

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:42PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. A member of the audience who is a veteran 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: Mayor Mike Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Phil Boggia; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs	Councilmember Koelling
Councilmember Curry	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Gloeggler	Councilmember Weaver

Mayor Ghassali asked for a motion to promote John Newell to Sergeant; a motion by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Lane – all ayes

Swearing In Officer:

Sergeant – John Newell

Mayor Ghassali asked for Chief Abrams and Captain Sanfilippo to remain to further discuss Akers Ave; the Chief stated his recommendation would be to make the entire street a “no parking” zone

Pascack Valley DPW, Superintendent, Rich Campanelli

Report/Update

This was postponed to a later date

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1429 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 25 WEST GRAND AVENUE, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY, IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 1601, LOT 1, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 authorizes municipalities to acquire real property by way of purchase; and

WHEREAS, in order to effect such a purchase, a municipality must adopt an ordinance authorizing same; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary and advisable to acquire certain real property in the Borough known as 256 West Grand Avenue, and identified as Block 1601, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the Property was completed on or about April 19, 2017, setting forth the fair market value of the Property as of the date thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borough subsequently issued a Letter of Intent to the broker for the Property, which was accepted by the Sellers and their attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Montvale to acquire the Property for any lawful purpose for which the Property may be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and all other appropriate officials, consultants, agents and employees of the Borough are hereby authorized and empowered to execute all documents, and to take all steps necessary and appropriate to acquire, by way of negotiated purchase, the real property known as 25 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey, identified as Block 1601, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough, consistent with the terms of the Letter of Intent for Purchase of Real Property dated May 31, 2017 to Robert McNerney from Joseph W. Voytus, Esq. of Boggia & Boggia, LLC.

Section 2. The Borough Council hereby confirms its approval of the appraisal of fair market value of the Property of \$675,000.00 as of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This purchase is authorized by the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, and specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5*, which permits a municipality, by ordinance, to purchase any real property.

Section 4. If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, or upon the expiration of the estoppel period on the Bond Ordinance to be adopted by the Borough Council to fund the purchase of the Property, whichever last occurs.

Ordinance No. **2017-1429** was introduced for second reading by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Lane; 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 Ridgewood News by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry; Clerk read by title only ----- A roll call vote was taken --- all ayes

PUBLIC HEARING BOND ORDINANCE NO 2017-1430 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 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 improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$700,000, including the sum of \$35,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now 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 improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$665,000 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. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of property located at 25 West Grand Avenue (Block 1601, Lot 1), including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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 improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 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 \$665,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,000 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 purpose or improvement.

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 described in Section 3(a) 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 purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement 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. **2017-1430** was introduced for second reading by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Lane; 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 Ridgewood News by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; Clerk read by title only ----- A roll call vote was taken -- - all ayes

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items 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 Koelling – all ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

June 27, 2017

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry – all ayes

MINUTES CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

June 26, 2107

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Gloeggler – all ayes

June 27, 2017

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

RESOLUTIONS:

145-2017 Authorize Settlement/Tax Appeal/Romei/16 Sunnyside Drive/Block 1405/Lot 19

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property tax appeal filed by Susan J. Romei (hereinafter the “Tax Appeal”), under Docket Number 010470-2016, and;

WHEREAS, the subject property is located at tax Block 1405 Lot 19, and more commonly referred to as 16 Sunnyside Drive in the Borough of Montvale, and;

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject tax appeal settlement by legal counsel and the Borough Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed tax appeal settlement calls for a reduction in the assessment of the subject property to \$800,000, 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 approved; and with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney and/or any other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purpose set forth in this Resolution, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Availability of Funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 has been certified to the Chief Finance Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

146-2017 Authorize Payment #2 Montvale Municipal Complex Roof/Mak Group, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on April 25, 2017 via resolution in connection with the Montvale Borough Hall Roof Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount is \$216,310.00 via Resolution #93-2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in letter dated June 30, 2017 takes no exception to payment #2 in the amount of \$40,995.46 which is attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, payment #2 is hereby authorized to be issued to Mak Group, LLC 40 Summit Ave., Clifton, NJ 07026; and

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

Total Contract Amount	\$216,310.00	Resolution # 93-2017
Payment #1	\$110,687.47	Resolution #141-2017
Less 2% Retainage	(\$3,095.57)	
Payment #2	\$40,995.36	Resolution #146-2017

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale payment #1 in the amount of \$40,995.36 be and is hereby issued

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes
Councilmember Weaver ask if the project is on budget

147-2017 Orange & Rockland Sub-Station Release of Performance Bond

WHEREAS, Orange & Rockland, 4 Irving Place, New York, New York 10003 is requesting a release in their Performance Bond #105934060 Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America in the amount of \$492,796.00; and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the site has been conducted of the Orange & Rockland Substation by the Borough Engineer, which recommends said release of the above referenced in letter dated July 5, 2017 which is attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body does hereby release said Performance Bond pending a two year Maintenance Bond be posted in the amount of \$68,443.00 prior to the release.

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

148-2017 Authorize Payment #2 & Change Order #2 Montvale Swim Club Pool Demolition/Caravella Demolition

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on December 13, 2016 to Caravella Demolition, Inc. 40 Deforest Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936 for the Montvale Swim Club Building and Pool Demolition and Site Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount is \$150,903.79 via Resolution #193-2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in a letter dated July 6, 2017 which is attached to the original of this resolution has been monitoring the project and recommends Payment #2 and Change Order #2 in the amount of \$; and

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

Total Contract Amount	\$ 150,903.79	Resolution 193-2016
Payment #1	\$ (76,712.43)	Resolution 63-2017
Change Order #1	\$ 3,293.75	Resolution 104-2017
Change Order #2	\$ (7,843.71)	
Payment #2	\$ 56,051.72	

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale authorize Change Order #2 in the amount of \$7,843.71 and Payment #2 in the amount of \$56,051.72.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes
 Councilmember Weaver asked how many payments are left; the engineer stated none
 Councilmember Curry asked if a fence will be place around the grass area.

149-2017 Authorize Payment #1/Montvale Intersection Improvements/New Price Concrete Construction Co., Inc.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract on April 11, 2017 in connection with the Montvale Intersection Improvements Project throughout the Borough of Montvale; and
WHEREAS, the original contract and Alternate B awarded is as follows:

	In the amount of:	
New Prince Concrete	Base Bid	\$2,064,244.05
215 Eileen Terrace	Alternate "B"	\$ 485,445.54
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601	TOTAL	\$2,549,689.59

WHEREAS, this contract was awarded via Resolution #92-2017; and
WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in a letter dated July 6, 2017 recommends payment #1 in the amount of \$197,554.28 based on the contract ; and
WHEREAS, payment #1 of the base bid amount is hereby authorized to be issued to New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc.; and
WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

Total Contract Base Bid Amount	\$2,064,244.05
Total Amount Due	\$197,554.28 Base Bid only Resolution 149-2017

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

150-2017 A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Awarding a Contract to Media Consultants, LLC, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service for MontVale Studio Management, Content Production and Related Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of engaging the services of a professional and reputable company to manage, create content and provide related services concerning the MontVale Studio in order to better serve Borough officials and residents; and
WHEREAS, such services are exempt from public bidding requirements pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(ii)* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1* as "extraordinary unspecifiable services"; and
WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal to provide such services from Media Consultants, LLC (the "MC Proposal") and has had the opportunity to meet with Media Consultants' representatives at its public meeting of June 27, 2017, and has determined that Media Consultants demonstrates the expertise and proven reputation in the specialty of television studio management, content production and related services which is essential to this project; and
WHEREAS, the Council is therefore desirous of awarding a contract to Media Consultants, LLC to perform the above-referenced services for an initial period of one (1) year, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the MC Proposal; and
WHEREAS, because the value of this contract exceeds the Borough's applicable pay-to-play threshold, it shall be awarded pursuant to the "alternative" provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*, et

seq., and Media Consultants has provided a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and all other appropriate documentation pertaining to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that a contract is hereby awarded to Media Consultants, LLC for of television studio management, consent production and related services, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the Proposal submitted by Media Consultants, LLC entitled "Borough of MonTVale Studio Manager Proposal" for the Borough of Montvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pricing for this contract shall be for a total of \$18,180.00 as set forth in the MC Proposal and shall be for a term of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk, and all other appropriate officials, shall be and are hereby authorized to execute all contract documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii)*, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract shall be printed once in the official newspaper of Borough of Montvale, and said notice shall also advise the public that a copy of the final contract shall be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Gloeggler - All ayes
Councilmember Curry asked for clarification regarding what the contract includes; it includes studio management and training; a separate proposal for bid specs will be issued;
Councilmember Weaver asked for a range in price about replacement of equipment;
Councilmember Weaver asked how much money was originally spent on the studio;

151-2017 Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation - Chapter 159

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has been awarded \$485,445.54 from the County of Bergen and wishes to amend its 2017 budget to include this amount as a revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$485,445.54 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations: County of Bergen – Department of Planning & Engineering: Roadway Improvements – Chestnut Ridge Road, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$485,445.54 be and hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations (a)Operations Excluded from "CAPS" Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues: County of Bergen – Department of Planning & Engineering:

Roadway Improvements – Chestnut Ridge Road

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

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report
Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Curry

Seniors

Spring luncheon was held at Seasons; DPW will be painting the outside of the senior center

Construction

\$71,000 ahead of last year in fees; the old library has begun work; issuing permits for the Shoppes at DePieros

Board of Health

Flu clinic will be held on September 23 from 9-11 am

Kudos to Lisa Dent and the special events committee for a great job with Day in the Park

Councilmember Gloeggler

Local BOE

Off for the summer

TVAccess

All cameras are up and running

Councilmember Lane

Firehouse Update

Still on target for early fall completion date

Finance

Would like to start in September for the 2018 budget

Councilmember Arendacs

Recreation

Would like to congratulate Lisa Dent for great job with Day in the Park; 254 registered campers; classes are ongoing; July 21st is movie night under the stars at Memorial Drive; repairs to the basketball courts will begin in August;

DPW

Went on a tour with DPW Superintendent

Police Commissioner Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes

Tri-Boro

Montvale logged: 55 calls; 76 crew hours

Councilmember Weaver

Planning Board

Cyclebar and Club Pilates approved for the Shoppes at DePieros, no membership is needed; use permit issued for Hartel & Co for the “Annie Sez” property;

Regional BOE

Superintendent contract has been renewed for next year

Economic Committee

Met last week; planning other event on August 2 at the Montvale community center 7-9pm

Mayor

Library

Circulation 9,418; 4,994 patron visits; 41 cards issued; Friends of the Library are looking for gently used books, cds, and dvds for their upcoming book sale to be held September 23 and 24

Mayor Ghassali met with the Mayors of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake along with some councilmembers and residents to discuss issues concerning the towns collectively; met with the gubernatorial candidates to learn about their issues

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

Update / Road Improvements

Grand Ave and Spring Valley Road should be completed in a few weeks; signal poles will be installed in the next few weeks; other road paving should be completed by end of August before school opens

Mayor Ghassali asked the engineer, what is the process to make Fox Hill Road a dead end street; First an ordinance needs to be introduced, then the Department of Transportation needs to review the ordinance and make their recommendations; need to notify the surrounding neighbors, including New York as well;

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Phil Boggia, Esq.

Report/Update

The borough received legal proceedings from the Hekemian Group which they are seeking to intervene and proposed up to 1,000 units; Mr. Boggia recommends retaining special counsel that specializes in this area; a motion to hire special counsel by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Weaver - all ayes Mayor Ghassali and Council President Curry will meet with the candidates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion / Akers Ave

A motion to open the meeting to the public for this item only by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry – all ayes -- Persia and Ken Barile of 31 Akers Ave joined the conversation, they are in favor of the “no parking” for the entire length, they are frustrated with the Board of Ed, they have received no cooperation; after a brief discussion, it was decided to send a letter to the residents informing them of the options and have them attend a meeting to further discuss;

Swim Club

Councilmember Weaver asked to form a committee to discuss ideas as to what to make of the swim club property, he would like to include the Senior President, MAL, Board of Ed, Environmental Commission, Planning Board and the Recreation Director

Center of Town / Update

Councilmember Weaver asked for an update; waiting on the proposals

Basketball Courts

Councilmember Weaver stated the courts are left in a mess, with garbage overflowing; can it be restricted to Montvale residents only; there is large groups of teenagers and young adults hanging out which makes it harder for younger children to use the courts

Huff Pond

The mosquito commission will be spraying the area and cleaning up the pond, then they will add fish once completed;

79 West Grand Ave

Met with concerned residents in regards to the house and property maintenance; is the house structurally sound, health issues regarding animals;

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

Jason Stephens, 4 Bayberry Drive

Ask for an update regarding alternatives to the turf; Councilmember Gloeggler went with the engineer to see a field in Edgewater which has a turf field with "cool play". Looks like a good alternative to the crumb rubber; the engineer will have quotes for next meeting; Met with MAL and Board of Ed to further discuss contributing towards funding;

Jaret Schumacher

Ask for clarification about the bond that was passed; will it affect the credit rating; is the borough taking on too much debt; can surplus be used for cash flow;

Persia Barile

Just wanted to suggest to use patriotic music along with the fireworks at Day in the Park; please speak into the microphones cannot really hear what councilmembers are saying; kudos to DPW for taking care of the center of town; kudos to the garbage company; we take these things for granted.

Ken Barile

Suggested, instead of just having a management company oversee the studio; have a facilitation agreement, where the vendor buys the equipment over time and as needed they would replace the equipment without the worry;

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held July 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk