement that specific season; and

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

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica

Councilmember Weaver requested this resolution be tabled for further discussion because LaTrenta field has some wear and tear issues and Arsenal Soccer club is the primary user of the field; look into the fees to see if they are reasonable or not.

A motion to table the resolution by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

40-2016 Participate In Mutual Aid Plan And Rapid Deployment Force

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes. Civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. APP. A: 9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale to participate in mutual aid plan and Rapid Deployment Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Police Department of the Borough of Montvale under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal services agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor and all surrounding municipalities in the County of Bergen.

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

41-2016 Refund Tax Overpayment / Block 1401, Lot 1 / 5 Dogwood Lane

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the Borough of Montvale to refund an overpayment of taxes for the property located at 5 Dogwood Lane, also known as Block 1401 Lot 1;

WHEREAS, a duplicate payment was made by the mortgage holder and homeowner; 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 Doug Weinberger, 5 Dogwood Lane, Montvale, NJ 07645, in the amount of \$2,891.86

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

42-2016 Authorizing Refund of Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00001 for Block 105; Lot 1 / 176 Upper Saddle River Road

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 23, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 105, Lot 1, also known as 176 Upper Saddle River Road, for 2013 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #13-00001, was sold to U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust as Custodian for Pro Capital 4, LLC for a 0% redemption fee and a \$70,000.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage holder has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00001 in the amount of \$75,702.73 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 #13-00001 and send payment of \$75,702.73 to U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust Services, 50 South 16th Street – Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$70,000.00 premium to the aforementioned lien holder.

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

43-2016 Authorize Reduction Cash Bond/Bear-Ban Builders, LLC/Block 1310/Lots 24,26 27 & 33 Block 2204, Lots 39 & 4

WHEREAS, Bear Ban Builders, LLC, is requesting a reduction in their Cash Performance Bond in the amount of 195,962.078 and that the required 10% Cash Bond be held in the amount of 48,162.14; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated January 21, 2016 which is attached to this resolution the Borough Engineer takes no exception to a reduction of the cash bond and maintaining the amount of \$48,162.14; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the cash bond in the amount of \$147,799.93 is hereby returned to Bear-Ban Builders, LLC; and **WHEREAS**, the Borough Treasurer shall receive a copy for processing.

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

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit
Report/Update
No report

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.
Report/Update
a. Status Grease Trap Proposed Draft Ordinance
Draft will be done for next meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Borough of Montvale Communications Strategy 2016/Mayor Ghassali
Carry over for further discussion
- b. Chose Montvale/Montvale Economic Development & Retention Commission/Mayor Ghassali
The attorney advised if this is going to be a long standing commission, an ordinance would make sense, to make it clear of the duties and responsibilities of this commission. The councilmembers agreed to a draft ordinance for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Ghassali mentioned that Saturday 10am at Woodcliff Lake Borough hall there is a meeting to discuss a walkway between Hillsdale, Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake and Montvale, he asked if any councilmembers would like to join him and Councilmembers Curry and Koelling will attend.

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 LaMonica; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

Bob Hanrahan

Asked for support of the council to get the word out about the Boy Scout Pasta dinner held on Friday, April 1 at 6:30pm Fieldstone Middle School

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

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into closed session by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to move into Executive Session as provided for by Resolution No. 15-2016 adopted on January 3, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building:

The Mayor and Council will go into a Closed /Executive Session for the following:
Attorney Client Privilege

1. McNeice Litigation
2. Librock Litigation

Minutes to be disclosed as per the Open Public Meetings Act and Resolution No. 14-2016 matters discussed will be disclosed to the public when such matters are finally determined and there is no reason to prohibit the public disclosure of information relating to such matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held February 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Budget Meetings to be held at 6:00 p.m. on 2/9 and 2/23

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk