

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:36 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 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: Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus, Esq.; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember Cudequest	Councilmember LaMonica
Councilmember Curry	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Ghassali	Councilmember Talarico

Fire Chief Miller announced that former Councilmember Bill Greco will be honored for his bravery for helping a woman out of her car that was stuck on the Montvale railroad tracks. The event will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> for the NY/NJ Fireman’s Convention. Also announced Fire Chief Miller was chosen to be the Grand Marshall of the Parade on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDINANCES:**

**INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1376** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 90B ENTITLED, “RECREATION”  
(public hearing 6/11/13)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2013-1376** for first reading was made by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest; 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 Talarico - A roll call was taken – all ayes

**PROCLAMATION:** Click It or Ticket It – May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
Included with original minutes

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

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

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

**MINUTES:**

April 30, 2013

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**93-2013 Cancellation of Outstanding Checks Prior Year / Pascack Joint Municipal Court**

**WHEREAS**, there exists various outstanding checks from a prior year drawn against certain accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Court Administrator provided a listing of outstanding checks that require cancellation (listing attached) from a prior year.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to deposit these funds to the respective reserve or surplus account;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Municipal Court Administrator shall receive a copy of this resolution for record keeping; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the following outstanding checks from the prior year be cancelled;

*Listing is included with original minutes*

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

**94-2013 Refund Tax Overpayment / Duplicate Payments Various Parcels**

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to refund overpayment of taxes for the following properties located in the Borough of Montvale, and

**WHEREAS**, due to duplicate payments which resulted in overpayments, 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 overpayment of taxes to the following:

John Culhane	7 Terry Court	\$2,540.00
Celso Rochez	46 Boxwood Lane	\$5,779.97
Joseph Aloï	7A Rolling Ridge Rd	\$884.30
Peter Moltzen	8 Edgren Way	\$3,892.00
Richard Bernstein	157 Chestnut Ridge Rd	\$1,981.00
Brian Murphy	22 Eagle Ridge	\$4,092.00
Hudson City Bank	18 Raven Road	\$2,410.00

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

**95-2013 A Resolution Accepting The Re-Write Of The Plan Document For The Employee Medical Benefits Program Administered By The Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale, hereinafter the Borough, provides an Employee Benefits Program consisting of medical, prescription and dental benefits for eligible employees and dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, said Benefit Program is administered through the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (hereinafter, the BMED); a public entity consisting of municipalities and school boards that partially self-insures employee benefit programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the BMED Program Manager was directed to re-write the Plan Document (consisting of three (3) sections, entitled Patriot X Open Access, Modified Patriot V Open Access and Aetna Core Plan) to incorporate changes necessitated through the Borough's acceptance of the new Core Plan offering by BMED as well as recently enacted federal and State mandates, and emerging medical treatments that have become accepted medical practice as of this document re-write; and

**WHEREAS**, the final Draft document incorporates the changes reviewed by the Borough's Health Benefits Consultant and further, the BMED represents through the final Draft Plan Document, the intent and scope of the prior Plan Document for the plans referenced herein, remains consistent with the existing representation of benefit, thereby ensuring compliance with the moral and contractual obligations of the Borough to all contractual as well as non-contractual employees and covered dependents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, the final Draft of the Plan Document presented by the BMED and annexed hereto, is hereby accepted by the Borough and recognized as the current Plan Document, until such time as a successor document shall be authorized; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Borough Administrative Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute this document and file the original signature page(s) with the BMED, in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Fund and as directed by the Borough's Health Benefits Consultant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough CFO, Borough Auditor and PIA Security Programs, Inc., 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818 Carlstadt, NJ 07072, Health Benefits Consultant to the Borough.

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

**BILLS:** Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes  
Councilmember Cudequest abstained on bills # 00125 and #01335;

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilmember LaMonica**

Chamber of Commerce

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Street Fair – June 2<sup>nd</sup>;

Tri-boro Shuttle

Increasing riders

- April 20 – clean-up day – about 55 volunteers; Davey's Locker provided lunch for all
- Senior Luncheon will be in June

**Councilmember Curry**

Local BOE

Fieldstone Principal will be resigning in May; Tom Funesti will be resigning as school board member; any interested parties may submit a request to Marion Latz;

Recreation

Day in the Park – June 29<sup>th</sup> rides, fireworks, food and music

Board of Health

Suggested that the prescription drug drop-off be in staggered weeks in the neighboring communities

Construction

Increase in permit fees – more than this time last year; interviews will be starting for Fire Sub-Code Official

**Councilmember Ghassali**

Administration

Evaluations will begin for some of the current contracts for feasibility;

DPW

Busy with various repairs and clean-up throughout the borough;

**Councilmember Cudequest**

Regional High School Board

Two students were recognized for anti-bully videos that they produced; also a Montvale Junior wrote a song about her experience with bullying;

Planning Board

Encourage residents and fellow councilmembers to check upcoming agendas regarding the DePiero property

**Councilmember Talarico**

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Tri-Boro

28 calls; 489 miles; 30 hours; 99 crew hours all by Montvale

**Councilmember Lane**

Fire Dept.

Responded to 20 calls for carbon monoxide ; Fire Department is busy preparing for their 100<sup>th</sup> NY & NJ celebration; corporate sponsor is Mercedes Benz; raffling off a Mercedes Benz;

Meeting Thursday with Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake on the Police consolidation study

**Mayor Fyfe**

Library

12,815 Circulation; 6,393 Patron visits; and 23 new cards issued;

- 28 affordable housing project is in full swing; 10 units will be special needs; Look for advertisements coming in August
- The former McLouie's Diner has new owner and that is progressing very fast – the name will be 15 Grand American Bistro
- Lifetime Fitness will soon be complete
- Met with new superintendent of the School Board – very energetic ,sharp and he's there for the right reasons
- Corner of Chestnut Ridge and Grand where the Pentax building – new business – Community Blood Services

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Andrew Hipolit  
Report/Update

Status/Update

- a. Akers Avenue Road Improvement/Pre-Construction Mtg./\$146,500

Will start towards end of school year

- b. NJDOT Grant Safe Routes To School Program/Spring Valley Road/\$450,000

This project is Federal funded; the process has changed a bit; approval is needed before work can begin; probably will take until the end of year to receive approval;

- c. Magnolia Avenue/Municipal Aid Grant NJDOT/\$150,000

Review of the road needs to be done to see what areas need the most attention

- d. Bid Documents/Memorial Park & LaTrenta Park/Tennis Courts/BC Grant Open

Space Grant/\$31,135

Would like authorization to go to bid; a motion by Councilmember Talarico; seconded by Councilmember Lane to authorize to get bids – all ayes

- e. Handicap Ramp/Design

- f. Bergen County 2012/County Aid/Road Resurfacing List of Potential Roads

3 roads include – Summit Ave, East and West Grand Ave, Spring Valley Road

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Joe Voytus, Esq.  
Report/Update  
No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Use of the Montvale Sr. Community Center/Request/L. Hejna

Would like permission to have a program called Getting Ready to Become a Reader for preschool aged children – maybe 10-12 children; a motion by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico to allow usage as a pilot program - all ayes

- b. Recycling Center/Household Recyclables/Commercial Vehicles

After a brief discussion by councilmembers, it was decided to continue to have no commercial vehicles allowed

- c. Councilmember LaMonica / Tree Ordinance Committee

Councilmember LaMonica would like to form a committee of 5 people with Jeff Fette Construction Code Official as one of the members

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Request/Nightmares Haunted Attraction/Halloween/DePiero's/10/4/13-11/2/13/A.DeAngelo

- 1) Request Hayride/Use of Paintballs Spring Loaded Guns/DePiero's/A.DeAngelo

After a brief discussion by councilmembers, it was decided to deny the request

- b. Hackensack HUMC ALS Unit

Requesting to use office space to have their Unit services located at the Senior Community Center

After a brief discussion by councilmembers, it was decided to approve their request; a motion by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

- c. Request for Block Party / May 24

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

d. Request to use Huff Park / June 7th

A motion to grant request 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 Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - all ayes

A Representative from Haunted Attractions gave an explanation about how the paint ball guns would work with the haunted hayride - the councilmembers did not change their decision about no paint ball guns being allowed.

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

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

**ADJOURNMENT** The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held May 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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