

**PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:33PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Master Sergeant Dieter Koelling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Andrew Hipolit; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember Arendacs	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Curry	Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

**ORDINANCES:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1487** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 187 ENTITLED "ENGINE BRAKING"

**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 creating a new Chapter 187, entitled "Engine Braking, as follows

**CHAPTER 187 – ENGINE BRAKING**

**Article I**

**Engine Braking**

- § 187-1. Definitions.
- § 187-2. Prohibition.
- § 187-3. Exemptions.
- § 187-4. Posting of signs.
- § 187-5. Violations and penalties.

**§ 187-1. Definitions.**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**ENGINE BRAKING**

The use or operation of any mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking, decompression or deceleration of any motor vehicle which results in excessive, loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle.

**§ 187-2. Prohibition.**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated at any time and on any street within the Borough of Montvale any mechanical exhaust or decompression device which results in the practice known as "engine braking."

**§ 187-3. Exemptions.**

The following are exempt from the provision of this Chapter:

- A. Noise caused by the application of engine braking which is effectively muffled

- B. Engine braking where the application is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the public
- C. Noise created by emergency equipment or vehicles for emergency purposes

**§ 187-4. Posting of signs.**

The Borough is hereby authorized to post signs at reasonable locations within the Borough indicating the prohibition of engine braking.

**§ 187-5. Violations and penalties.**

Violation of any of the provisions of this Article shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, "General Provisions," Article 1, "General Penalty."

**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.

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2020-1487** by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

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

Jarret Schumacher

Asked for clarification regarding the term "direct muzzle" Mr. Hipolit, Borough Engineer, stated that the engine is either muzzled or not.

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 Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry; Clerk read by title only. - All ayes on a roll call vote

**INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1488** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 296 ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER"

(Public Hearing 11-24-2020)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2020-1488** for first reading was made by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; 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 – all ayes

Joe Voytus, Borough Attorney, gave a brief explanation stating that as a result of the re-codification the old chapter of "Peace and Good Order" was removed due to outdated language; the current ordinance was put into place by the Chief of Police in conjunction with the criminal code. Councilmember Arendacs asked if our ordinance mimics the criminal code, Mr. Voytus stated essentially and some of it supplements the code, it would be at the officer's discretion.

**INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1489** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 341, "STORM SEWERS," BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE"  
(Public Hearing 11-24-2020)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2020-1489** for first reading was made by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; 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 – all ayes

Councilmember Curry asked for clarification regarding section 341-14B "uncontaminated ground water" people cannot take their sump water and throw it into our sewer system, it has to go into the ground, the answer is yes; what about pool water? Mr. Hipolit stated it cannot go into the sewer system.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – all ayes

Carolee Adams

Wanted to know about the ordinance "Peace and Good Order", is this being done in other towns; Mr. Voytus responded by saying that due to the re-codification, this section was removed due to outdated language, the ordinance introduced tonight is replacing the old one; Mrs. Adams added that certain language in the ordinance is vague; Mr. Voytus stated the language used is general and cannot be specific, it would be at the discretion of the officer; Mrs. Adams asked for clarification regarding the discharge of sump pump water, Mr. Hipolit answered by saying you cannot use the sanitary sewer. What about pool water, Mr. Hipolit stated it can be discharged into the ground or the sewer, not the sanitary sewer. Mrs. Adams asked what about leaves going into the storm sewers, Mr. Hipolit said some will go into the storm sewers but most of the leaves will be picked up.

Jarret Schumacher

Regarding Peace and Good Order, currently, for the next 14 days, public nudity, public urination are legal in town; Councilmember Lane stated that if you did one of those you would be subject to the prosecution on the State and Federal level.

Kari Solomon

Regarding the Good Order ordinance, what were the items removed, Mr. Voytus stated sections 3B, C, 1 and 3 and 3D

Mayor Ghassali added that these changes to the ordinance are a result of the public getting involved and making good suggestions. Please continue to be involved.

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Curry; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – all ayes

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:**

Agenda Items Only

**MINUTES:**

None

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

None

**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.

**177-2020 A Resolution Declaring an Emergency Affecting Public Health, Safety and Welfare and Ratifying the Emergency Contract Awarded Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 to Air Systems Maintenance, Inc. Related to the Provisions and Installation of a New Roof Top Unit for the Montvale Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2020, the Borough of Montvale Engineer issued a Memorandum to the Borough Administrator, Qualified Purchasing Agent, Borough Attorney and Mayor and Council concerning an emergency situation that arose with respect to the roof top unit for the Montvale Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, said Memorandum advised that the roof top unit servicing the Police Department had failed and was no longer producing heat for that section of the building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer advised that the Police Department provides essential services to the Borough and its residents, and a normal bid process would have resulted in the delay of installation of a new unit until well into the winter; and

**WHEREAS**, said situation represented a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this emergency situation could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council is satisfied based upon October 15, 2020 Memorandum from the Borough Engineer, that the conditions at the Montvale Police Department represented a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and thus constituted an “emergency” for purposes of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did therefore engage Air Systems Maintenance, Inc., who was already performing routine maintenance and emergency HVAC services for the Borough, to provide and install a new roof top unit, including expedited shipping, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the delivery and installation of the roof top unit, including expedited shipping, was \$81,910.00 pursuant to a proposal dated October 14, 2020, submitted to the Borough of Montvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work was limited to the goods and services required to address the emergency situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Qualified Purchasing Agent executed a purchase order for this work pursuant to said proposal, under the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

2. The Borough Council hereby declares that the situation at the Montvale Police Department constituted an “emergency” justifying the use of emergency procurement procedures by the Borough Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1.
3. The Purchase Order entered into with Air Systems Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$81,910.00 is hereby ratified and reaffirmed.
4. A copy of the October 15, 2020 Memorandum from the Borough Engineer shall be filed in the minutes along with this Resolution.

**178-2020 A Resolution Declaring an Emergency Affecting Public Health, Safety and Welfare and Ratifying the Emergency Contract Awarded Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 to Air Systems Maintenance, Inc. Related to the Provision and Installation of a New Boiler for the Montvale Senior and Community Center**

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2020, the Borough of Montvale Engineer issued a Memorandum to the Borough Administrator, Qualified Purchasing Agent, Borough Attorney and Mayor and Council concerning an emergency situation that arose with respect to the boiler for the Montvale Senior and Community Center; and

**WHEREAS**, said Memorandum advised that the boiler servicing the Police Department was badly leaking and required immediate replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer advised that the Senior and Community Center serves as the Borough’s only polling location for the upcoming General Election, and a normal bid process would have resulted in the delay of installation of a new unit until well into the winter; and

**WHEREAS**, said condition represented a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this emergency situation could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council is satisfied based upon October 15, 2020 Memorandum from the Borough Engineer, that the conditions at the Montvale Senior and Community Center represented a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and thus constituted an “emergency” for purposes of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough did therefore engage Air Systems Maintenance, Inc., who was already performing routine maintenance and emergency HVAC services for the Borough, to provide and install a boiler to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the delivery and installation of the boiler was \$24,558.00 pursuant to a proposal dated October 14, 2020, submitted to the Borough of Montvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work was limited to the goods and services required to address the emergency situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Qualified Purchasing Agent executed a purchase order for this work pursuant to said proposal, under the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Borough Council hereby declares that the situation at the Montvale Senior and Community Center constituted an “emergency” justifying the use of emergency procurement procedures by the Borough Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1.
3. The Purchase Order entered into with Air Systems Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$24,558.00 is hereby ratified and reaffirmed.
4. A copy of the October 15, 2020 Memorandum from the Borough Engineer shall be filed in the minutes along with this Resolution.

**179-2020 Authorize Refund of Registration Fees Senior Community Center Exercise Room / Participants Non-Use**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the attached listing of individual is hereby granted a refund for non-use of the senior community center exercise room due to COVID-19 Golf restrictions on sanitation and occupancy.

**180-2020 Authorizing Appointment /Full Time Construction Code Official/ Building Sub-Code Official/C. Gruber**

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Gruber was hired as a Full Time Deputy Construction Code Official effective January 1, 2019 upon certification; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Montvale is in need of appointing a Full Time Construction Code Official due to the retirement of the current Construction Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Gruber meets the qualifications of the following positions and will be taking on the following various roles within the Borough of Montvale as follows: Construction Code Official, Building Code Official, Zoning Official, Property Maintenance, Facilities Municipal Buildings/Property Inspector, Safety Co-Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gruber agreed to the terms and conditions of employment, and has previously completed a satisfactory background investigation; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey the above-named individual is hereby appointed to these positions effective November 13, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, The Department of Community Affairs received a copy of this resolution for their records.

**181-2020 Authorize Hiring FT/Technical Assistant/Building Dept./S. Lutz-Geisler**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale advertised and interviewed for the position of Technical Assistant in the Montvale Building Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephanie Lutz-Geisler meets the qualifications for this position and agrees to the terms and conditions of employment, and has previously completed a satisfactory background investigation; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the above-named individual is hereby appointed to this full-time position which duties and responsibilities include a certified Technical Assistant

**182-2020 Refund Tax Overpayment / Block 2601, Lot 11 / 2 Timberland Trail**

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing the Borough of Montvale to refund an overpayment of taxes for the property located at 2 Timberland Trail, also known as Block 2601, Lot 11;

**WHEREAS**, a duplicate payment was made by the mortgage company; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to refund Ronald Deblinger, 1148 Crystal Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 in the amount of \$4,924.89.

**183-2020 A Resolution Establishing the Health Benefits and Employee Contributions for Borough of Montvale Employees for the Year 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale currently offers health benefits to all of its full-time employees; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual and non-contractual Borough employees have now satisfied their obligations under the four-year phase-in of P.L. 2001, c. 78; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of satisfying the "Chapter 78" obligations, the Borough is now entitled to establish an appropriate employee contribution percentage for health benefits to be paid by employees who elect coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale is also entitled to incentivize employees to elect certain coverages and to allow employees to share in the cost savings realized by the Borough as a result of the election of certain lower cost health benefits plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of memorializing the health benefits, employee contributions, and other elements of the Borough’s health benefits package for the year 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The following health benefits plans shall be offered to employees for the year 2021, with the required employee contributions of the plan premiums noted below:

<b>Plan</b>	<b>Aetna PPO Core</b>	<b>PPO 20/35 Alt Plan #1</b>	<b>EPO 15/25 Alt Plan #2</b>	<b>EPO 20/35 Alt Plan #3</b>	<b>HDHP 3000 Alt Plan #4</b>
<b>Contribution (% of plan cost)</b>	15%	15%	15%	15%	10%

2. In addition, for those employees who elect the HDHP 3000 plan, the Borough of Montvale shall make a contribution to a Health Savings Account (HSA) in the maximum amount allowed by law up to \$8,000, estimated to be \$3,600 for an individual or \$7,200 for a family plan for the year 2021.
3. For those employees who waive health benefits offered by the Borough of Montvale, the Borough will offer a payment of 25% of the cost of the savings realized by the Borough as a result of said waiver, or \$5,000, whichever figure is less. Such payments shall be made in the last pay period in December, 2021, for those employees who waive coverage.

**184-2020 Rescinding Resolution No. 176-2020 Purchase of Montvale Police Department Radio/Motorola Solutions**

**BE IT RESOVLED**, Resolution No. 176-2020 duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale on October 27, 2020 is hereby rescinded;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, the purchase of Radio for the Montvale Police Department under State of NJ Contract will be reviewed and budgeted in said department at a future date.

**185-2020 Resolution Approving the Borough of Montvale COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Murphy recent issued Executive Order #192, which provides mandatory health and safety standards to protect all New Jersey's workers at work during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of formally adopting a policy to implement the requirements of Executive Order #192 and to memorialize certain other policies and procedures related to COVID-19 in effect in the Borough of Montvale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Office Manager, in consultation with the Borough Attorney, have developed the Borough of Montvale COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale does hereby endorse and approve the Borough of Montvale COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - a roll call was taken – all ayes

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

Motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Curry - all ayes

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council President Arendacs**

Engineering

NJDOT project on Paragon and Philips is complete; getting estimates to remove some trees from the Pascack Brook near Grand Ave and Summit Ave.

DPW

Routine daily maintenance continues; salt shed is complete; the lines are being stenciled on Woodland Road to reduce speeding; statewide requirement by the DEP to, in conjunction with engineering, to inspect the outfalls and to remove any vegetation; the DPW is winterizing the fields and are preparing for the winter season.

Construction

3 Mercedes project is under way; 110 Summit Ave moving along; and Toll Brothers project at 2 Paragon has begun; 133 permits were issued; generated revenue is approximately \$639,000; Jeff Fette has retired and the transition has begun; 18 property maintenance violations were issued;

Buildings and Grounds

New borough signs have been installed and a new boiler was installed at the senior center

In honor of Veterans Day, would like to acknowledge Councilman Dieter Koelling and all the Veterans who served in the Military who fought for our freedom, thank you, it is an honor to sit next to you.

**Councilmember Koelling**

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes;

Thanked Councilmember Arendacs for the kind words and added his thanks to Fire Chief Gibbons and Tri-Boro Ambulance for their service and mentioning about an accident on the Parkway at 3am which the Fire Dept and Tri-Boro responded to. Thinking about you leaving your families at 3am as volunteers. Thank you for your service.

**Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang**

Diversity Committee

Celebrating Diwali, with a Rangoli contest, it is an art form that can be made out of jewels, colored powder, colored rice, flower petals and more, please submit your pictures by November 17 to [diversitycommittee@montvaleboro.org](mailto:diversitycommittee@montvaleboro.org)

BOE

Dr. Petersen wanted everyone to know that school is going well, they are taking it one week at a time; in discussions with the BOE to have bathrooms installed somewhere on the property of Fieldstone for field use.

**Councilmember Curry**

Senior Club

Following the CDC rules and they are ready to be active once again.

Website/Newsletter

Please contact Rose Curry at [rcurry@montvaleboro.org](mailto:rcurry@montvaleboro.org) or Carol Manhart at [cmanhart@montvaleboro.org](mailto:cmanhart@montvaleboro.org)

TV Access

Continue to send in your photos showing Montvale Strong;

Planning Board

Special Meeting on November 16, for Waypoint development which is the 55 and over 180 units

**Councilmember Roche**

**Special Events Committee**

Currently looking for volunteers, please call or email the Recreation Director; The committee is working on the Holiday House Decorating Contest and the Tree Lighting; applications for field use for Spring 2021 will be accepted from Jan 1 – Feb 1, 2021, forms are available online and at the front counter.

**Regional BOE**

Congratulations to Brian Hallowell on his retirement; congratulations to Mike Weaver who was voted in as a new member; currently both schools are back in session;

**Environmental Committee**

The head wall for the Pascack Trail was installed and hoping the entire trail will be operational by the end of the year; Bayberry fence was approved and are now waiting for the contractor to install it; Huff Pond bids were advertised; a new recycle flyer is on the website; plastic bag collection is ongoing.

**Chamber of Commerce**

Working on coordinating virtual events to help businesses

**Councilmember Lane**

**Fire Dept**

20 fire calls; 2 drills; 2 extra credits and 1 meeting; some calls were activated fire alarms, carbon monoxide, a vehicle fire and two mutual aid calls with River Vale; a reminder that Montvale works closely with our neighbors in the surrounding towns.

**Finance**

Looking to start budget season, mentioned that all budget meetings are open to the public

**MAYOR**

Would like to congratulate Doug Arendacs and Rose Curry on their re-election; thanked Jarret Schumacher and Dolores Phillips for their efforts and taking the time to run and serve this community; COVID numbers are increasing, urges the community, if you are showing symptoms, please get tested, please quarantine; Grand Opening on November 16 of CityMD at DiPiero's farm, you can get tested there; Governor Murphy added more restrictions including restaurants to close indoor dining at 10pm and certain indoor sports, more restrictions to follow; would like to congratulate Jeff Fette on his retirement; looking for volunteers for the snow angels program; this Thursday will be live on zoom giving updates on the town and taking questions.

Councilmember Curry would like to give a shout out to the Montvale Library for their wonderful exhibit on voting and also they have an outdoor inter-active storybook for children.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

There is a section on Paragon that was not paved, it is part of the Toll Brothers project which will be paved at a later date; reminder that PSEG, Suez and Verizon are in town doing utility upgrades, please be patient.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Borough of Montvale Submission Best Practice Inventory/State Aid/No Aid Withholding  
The clerk explained this was for informational purposes, showing Montvale scored within the limits allowed and we will receive State Aid

b. Determination of Date & Time M&C Re-Organization Meeting January 2021  
Councilmembers agreed on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7pm  
The Borough Attorney added that the State put out new guidelines on Zoom meetings and that a resolution would be needed to be in compliance with the new regulations.

**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 Roche  
- all ayes

Maureen McLaughlin

Thanked members of council for all they do for the community, thanked Councilmember Koelling for his service and thanked all Veterans; thanks for taking down the trees on the kindergarten path and wanted to know what about the rest of the clean-up, Mr. Hipolit stated it is on the DPW schedule and should be cleaned soon.

Carolee Adams

Today is the 245th birthday of the US Marines; the organizations Hoving Home and Unshattered, part of Unshattered, they make purses, bags among other things out of retired military uniforms; Mentioned Movember, we should talk more about men's health; regarding the leaf issue, leave guidelines are in the newsletter, suggested maybe get volunteers to help with the leaves like the snow angels.

Jarett Schumacher

In speaking about attending budget meetings and public participation, it would be helpful to have some guidelines on how the public can participate; what are other towns doing regarding leaf removal, why not leave them at the curb, Mr. Hipolit stated it comes down to main power and purchasing the equipment.

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

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held November 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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