

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:41pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Master Sergeant Koelling let the Pledge of Allegiance -

**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 Gloeggler

Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane – via phone

Councilmember Weaver

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

**Erik Gundersen:** Superintendent of Schools/Pascack Valley Regional H.S.

Over 50% of graduating seniors have taken AP courses; Have a variety of college courses which earn college credits called dual enrollment courses; offer special needs students between the ages of 18-21 classes; Internships with local businesses have been popular; they offer mental health awareness and support groups; the administrative offices will be renting space at 28 W Grand Ave; Councilmember Curry asked about the parking on Akers Ave, Mr. Gundersen stated that the website has been change and buses have been instructed to drop off at the front lot

**ORDINANCES:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1424** CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**(Public hearing 4/11/17)**

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2017-1424** for first reading was made by Councilmember Gloeggler; 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 Koelling - A roll call was taken – all ayes

**INTRODUCTION 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 79-2017**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Montvale, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said budget be published in The Record in the issue of April 11, 2017, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes  
The increase for the municipal portion will be \$57.00

**MINUTES:**

March 20, 2017

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

**RESOLUTIONS:****81-2017 Waiver Of Building Department Fees/Non-Profit Entity/BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC/ Block 1606/Lots 6 & 6.02/11 East Grand Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, by resolution dated January 6, 2015, site plan approval, minor subdivision approval, variances, waivers and other relief were granted to BCUW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC ("the applicant") relating to premises known as Block 1606, Lots 6 and 6.02 as depicted on the Borough tax map, being more commonly known as 11 Grand Avenue East ("the property"); and

**WHEREAS**, said approvals permit the construction of four (4) units of special needs housing and the retrofitting of the existing former Library/School No. 2 property for ten (10) affordable senior housing units; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is a non-profit entity and the units to be realized from the approvals will be entirely affordable units available to persons of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has requested waiver by the Borough of Building Department fees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that based upon the fact that the applicant is a non-profit entity and that all of the units to be realized from the development will be available to persons of low and moderate income, that the Building Department fees may be waived; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Construction Official Jeffrey Fette.

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

**82-2017 Authorize Payment #1/Manor II Electric, Inc./Borough Hall Generator Installation**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on January 10, 2017 via Resolution in connection with the Montvale Borough Hall Generator Installation; and

**WHEREAS**, the original contract amount is \$114,000.00 via Resolution #39-2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer in letter dated March 21, 2017 takes no exception to payment #1 in the amount of \$26,495.28 which is attached to the original of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, payment #1 is hereby authorized to be issued to Manor II Electric, 112 Johnson Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105; and

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

Total Contract Amount	\$114,000.00	Resolution # 39-2017
Total Amount Due Payment #1	\$26,495.28	Resolution #82-2017
Total Remaining:	\$87,504.72	

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale payment #1 in the amount of \$26,495.28 be and is hereby issued.

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

**83-2017 Authorize Payment #3/Final Payment & Change Order #1/Eagle Ridge Sanitary Sewer Extension**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on May 10, 2016 via Resolution No. 87-2016 in connection with the Eagle Ridge Sanitary Sewer Extension Project; and

Original Contract Amount	\$356,490.44
Payment #1	\$114,847.43
Payment #2	\$175,763.35
Change Order #1	\$(32,588.82)
Payment #3 Final	\$33,290.82

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer based upon inspection of the sites recommends release of Payment #3 Final Payment to Your Way Construction, Inc., 404 Coit Street Irvington, New Jersey 07111 in a letter dated March 10, 2017 which is attached to the original of this resolution; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Governing Body hereby authorizes Payment #3 Final Payment in the amount of \$33,290.82 to Your Way Construction.

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

**84-2017 Authorize Payment # 9/New Montvale Fire House/Unimak, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on April 26, 2016 in connection with the New Montvale Firehouse Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the original contract amount is \$4,449,000.00 via Resolution #82-2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Robbie Conley Architect, LLC approved said payment based on the contract as per the documentation transmittal dated March 13, 2017 which is attached to the original of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Payment #9 is hereby authorized in the amount of \$56,208.60 to be issued to Unimak, LLC, 82 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 Franklin Avenue, Suite 170 Nutley, NJ 07110-1209; and

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

Total Contract Amount	\$4,449,000.00 Resolution #82-2016
Payment	\$207,230.80 Resolution 138-2016 Payment #1
Payment	\$125,696.76 Resolution 144-2016 Payment #2
Payment	\$188,081.60 Resolution 153-2016 Payment #3
Payment	\$219,199.20 Resolution 171-2016 Payment #4
Payment	\$357,836.56 Resolution 180-2016 Payment #5
Change Order #1	\$0 (26 additional days)
Change Order #2	Credit \$23,000.00 (due to reduction heated slab)
Change Order #2 (continued)	Credit #23,000.00 minus \$19,915.15 (Fire Pole)
	Credit amount total \$3,085.00
Balance, Including Retainage	\$3,350,955.08 as of 11/7/16
Balance w/credit Change Order #2	\$3,347,870.08 Reso.188-2016
Payment	\$273,771.34 Resolution 194-2016 Payment #6
Payment	\$156,559.10 Resolution 53-2017 Payment #7
Payment	\$204,912.37 Resolution 61-2017
Payment	\$56,208.60 Resolution 84-2017
Total Remaining Balance	\$2,656,418.67

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

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to certain budget appropriations and no adequate provision has been made in the 2017 temporary budget, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations for said purpose; and

Current Fund	\$1,436,011.89
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Current Fund	\$1,266,011.89
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798,511.89

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE****MARCH 28, 2017**

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Maintenance of Free Public Library	40,000.00
Sewerage Processing and Disposal:	
Contractual	<u>200,000.00</u>
	<u>240,000.00</u>

Inter-local Municipal Service Agreements:

Police Dispatch / 911	<u>50,000.00</u>
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\$1,266,011.89

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

**86-2017 Transfer of 2016 Appropriation Reserves****WHEREAS**, certain transfer of funds for 2016 budget appropriation reserves are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides for transfers from appropriation reserves with an excess over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose for such appropriation reserves, to those appropriation reserves deemed to be insufficient;**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the transfer be made between the 2016 budget appropriation reserves as follows:

<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
<b>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Operations - within "CAPS"		
Administrative and Executive:		
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00	
Legal Services and Costs:		
Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
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Introduced by: Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Gloeggler - All ayes

**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.

**80-2017 A Second Request Resolution Requesting The County of Bergen Repair and/or Replace The Magnolia Avenue Bridge**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Montvale at a Regular Meeting held on October 13, 2016 adopted Resolution No. 169-2016 requesting that the County of Bergen Repair and/or Replace the Magnolia Avenue Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, desires to send a second request to the County of Bergen as not action has been taken to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has advised the Borough Council that the bridge on Magnolia Avenue located between Woodland Road and Greenbriar Lane is currently in need of repair and/or replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the maintenance and repair of the bridge are the responsibility of the County of Bergen; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the Borough of Montvale has obtained grants and expended municipal funds in repairing the streets in the proximity of the bridge, including Magnolia Avenue and Woodland Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council is desirous of expressing to the County of Bergen the need for the County to set aside funds in its 2017 budget for the repair and/or replacement of the Magnolia Avenue bridge for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Montvale and the County of Bergen who travel on Magnolia Avenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council does hereby formally request that the County of Bergen set aside sufficient funds in its 2017 budget to repair and/or replace the Magnolia Avenue bridge as soon as possible.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Council does further request that the County of Bergen take all steps necessary to ensure that one lane of the bridge is kept open at all times during repair and/or replacement of the bridge, due to the importance of Magnolia Avenue to the flow of traffic through the Borough.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the County Executive and all members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

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

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Andy Hipolit  
Report/Update  
No Report

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Joe Voytus, Esq.  
Report/Update  
No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Robert Hanrahan, Chairman/Environmental Commission/Discussion Trees Within The Borough of Montvale

Powerpoint included with original minutes; this will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their comments and recommendations

b. TV Access/Update

Councilmember Gloeggler submitted a list of volunteers that would like to help; Todd Hutchins, Kara Robinson, Stephanie Buckley, Nicole Wolfrey and Maryam Hassimi and Andrew Hofstetter- all were approved by councilmembers

c. Councilmember LaMonica Liaison replacement

Councilmember Curry will replace Councilmember LaMonica as the liaison to the Chamber of Commerce

**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.

A motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

Boy Scout, Tommy O Neil, wanted to mention the Pasta dinner being held Friday March 31st at the community center

Guy Mule, President of homeowners association at Four Seasons Lane

He is requesting an additional garbage pick-up in the summer; the administrator stated that it was discussed at a prior budget meeting, because some residents inquired about a second pick up town wide; it would cost approximately \$60,000 to do a second pick up town wide, it was decided at that prior budget meeting, due to budget constraints, the council did not authorize the expenditure.

Carolee Adams

The Penn State Center for Turfgrass Science website has information regarding the proper shoes to use on turf fields; Gala event on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Florentine Gardens for Hoving Home 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The Walter Hoving Home, is a home that helps women to rebuild their lives from drug and alcohol abuse, prostitution and incarceration; a new facility will be opening in Oxford, New Jersey. Wanted to make councilmembers aware of the school funding according to 2014 census, the state receives 27 billion to support our school system. Only 4 percent of that is from the Federal government, which is not evenly distributed to each municipality.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held April 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**Public Hearing 2017 Municipal Budget – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

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