

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:30pm. 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 Arendacs
Councilmember Curry
Council President Gloeggler

Councilmember Koelling
Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – via telephone

Also present: Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Andrew Hipolit; Administrator/Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan and Deputy Clerk, Fran Scordo

ORDINANCES:

None

MINUTES:

November 12, 2019

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane - all ayes - with Councilmember Curry abstaining

MINUTES CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

November 12, 2019

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Gloeggler - all ayes - with Councilmembers Curry and Lane 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.

212-2019 Authorize Submission Of An Application For Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2021

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Borough of Montvale Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020/2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$5,501.00
Cash Match	\$1,375.25
In-Kind	\$ 4,125.75

The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

213-2019 A Resolution Requesting that the County of Bergen to Modify the Light Configuration on Grand Avenue Westbound at Mercedes Drive to Not Allow a Left Turn While the Traffic on Grand Avenue Eastbound has a Green Signal

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has experienced a high number of accidents resulting from cars turning left from Grand Avenue westbound onto Mercedes Drive; and

Whereas, Grand Avenue is a County Road under the jurisdiction of the County of Bergen; and

Whereas, the Chief of Police of the Borough of Montvale has determined that these accidents have resulted from the limited sight distance and the speed of vehicles on Grand Avenue eastbound; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has signed a letter dated November 14, 2019, which recommends that the County establish a light configuration that only allows a left turn from Grand Avenue westbound onto Mercedes Drive during a dedicated green left turn arrow; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer concurs with the findings of the Chief of Police and has determined that the requested signal configuration would likely reduce future accidents at that location; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is desirous of expressing to the County of Bergen its concern with the present light configuration at the above-referenced intersection and requesting that the County modify the light configuration consistent with the recommendations of the Chief of Police and Borough Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Montvale does hereby formally request the County of Bergen modify the light configuration at the intersection of Grand Avenue westbound and Mercedes Drive in the Borough of Montvale to establish a light configuration that does not permit a left turn while the traffic on Grand Avenue eastbound has a green signal, consistent with the recommendations of the Chief of Police and the Borough Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk and/or Borough Engineer is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Bergen County Department of Planning & Engineering, and to other appropriate County Officials, along with a copy of the correspondence from the Chief of Police referenced herein.

214-2019 Authorizing Refund of Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00002 for Block 2504; Lot 24; 18 Maple Ave

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 25, 2018, a lien was sold on Block 2504, Lot 24, also known as 18 Maple Ave for 2017 excess sewer charges; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #17-00002, was sold to US Bank Custodian ActLien Holding at 0% interest rate and a premium in the amount of \$1,100.00; and

WHEREAS, The Bank of New York on behalf of the owner of record has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00002 in the amount of \$612.23 plus premium \$1,100.00; 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 #17-00002 and send payment of \$1,712.23 to US Bank Custodian Actlien Holding, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-2019 Authorizing Hiring Full Time Floater/Includes Part Time Executive Confidential Secretary/N. Gayed

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale restructured a position within the Administration; and

WHEREAS, Nevene Gayed meets the qualifications for this position and agrees to the terms and conditions of employment, and has previously completed a satisfactory background investigation; 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 above-named individual is hereby appointed to the position of full time Floater which duties and responsibilities include part-time executive confidential secretary to the Mayor's office, effective December 1, 2019.

Introduced by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - a roll call vote taken - 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

- a. Report Receipt of Bids
 - 1) Emergency Electrical
 - 2) Emergency Plumbing

Received only 1 bid for each. It was recommended by the borough auditors to reject these bids. Seeing as how the borough has a QPA it would be better to get three quotes for each of the emergency plumbing and emergency electrical. Mr. Hipolit is asking for approval to get the quotes. Councilmembers agreed to get quotes.

- 3) LaTrenta Field Improvements

Base bid and two alternates for a total of \$351,289; waiting on the National Cooperative pricing for the turf, once received will award the contract

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Draft Proposed Dates/Budget Meetings/2020 Municipal Department Budgets
Councilmembers agreed on all the dates

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 Curry
– all ayes

Jarret Schumacher

Regarding the budget, suggested to post to the website which departments will be discussed on each date and if a draft copy of the budget can be posted to the website as well; Is there a separate line item for maintenance of the turf fields – it is included in the operating budget.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Curry - all ayes

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held December 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk