

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:55pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

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 Koelling
Councilmember Curry	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Gloeggler	Councilmember Weaver

Also present: Mayor Mike Ghassali; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

Presentation / Neile Weissman / Support the widening of bike paths for the George Washington Bridge - information included with original minutes

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1436 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 128 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH THE MIXED-USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TO SET FORTH THE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA APPLICABLE THERETO
(public hearing 12/11/17)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2017-1436** for first reading was made by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in the Bergen Record; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - A roll call was taken, Councilmembers Arendacs and Weaver voting No and Councilmembers Curry, Gloeggler, Koelling and Lane voting Yes.

Councilmember Weaver asked for clarification regarding the list of permitted uses such as a grocery store and pharmacy, with Wegmans right across the street; the attorney stated that it could be a permitted use.

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1437 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 128 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH THE AH-6A DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TO SET FORTH THE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA APPLICABLE THERETO
(public hearing 12/11/17)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2017-1437** for first reading was made by Councilmember Gloeggler; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in the Bergen Record; seconded by Councilmember Curry - A roll call was taken – all ayes

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1433 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A LAND DONATION OF BLOCK 1505, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 713, LOT 12 IN THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

WHEREAS, Charlotte Kaczala (“Owner”) is the owner of certain real property located in the Borough of Montvale (the “Borough” or “Montvale”) designated as Block 1505, Lot 1, known as 6 Pennsylvania Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Kaczala is the owner of certain real property located in the Borough of Montvale designated as Block 713, Lot 12, known as 9 Pennsylvania Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Owner of 6 Pennsylvania Avenue and 9 Pennsylvania Avenue has offered to donate the two above-referenced parcels (the “Properties”) to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., the Borough is required to accept the Properties by adoption of an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the public interest to accept the donation of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to accept the donation of the Properties, subject to due diligence regarding title, environmental or any other issues that may affect the Borough’s acceptance and ownership of the Properties.

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

Section 1. The Borough hereby accepts the land donation of Block 1505, Lot 1 and Block 713, Lot 12, from Charlotte Kaczala, contingent upon the Borough and/or its professionals conducting due diligence regarding title, environmental or any other issue that may affect the Borough’s acceptance and ownership of the Properties and receiving adequate assurance that the Properties are free from any judgments, liens or other title issues, and from any environmental or other deleterious substances.

Section 2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effectuate the acquisition of the Properties, consistent with this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability.

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 4. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Section 5. Repeal of inconsistent ordinances.

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

Ordinance No. **2017-1433** 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 Koelling - 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
 The Engineer explained that this is currently vacant land.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO 2017-1434 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE IN ORDER TO REVISE THE FEES CHARGEABLE FOR INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the Borough of Montvale, Chapter 42, “Fire Prevention,” is hereby amended by deleting the text of Code Section 42-24(E) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Additional locally required annual registration fees are as follows (Non-life-hazard):

RESIDENTIAL

Dwelling Units	Year and Fee (per dwelling unit)	
	2017	2018+
Each unit up to 20	\$55	\$55
Each unit above 20	\$15	\$15

The above fees shall be applicable to all multi-unit dwellings, including, without limitation, apartments, condominiums, and cooperative housing complexes, and all single-unit, non-owner-occupied dwelling units.

Section 2. The Code of the Borough of Montvale, Chapter 42, “Fire Prevention,” is hereby amended by deleting the text of Code Section 42-24(F) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

F. The following annual registration fees for nonresidential buildings and uses as authorized by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code are as follows:

BUSINESS

Local Code	Area (square feet)	Year and fee	
		2017	2018+
U1	<1,000	\$65	\$65
U1A	1,001 – 2,500	\$115	\$115
U2	2,501 – 5,000	\$185	\$185
U3	5,001 – 10,000	\$365	\$365
U4	10,001 – 50,000	\$730	\$730
U5	50,001 – 100,000	\$1025	\$1025
U6	100,001 – 200,000	\$1400	\$1400
U7	200,001- 250,000	\$2050	\$2050
U8	250,000+	\$2,670	\$2,670

Section 3. The Code of the Borough of Montvale, Chapter 42, “Fire Prevention,” is hereby amended by deleting the text of Code Section 42-38 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The fees for an inspection by the Fire Prevention Bureau for a Certificate of Smoke Detector Installation (CSDI) Smoke Detector Certificates shall be as follows:

Document	Year and fee	
	2017	2018+
Initial CSDI Inspection	\$125	\$100
Re-inspection (if required)	\$40	\$40

Section 4. Effect of invalidation. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 5. Repeal of inconsistent ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of Montvale which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Ordinance No. **2017-1434** 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
Jarett Schumacher

Ask for clarification as to what fees; the clerk explained this was for sheds and to clear up inconsistencies with prior ordinances

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

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO 2017-1435 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 54, “INSURANCE,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A SELF-INSURANCE FUND FOR GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale has determined that providing for contributory or noncontributory self-funded or partially self-funded health benefits to eligible employees and/or their dependents will be an efficient and cost effective method of providing such benefits to its employees; and

WHEREAS, such a program is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-6e; and

WHEREAS, as part of the establishment of such a program it is required by N.J.S.A 40A:10-8 that a board of fund commissioners be created to oversee the safe and proper administration of such a fund.

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

Section 1. The Code of the Borough of Montvale is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new Chapter 54, "Insurance," as follows

**Chapter 54
Insurance**

Article I Self-Insurance Fund for Health Insurance Benefits

§54-1 Establishment of fund.

§54-2 Insurance fund commissioners.

§54-3 Operation and management of fund.

Article I Self-Insurance Fund for Health Insurance Benefits

§54-1 Establishment of fund.

There is hereby established a Trust Fund to be known as "The Self-Insurance Fund for Health Insurance Benefits" (hereinafter the "Fund") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-1 et seq. and regulations established by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

§54-2 Insurance fund commissioners.

- A. The Mayor shall appoint three Borough officials, who may be members of the governing body, to serve as Insurance Fund Commissioners. The Mayor shall appoint a person to serve as Secretary to the Board who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governing Body.
- B. The Commissioners shall hold office for two years or the remainder of their term of office as officials, whichever shall be less, and until their successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation. The salary of the Secretary shall be set by the salary ordinance authorized by the Governing Body.
- C. Each year, the Commissioners shall elect among themselves a chairperson, who shall serve for a term of one year.
- D. All vacancies in the office of Insurance Fund Commissioner or in the office of Secretary shall be filled as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-8.

§54-3 Operation and management of fund.

- A. The Insurance Fund Commissioners shall have all powers and authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-10.
- B. The Borough Chief Financial Officer shall be the Custodian of the Fund and shall bear responsibility for the Fund in the same manner and to the same extent as other public funds under his/her care. All interest earned on the Fund shall accrue to the Fund's principal.

- C. To the extent necessary, and subject to rules and regulations established by the Insurance Fund Commissioners:
 - 1. The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer shall annually estimate the probable maximum exposure of the Fund during the calendar year.
 - 2. The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer shall include as part of the recommended annual operating budget, an amount, in his/her opinion, needed to adequately fully fund the employee health reimbursement account and responsibly estimate the costs associated with the calendar year.
 - 3. The Borough Administrator, upon the recommendation of the Borough's Risk Manager shall fix reasonable rates of reimbursements for all insurance carried by the Insurance Fund to be applied to the various covered persons and dependent categories, and shall effect all insurance in the Insurance Fund or with any insurance company or companies authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.
 - 4. The Chief Financial Officer and/or Borough Treasurer shall collect and incorporate in the Fund employee and retiree contributions for health benefits which are made
 - 5. pursuant to applicable Borough ordinances and contracts or in accordance with Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.

- D. The Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale shall appropriate such funds as are necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Self-Insurance Fund for Group Health Insurance Benefits is established.

Section 2. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Savings Clause.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed pursuant to this Ordinance, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Ordinance No. **2017-1435** 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 Koelling - 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

The borough attorney explained this has to do with the Health Savings Account established for the employees and that 2 councilmembers and someone from the finance department should be on the committee overseeing this account

RESOLUTIONS:

219-2017 Appointment Jr. Member / Montvale Fire Department / Corey Lydon

WHEREAS, the Montvale Fire Department is desirous of adding a junior member; and

WHEREAS, Corey Lydon of Montvale, NJ has been approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners and has undergone a satisfactory physical, pursuant to the attached application which has been made part of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the appointment of Corey Lydon, as a Jr. Member of the Montvale Fire Department, is hereby approved.

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

220-2017 Authorize Hiring / Part Time On Call / Crossing Guard / Pamela Gallagher

WHEREAS, the Montvale Police Department desires to hire a part-time on call crossing guard in the Borough of Montvale; and,

WHEREAS, Pamela Gallagher has met the qualifications for this position, agrees to the terms and conditions of employment; 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 Part-time On Call Crossing Guard, effective November 28, 2017.

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

221-2017 A Resolution Amending a Professional Services Contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC to Serve as Special Counsel in Connection with the Borough's Affordable Housing Litigation to Increase the Amount of the Contract

WHEREAS, the Governing Body previously adopted Resolution No. 155-2017, which awarded a professional services contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. of Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC, 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle, New Jersey 08730, to represent the Borough of Montvale and to perform all services necessary and appropriate in connection with the Borough's affordable housing litigation, Docket No. BER-L-6141-15; and

WHEREAS, that contract included an initial "Not To Exceed" figure of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Surenian has advised that his firm is approaching the Not To Exceed figure and needs authorization from the Borough of Montvale to proceed with additional work; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body previously adopted Resolution 200-2017, which amended the not to exceed amount to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of authorizing same; 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 that the professional services contract with Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC is hereby amended to increase the “Not To Exceed” value to a total of \$75,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other terms and conditions of said contract shall remain the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute an amended contract consistent with the provisions and intent of this Resolution, subject to approval of same by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall publish notice of this contract award in the official newspaper of the Borough, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes
 Councilmember Arendacs asked why the increase and if Mr. Surenian’s services are still needed; the borough attorney stated his services are still needed for the fairness hearings that are scheduled in 2018

222-2017 Transfer of Appropriations

WHEREAS, certain transfer of funds for various 2017 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* provides for transfers from appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose for such appropriations, to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the transfers be made between the 2016 budget appropriations as follows:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
General Appropriations		
Operations – Within “CAPS”		
Salary Adjustment Account	\$8,750.00	
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		\$8,750.00
Planning Board:		
Other Expenses	11,250.00	
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		11,250.00
Salary Adjustment Account	250.00	
Environmental Commission:		
Salaries and Wages		250.00
Salary Adjustment Account	1,000.00	
Senior Citizen:		
Salaries and Wages		1,000.00
Social Security System	3,000.00	
Municipal Court Administration:		
Other Expenses		3,000.00
General Appropriations		
Operations – Within “CAPS”		
Social Security System	3,000.00	
General Appropriations		
Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”		

Shared Service Agreements		
Municipal Court Administration:		
Other Expenses		3,000.00
	_____	_____
	\$27,250.00	\$27,250.00
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Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - All ayes

223-2017 A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center

WHEREAS, in compliance with the New Jersey Supreme Court’s decision in In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015), on or about July 6, 2015, the Borough filed an action with the Superior Court of New Jersey (“Court”), entitled In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, Docket No. BER-L-6141-15, seeking a Judgment of Compliance and Repose approving its Affordable Housing Plan (as defined herein), in addition to related reliefs (the “Compliance Action”); and

WHEREAS, in order to settle the Compliance Action, the Borough of Montvale and the Montvale Planning Board did approve a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”), at their public meetings of November 14, 2017 and November 21, 2017, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of executing an Amendment to the Settlement Agreement with FSHC to ensure that it is consistent with the settlement agreements with the other Intervenors in the Compliance Action.

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

1. The Borough Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the Amendment to the Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. The Borough hereby directs its Special Affordable Housing Counsel to (a) file the fully-executed Amended Settlement Agreement with the Court for review and approval at a duly-noticed Fairness Hearing, (b) take all actions reasonable and necessary to secure an Order approving the Amended Settlement Agreement, and (c) work towards ultimately securing judicial approval of the Borough’s Fair Share Plan, after it is drafted, adopted by the Borough’s Planning Board and endorsed by the Borough Council.

3. All other appropriate Borough officials are authorized and empowered to execute all documents and take all steps necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms and purposes of this resolution and the Amended Settlement Agreement.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - a roll call was taken with Councilmembers Arendacs and Weaver voting No and Councilmembers Curry, Gloeggler, Koelling and Lane voting yes; the borough attorney explained this was to match with the settlement agreement with Hekemian

224-2017 A Resolution Authorizing State Contract for Installing Various Technologies in the New Montvale Fire House

WHEREAS, The New Montvale Fire House is in need of the installation of various technologies as described in the State Contract #83927 and #83924, said detailed proposal dated October 2017 is attached to the original of this resolution submitted by Regional Communications, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Based upon the recommendation of the John Descano, Project Manager of Robbie Conley Architect, LLC for this project it was determined during the Construction Documents phase, that it was best to have the audio/visual and securities systems performed by a separate specialized vendor; and

WHEREAS, The Montvale Fire Chief and Qualified Purchasing Agent has reviewed the proposal submitted and recommends award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale hereby authorize said contract to Regional Communications, Inc. 64 East Midland Ave, Paramus, NJ 07653 the amount of \$47,976.30 for State Contract #83927 and \$42,395.00 for State Contract #83924 for a total of \$90,371.30; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available certification hereto attached to the original of this resolution.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes
Councilmember Weaver asked if this was included with the original amount or is this an additional cost. The clerk stated this was included with original bond.

225-2017 Resolution In Support Of The Widening Of The George Washington Bridge Sidewalks

WHEREAS, the George Washington Bridges sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runners and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the paths are heavily used, with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day; and

WHEREAS, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide if they are heavily used; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalks are currently ten feet wide except where the bridge's suspender ropes pass through, where they are even less than seven feet wide; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge's suspender ropes beginning in 2017 and lasting until 2024; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps that will provide access to the sidewalks will be constructed, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority's own Bicycle Policy states that its goals are to integrate "improved bicycle access: and "safe bike lanes" and to "promote the safe coexistence of motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians" at its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the width of the bridge's sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high pedestrian and bicycle paths; and

WHEREAS, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough fully supports the widening of the George Washington Bridge Sidewalks.

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

226-2017 Resolution Awarding/Amending Contract to Robbie Conley Architect, LLC For Professional Services Related to their Contract For Reimbursable Expenses and Coordination Re-Design of the Radio Tower/New Montvale Firehouse

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015 The Borough of Montvale awarded a professional service contract to Robbie Conley Architect, LLC, 596 Glassboro Road, Woodbury Heights, New Jersey 08097 for the various professional services related to the construction of a New Montvale Fire House; and

WHEREAS, in a letters dated December 8, 2015 and November 21, 2017 attached to the original of this resolution Robbie Conley Architects, LLC submitted certain fee increases for said services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body on November 28, 2017 approved said request; and

NOW THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Robbie Conley Architect, LLC is approved for billing of these costs as per his November 21, 2017 letter.

Funds allocated Re-Design of Radio Tower	\$20,000.00
Reimbursable Expenses	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	Total \$25,000.00

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

227-2017 Appointment Full Time Court Administrator/Pascack Joint Municipal Court/Ann Levitski

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court is in need of a Court Administrator; and **WHEREAS**, Ann Levitzki meets the qualifications and has agreed to perform the duties of this position; 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 Court Administrator for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court effective December 1, 2017.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes
Councilmember Weaver asked for clarification as to the hiring; the clerk explained that Montvale is the hiring authority

228-2017 Appointment Full Time Deputy Court Administrator/Pascack Joint Municipal Court/Shaka Lemoniaus

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court is in need of a Deputy Court Administrator; and **WHEREAS**, Shaka Lemoniaus meets the qualifications and has been approved by the Assignment Judge to perform the duties of this position; 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 Deputy Court Administrator for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court effective December 4, 2017.

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 Koelling - All ayes
Councilmember Weaver noticed that the Suez payment was for \$16,000 and didn't realize how much the borough pays.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- This report is included with the original minutes;
- Jefferson Ave paving will cost \$12,000 not including additional engineering fees; a motion by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling to authorize paving – all ayes
- Councilmembers have concerns regarding the intersection of Woodland Road and Grand Ave; the engineer explained guide posts can be installed by the County; councilmembers authorized the engineer to call the County on their behalf
- Speeding on North Ave, a temporary speed hump can be installed, cost is approximately \$10,000
- Councilmember Weaver asks about the dirt pile on the corner of Grand and Philips; they are continuing to remove it in stages

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

- Working on the deed of easements for the homeowners with the bamboo issue; also working on a bamboo ordinance

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Rob Hanrahan / Estimates / Tree Trimming and Removal center of town

After a brief discussion, the clerk will speak to Mr. Koenig for clarification on the specification of services needed;

NEW BUSINESS:

The administrator has started the budget process and that letters went out to all the professionals for their 2018 rates.

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 Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry – all ayes

Fire Chief Clint Miller

Was honored and humbled for the proclamation that was presented to him by the Mayor and Council; having some issues with Suez and the water main, have a meeting with them next week; ask for a list of names for the dedication plaque for the new firehouse, Councilmember Lane will coordinate that; added a few more Christmas decorations in the center of town and is asking for reimbursement of \$6,000;

Jarret Schumacher

How much did the borough spend on Jeff Surenian; his contract is not to exceed \$75,000

Jim Bauer - Spring Valley Road

With all the new development being proposed, what happens with all the traffic; the engineer stated that the train causes the traffic on the corner of Grand and Kinderkamack;

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 Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm

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

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk