

**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. Fire Chief Miller 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: Borough Attorney, Phil Boggia; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilmember Curry | Councilmember Lane – via phone |
| Councilmember Koelling | Councilmember Talarico - absent |
| Councilmember LaMonica - absent | Councilmember Weaver |

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING: Public Presentation

Presentation included with original minutes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1414 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON BLOCK 707, LOT 4 FROM ANTHONY AND JANET RUSSO, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF JERSEY
(public hearing 5/31/2016)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2016-1414** for first reading was made by Councilmember Weaver; seconded by Councilmember Curry; 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 Weaver - A roll call was taken – all ayes

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1413 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein

stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,500,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$75,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,425,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

| <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u> | <u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u> | <u>Period of Usefulness</u> |
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| Improvements to various roads including curbing as listed on file in the office of the Clerk, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. | \$300,000 | \$285,000 | 10 years |
| Eagle Ridge Sanitary Sewer System improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. | \$550,000 | \$522,500 | 40 years |
| Improvements to various buildings and public grounds, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. | \$650,000 | \$617,500 | 15 years |
| TOTALS: | \$1,500,000 | \$1,425,000 | |

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public

or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 23.16 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,425,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$500,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance No. **2016-1413** was introduced for second reading by Councilmember Weaver; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - Clerk read by title 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 Curry
- all ayes

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in the Ridgewood News by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Weaver; Clerk read by title only ----- A roll call vote was taken --- all ayes

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT:

Nick Guillemain

2016 Bergen County Coaches Association Boys' Basketball First Team- All-County

Ayodele O'uhuru

2016 Bergen County Women Coaches Association Girls' Indoor Track First Team All-County

Ben Brisman

2016 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association State Wrestling Championship Medalist

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Weaver; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Koelling
- All ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

April 26, 2016

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

RESOLUTIONS:

84-2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant Submission

The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for 2015 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor & Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough of Montvale hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Richard Campanelli, Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Superintendent to ensure that the application is properly filed; an

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

85-2016 Authorize the submission of a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2016 Recreational Trails Grant Program Application

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is making funding available to municipalities, counties and non-profit agencies for recreational trail projects through the 2016 Recreational Trails Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, this program will provide funding specifically for the rehabilitation and expansion of existing as well as the construction of new motorized, non-motorized or diversified recreational trails; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale wishes to apply for funding through the 2016 Recreational Trails Grant Program in order to construct recreational trails within the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of 2016 Recreational Trails Grant Application on behalf of the Borough of Montvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council authorizes Maureen Iarossi-Alwan, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, to prepare and submit this application on behalf of the Borough of Montvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if and/or when a grant award is made, Mayor Michael Ghassali is 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 Curry; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes

86-2016 In Support To Deny Parole/C. Righetti

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1976, Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford, Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally assaulted and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner #59431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has gone many times before the Parole Board of Northern State Prison. His release was denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro;

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Kim's family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They are forced to travel long distances from their current residence in Florida each time there is a parole hearing for their daughter's killer. They continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti's account; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of the Montelaro Family, the Borough of Maywood hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. If a future eligibility date is set, we urge the Board to select a date at least 35 years from now. The abduction, rape and murder of an innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing that their daughter's murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Montvale hereby abides by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and be made to serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, Keep NJ Safe, and to Chairman James T. Plousis NJ State Parol Board

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

87-2016 Awarding Contract To Your Way Construction, Inc./Eagle Ridge Rd. Sanitary Sewer Ext.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale did publicly solicit bids for the Eagle Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project pursuant to the *Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the solicitation requested bid prices for a Base Bid plus Alternate "A"; and

WHEREAS, in response to said solicitation, five (5) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for the Base Bid only was submitted by Your Way Construction in the amount of \$356,491.04; and

WHEREAS, the bid price received for the Base Bid is within the engineer's estimate for this work and within the funds available; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid submitted by Your Way Construction for compliance with the bid specifications, and it appears that the bid is fully compliant and therefore responsive to the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that a contract for the above-referenced project shall be awarded as follows:

Bidder

Your Way Construction, Inc.
404 Cait Street
Irvington, New Jersey 07111

In the amount of:

Base Bid: \$356,491.04

TOTAL \$356,491.04

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution, subject to approval by the Borough Engineer and Attorney.

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

88-2016 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement/21 Eagle Ridge Rd/Baudisch

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by Richard and Tammy Baudisch (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Number 013447-2014, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid tax appeal involves a residential property located at 21 Eagle Ridge Road, and is otherwise referred to as Block 1405 Lot 4 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "subject property"), 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 would adjust the subject properties' property tax assessment to \$750,000, and;

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the "Freeze Act") shall be applicable to the terms of this settlement, 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 hereby approved, and;

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

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

89-2016 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement/4 Cypress Peak Lane/Korkorian

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by Edward Korkorian (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 004279-2015 and 001032-2016, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid tax appeal involves a residential property located at 4 Cypress Peak Lane, and is otherwise referred to as Block 505 Lot 9 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "subject property"), 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 would adjust the subject properties' property tax assessment to \$970,000 for both years under appeal, and;

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the "Freeze Act") shall be applicable to the terms of this settlement, 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 hereby approved, and;

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

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

90-2016 Resolution Requesting That the Planning Board Conduct of Investigation Into Whether Block 2702, Lot 1 and Block 2801, Lot 2 (also known as 1 and 3 Mercedes Drive) and Block 3201, Lot 6 (also known as 1 Glenview Road) Should Be Designated as an "Area In Need of Redevelopment" Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.

WHEREAS, Block 2702, Lot 1 and Block 2801, Lot 2 (also known as 1 and 3 Mercedes Drive) and Block 3201, Lot 6 (also known as 1 Glenview Road) (collectively, the "Mercedes Properties") are currently owned by Mercedes Benz and/or its subsidiaries Mercedes Benz of North America, Inc. and Mercedes Benz USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mercedes has already vacated 1 Mercedes Drive and has indicated that it intends to vacate the remaining Mercedes Properties as it moves its operations to its new facility outside of Atlanta, Georgia, leaving three large vacant corporate facilities with no immediate prospect for office use or commercial occupancy; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the development or redevelopment of the Mercedes Properties, the Governing Body desires to authorize and direct the Montvale Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation of the Mercedes Properties, hold an appropriate hearing, and make recommendations to the Governing Body pursuant the *Local Redevelopment and Housing Law* ("LRHL"), N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes it is in the best interest of the Borough that the Planning Board conduct an investigation with respect to the Mercedes Properties to determine whether the Mercedes Properties meet the criteria set forth in the LRHL, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment (non-condemnation).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Montvale Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct the necessary preliminary investigation, including the holding of a public hearing, to determine whether the study area consisting of Block 2702, Lot 1 and Block 2801, Lot 2 and Block 3201, Lot 6 (the "Study Area") is or is not an area in need of redevelopment (non-condemnation) under the criteria set forth in the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.

Section 3. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area and the location of the parcels contained therein, and appended thereto shall be a statement setting forth the basis of the investigation. A copy of the map shall be maintained on file with the office of the Borough Clerk.

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the *Local Redevelopment and Housing Law*, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment. The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination shall not authorize the Borough to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the

delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a possible Non-Condernation Redevelopment Area.

Section 5. At the public hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is a redevelopment area. All objections to a determination that the Study Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

Section 6. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the Study Area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council as to whether the Mayor and Council should designate all or some of the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Councilmember Weaver asked what is the Planning Board asking for; the borough attorney explained that the Planning Board would like to conduct a study to determine if all or part of the land in question is in need of re-development.

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report

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

REPORT OF REVENUE: Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue – April

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Lane

Fire Department

They moved all the equipment from the firehouse to the DPW building. A contract has been awarded to start construction of the new firehouse.

Councilmember Curry

Construction

Expecting the submission of plans from Wegmans in June; creating document storage facility on the second floor of the DPW building;

Recreation

Preparations have begun for Day in the Park which is scheduled for June 18th rain date is June 19th; registration has begun for summer camp;

Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 30th, starting at the Montvale Firehouse at 10:30am

Councilmember Koelling

Swim Club

Waiting for approval on some budgetary items

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Local Board of Ed

Budget has been approved increase will be \$76 per household

Councilmember Weaver

Environmental Commission

Tree Ordinance has been broke back to the commission; The May meeting has been cancelled;

Regional Board of Ed

The approved budget will include increased staffing of the Guidance department, upgrades including the tennis courts will be converted to the softball field along with Board of Ed building upgrades.

MAYOR

Library

Circulation 10,185; 5,172 patron visits;17 cards issued; Library will be closed on Friday, May 13th

Report

Met with officials from both schools and it has been determined that enrollment has been down and will continue to be low. Economic Development Committee will be meeting next week. They have compiled a list of businesses totaling 330 and will plan on meeting within the next coming weeks. At the next televised meeting on June 14th, John Hogan, Bergen County Clerk, will be presenting the borough with original documents from 1894. An informal meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm at the senior center to see the proposed plans of re-development at the Mercedes Properties.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit was not present, the clerk gave a brief summary regarding that a resolution is needed for the final payment to AJM Contractors for the completion of the 2014 road improvement program; A motion to approve final payment by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Philip Boggia, Esq.

Report/Update

a. **Proposed Draft Ordinance/Grease Traps/Interceptors**

The borough attorney is asking councilmembers to review the draft ordinance and submit comments and/or recommendations to the clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **Video Recording/Budget Presentation Only/M&C Workshop April 26th**

Mayor Ghassali is asking for guidance as to whether to post the entire workshop meeting on TV Access or just the budget presentation. To clarify the procedures, normally only the public meeting is televised not the workshop meeting. It was only televised this time around because of the budget presentation. After a brief discussion by councilmembers a roll call vote was taken to just televise the budget portion of the meeting of April 26th. All ayes except for Councilmember Weaver voting no stating that the entire meeting should be televised.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Review Montvale Recreation Summer Camp Counselors/As Per Ordinance**

A motion to approve the list provided by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Lane – all ayes

b. Montvale Fire Dept/ Temporary No Parking Fire Zone Requested

Fire Chief is requesting that some parking spots near the red shed be designated for no parking fire zone; after a brief discussion it was decided to use all 11 spots by the red shed and have them designated as "No Parking Fire Zone"

Mayor Ghassali ask for authorization to hire a part-time administrative assistant - a roll call vote was taken – 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 Curry
- all ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Koelling
- all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held May 31, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk