

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held virtually by Zoom and called to order at 7:32PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Master Sergeant Dieter Koelling 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 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; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs
Councilmember Curry
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

ORDINANCES:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:**December 29, 2020**

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

Sine Die January 4, 2021

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes

Re-Organization January 4, 2021

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:**December 8, 2020**

A motion to accept closed session minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes

RESOLUTIONS: (CONSENT AGENDA*)

*All items listed on a consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by a motion, seconded and a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

21-2021 Authorizing Refund of Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #19-00003 for Block 2412; Lot 3 / 10 Birch Terrace

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 22, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 2412, Lot 3, also known as 10 Birch Terrace 2019 property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #19-00003, was sold to MGRP TL Capital at 0% interest rate and a premium in the amount of \$30,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Lereta, LLC (the mortgage company) has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #19-00003 in the amount of \$15,217.31; 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 Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to Redeem Certificate #19-00003 and send payment of \$45,717.31 to MGRP TL Capital, 12-24 River Road, FairLawn, NJ 07410

22-2021 Cancellation of Outstanding Checks / Prior Years / Pascack Joint Municipal Court

WHEREAS, there exists various outstanding checks from prior years drawn against certain accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator provided a listing of outstanding checks that require cancellation (listing attached) from prior years.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to deposit these funds to the respective reserve or surplus account;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Court Administrator shall receive a copy of this resolution for record keeping; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the attached list of outstanding checks from prior years be cancelled;

23-2021 Authorize Appointment / Sherri D'Alessandro / Acting Municipal Court Administrator

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-10 the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale, acting as lead agency for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court, are required to provide for a Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq., any municipality of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality or municipalities to share services that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale, acting as lead agency for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court, consent and agree to share the professional services of their respective Municipal Court Administrators on a provisional basis in the event of the absence of the Municipal Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator, to undertake the duties of the absent Municipal Court Administrator during scheduled and/or unscheduled leaves, within the two respective municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall be \$30 per hour. Pay rate established by N.J.S.A. 2B:12-10(b).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 12th day of January 2021, that the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale consent to the attached agreement.

24-2021 Amending Resolution 216-2020 / Authorizing The Purchase of Two (2) Storage Containers Montvale Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale's Fire Department is in need purchasing storage containers located behind the firehouse on Memorial Drive due to the installation of the new salt shed which longer fits in that area; and

WHEREAS, the original quote received by the vendor Pac Van, New Brunswick, 113 How Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 has expired and a new quote is attached to this resolution; and **NOW,**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that the purchase by Pac Van, for two (2) new containers for a total price of \$9,550.00 be approved for purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

25-2021 Award Professional Service Contract / Borough Attorney / Boggia, Boggia, Betesh & Voytus, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Attorney Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Boggia, Boggia, Betesh & Voytus, LLC, 71 Mt. Vernon Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 were appointed at the Re-organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Voytus, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Philip Boggia, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Boggia, Boggia, Betesh & Voytus, LLC
2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.
4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

26-2021 Award Professional Service Contract / Borough Auditor / Lerch, Vinci & Higgins

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Auditor Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 were appointed at the Re-organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins
2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

27-2021 Award Professional Service Contract / Engineering Services / Maser Consulting (Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.) Andrew R. Hipolit, P.E., PP., C.M.E.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Engineering Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting will be known as, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856 were appointed at the Re-organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Andrew R. Hipolit, shall be designated as Principal in Charge for all services provided to the Borough of Montvale, and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting (Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.), has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Maser Consulting(Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.), from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Maser Consulting.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

28-2021 Award Professional Service Contract / Borough Planner / Maser Consulting (Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.) / Darlene Green

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Municipal Planner through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting will be known as, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. was appointed at the Re-Organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to appoint Darlene Green, P.P., AICP/Associate/Senior Project Planner of Maser Consulting, P.A., Perryville III Corporate Park, 53 Frontage Road, Suite 120, Clinton, NJ 08809 for planning services for the Borough for this period; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting (Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.), has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one

year, and that the contract will prohibit Maser Consulting (Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.), from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Maser Consulting.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

29-2021 Awarding Service Contract / Agreement Tri-State Technical Services / Computers & Peripherals

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale requires professional computer services and an extended service agreement for the computers and peripherals for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale as follows: That a contract for professional computer services for an Service Agreement for Computers and Peripherals proposal which is attached and made part of this resolution be awarded to Tri-State Technical Computer Services, Inc., of 442 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 in the amount of \$9,050.00 for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for the service contract, and \$80.00 for labor rate as described in the Service Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in an Official Newspaper, be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Municipal Clerk, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

30-2021 Appointment of A Risk Management Consultant In Accordance With The Requirements Set Forth By The Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BCMJIF) For The Borough Commencing January 1, 2021/Professional Insurance Associates, (P.I.A) A Division of World Insurance Associates,

WHEREAS, the Borough Of Montvale (hereinafter, the Municipality) is a member of the **Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BCMJIF)** and the **Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL)** collectively referred to as, the Funds, for property and casualty coverage's, which include property, general liability, crime, environmental, employee benefits liability, excess liability and workers compensation; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Funds require the Municipality appoint a RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT to perform the various functions and professional services integral to the effective operation of the Municipality's Insurance Program and Loss Control efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fund Commissioners for the BCMJIF established a fee for such services equal to six percent (6%) of the Municipality's assessment, which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is a part of the Municipal Assessment promulgated by the Fund's; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has conducted a solicitation process to review and evaluate the credentials, services, performance and integrity of several professional firms experienced in these types of services; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council does hereby appoint **Professional Insurance Associates Inc. (P.I.A.) A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC** as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Risk Management Consultant's Agreement attached and to advertised in the official newspaper in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Professional Insurance Associates, (P.I.A.) A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

31-2021 A Resolution To Appoint A Health Benefits Consultant Relative To The Borough's Membership In The Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (BMED) Commencing January 1, 2021 / PIA, A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC

WHEREAS, the **BOROUGH OF MONTVALE** (hereinafter, the Municipality) is a member of the **Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (BMED)** and the **Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund (MRHIF)** collectively referred to as, the Funds, for the Borough's Employee Health Benefits Program, which includes medical, prescription and dental coverage's; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Funds require the Municipality appoint a **HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT** to perform the various functions and professional services integral to the effective operation of the Municipality's Employee Health Benefits Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fund Commissioners for the BMED established a fee for such services based upon the Municipality's assessment, which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is a part of the Municipal Assessment promulgated by the Fund's; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has conducted a solicitation process to review and evaluate the credentials, services, performance and integrity of several professional firms experienced in these types of services; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Health Benefits Consulting duties and the fact the service will be performed by personnel authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law, renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council does hereby appoint **PIA Security Programs Inc., A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC** as its Health Benefits Consultant in accordance with the Fund's bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance the **HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT** shall receive as compensation as outlined as indicated the attached agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Health Benefits Consultant's Agreement attached to the original of this resolution and to cause a notice of this decision to be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to PIA, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

33-2021 Award Professional Service Contract Administrative Agent for the Borough consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14 and to coordinate the affirmative marketing, review and approval of the sale and rental of affordable units in the Borough of Montvale/Piazza & Associates, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale requires the services of an experienced, qualified agency to serve as Administrative Agent for the Borough consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14 and to coordinate the affirmative marketing, review and approval of the sale and rental of affordable units in the

Borough of Montvale, and the income qualification of the applicants who seek to reside in such units; and

WHEREAS, such services have previously been provided to the Borough by the Bergen County Housing Authority, which has advised the Borough that it will no longer be providing such services in connection with affordable rental units in the Borough and future sale units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of a proposal from Piazza & Associates, Inc., 216 Rockingham Row, Princeton Forrestal Village, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 to perform such services as is more particularly detailed in a document entitled, "Proposal Submitted To The Borough of Montvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, which is hereto attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, said services constitute a professional service under the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funding is available for such services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that it does hereby approve the aforesaid proposal with Piazza & Associates, Inc. for a one (1) year period in accordance with the draft Contract, provided that Piazza & Associates, Inc. submits documentation consistent with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 16 that it has not made a reportable contribution to any candidate for local office in Montvale or any political committee in the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Michael Ghassali and Borough Clerk/Administrator Maureen Iarossi-Alwan be and are hereby authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the Borough.

34-2021 A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Awarding a Contract To Flanagan Productions, LLC, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service for Montvale Graphic Design Borough Newsletter

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of continuing the services of a professional company for the graphic design of the Borough newsletter to better service the Borough's residents and visitors of the Borough; 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 for the year 2021 to provide such services from John Flanagan of Flanagan Productions, LLC, said proposal is attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council is therefore desirous of awarding a contract to Flanagan Productions to perform the above-referenced services for the price and on the terms set forth in the Flanagan Productions 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 Flanagan Productions 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 Flanagan Productions, for the price and on the terms set forth in the Proposal submitted by Flanagan Productions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pricing for this contract shall be as set forth in the Flanagan Productions proposal but shall not exceed \$1,140.00 without further authorization of the Borough Council, 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 Municipal Clerk.

35-2021 A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Awarding a Contract to Spatial Data Logic, Inc. (formally GovSites) as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service for Website Design, Web Manage, Hosting and Support and Related Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of continuing the services of a professional company to redesign, host and support the Borough's website and related web applications and social media in order to better service the Borough's residents and visitors to the Borough's website; 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 for the year 2021 to provide such services from Spatial Data Logic, Inc. (formally GovSites), said proposal is attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council is therefore desirous of awarding a contract to Spatial Data Logic Inc. to perform the above-referenced services for the prices and on the terms set forth in the attached 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 Spatial Data Logic, Inc. 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 Spatial Data Logic Inc. for website design, managing, hosting and support, and related services, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the Proposal submitted by Spatial Data Logic, Inc. ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pricing for this contract shall be as set forth in the Spatial Data Logic, Inc. proposal but shall not exceed \$17,644 without further authorization of the Borough Council, 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 Municipal Clerk.

36-2021 A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC to Serve as Special Counsel in Connection with the Borough's Affordable Housing

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of hiring Special Counsel to represent the Borough in connection with the Borough's affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. of Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC, 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle, New Jersey 08730, to perform all services necessary and appropriate in connection with same; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Surenian's proposal sets forth the following rates:

- (a) \$200.00 per hour for all time spent by Jeffrey R. Surenian (over 30 years of experience);
- (b) \$185.00 per hour for all time spent by an attorney with at least fifteen years of experience as a lawyer;
- (c) \$175.00 per hour for all time spent by an attorney with at least ten years of experience as a lawyer;

- (d) \$165.00 per hour for all time spent by an attorney with less than ten years of experience as a lawyer;
- (e) \$90.00 per hour for all paralegal work; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is satisfied that Mr. Surenian and his firm possess the requisite experience pertaining to such matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i)*, a professional services contract is exempt from public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, because the value of this contract is anticipated to be in excess of \$15,000 (the Borough's local pay-to-play limit), this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process" pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.* (the "Pay-to-Play Law"), and has been awarded to the contractor based upon the merits and abilities of the contractor to provide the services necessary; and

WHEREAS, because this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process," Mr. Surenian has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that neither he nor his firm has made any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit said persons and entities from making any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of awarding a contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body, at the hourly rates set forth above; 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 a contract is hereby awarded to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC to serve as Special Counsel in connection with the Borough's Affordable Housing Litigation, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a 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*.

37-2021 Awarding a Professional Service Contract for the Position of Municipal Prosecutor for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court to Dario, Albert, Metz & Eyerman, LLC

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court has a need to contract with a licensed attorney or firm to serve as the municipal prosecutor pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Municipal Court Committee agreed to acquire Attorney Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court to appoint the firm of Dario, Albert, Metz & Eyerman, LLC as the municipal prosecutor, with Brian E Eyerman, Esq. serving as the lead attorney; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that Brian E. Eyerman Esq. will serve as the primary municipal prosecutor and will handle all matters and attend all sessions of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court barring exceptional circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the compensation of the municipal prosecutor shall be \$27,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, said compensation shall be included as part of the Operational Costs for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court as per the agreement between the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contracts shall commence as of the date of this resolution, and shall continue for the remainder of the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and Contracts must be available for public inspection.

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

1. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
2. The Contracts, including the terms of compensation for each professional, shall be placed on file with this resolution.
3. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale confirm these appointments

38-2021 Award Professional Service Contract/Public Defender/Alternate Public Defender/Pascack Joint Municipal Court

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court has a need to contract for the services of various professionals to serve as the municipal public defender or alternate public defender, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Municipal Court Committee agreed to acquire Public Defender Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, there are occasions when the appointed municipal public defender may have a conflict of interest, thus creating a need for an alternate public defender; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court to appoint the following individuals to the positions set forth below:

Public Defender: Gerald R. Salerno, Esq.

Alternate Public Defender: Salvatore Sclafani, Esq.

WHEREAS, the salary of the Public Defender shall be \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, said salaries shall be included as part of the Operational Costs for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court as per the agreement between the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, any compensation to be paid to the Alternate Public Defender shall be paid by the Public Defender, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the term of these contracts shall commence on January 1, 2021, and shall continue for the remainder of the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and Contracts must be available for public inspection.

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

1. These Contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
2. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale confirm these appointments

39-2021 Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force Interlocal Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft

crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 AND N.J.S.A. App A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the plan submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Police Department of the Borough of Montvale, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; a

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police, and all Bergen County Municipalities.

40-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement with Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch for Emergency Dispatch Services

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:17C-6 requires all New Jersey municipalities to provide telephonic access to an appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) serving the municipality; and

WHEREAS, regionalized provision of such services is a concept specifically endorsed by N.J.S.A. 52:17C-7; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch (hereafter referred to as "NWBCD") is a joint meeting established by the Borough of Glen Rock and the Village of Ridgewood pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48B-1, et seq. to provide, among other things, regional PSAP and dispatch services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is a New Jersey municipality with its offices at 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, due to increasing costs of operations, capital improvements and maintenance, the Borough of Montvale has determined that it is in the public interest of the communities it serves to have its duties and responsibilities performed by NWBCD; and

WHEREAS, each of the parties is a governmental entity authorized to provide jointly for PSAP and dispatch services pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, each of the parties has independently concluded that implementation of the New Jersey mandated Emergency Enhanced 9-1-1 Telephone System program on a shared basis is in the best interests of the taxpayers of the respective entities; and

WHEREAS, Montvale and NWBCD have negotiated the terms of an Interlocal Services Agreement entitled "INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENHANCED 9-1-1

SERVICE BETWEEN NORTHWEST BERGEN CENTRAL DISPATCH, A Joint Meeting AND THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE," a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk and which is expressly incorporated herein by reference pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(b); and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act requires that the Shared Services Agreement be approved by resolution of the governing body of each participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of approving this Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

1. The Interlocal Services Agreement referenced herein between the Borough of Montvale and NWBCD is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute the Interlocal Services Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Montvale.
3. All other appropriate officials, officers and employees are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to take all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution including compliance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act requirements.
4. Upon its execution, a copy of the Shared Services Agreement shall be filed with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

41-2021 A Resolution Approving Amendments to the Existing Contracts with the Chief of Police and Captain of Police to Revise the Employee Contribution for Health Benefits

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Joseph Sanfilippo did previously execute a contract with the Borough of Montvale that runs through the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Captain of Police Douglas McDowell did previously execute a contract with the Borough of Montvale that runs through the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has recently made changes to the structure of employee contributions towards health benefits throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes it is fair and equitable to amend the contribution percentages for the Chief and Captain to be consistent with the remainder of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute amendments to the contracts with the Chief of Police and Captain of Police in order to reduce the employee contribution percentages for health benefits to be consistent with those previously approved for all other employees in the Borough, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

42-2021 Authorize Execution of Agreement with Katy Homeowners Association/ Municipal Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the Condo Services Act provides for a phase in schedule for municipal reimbursement payment at the municipal cost for certain enumerated municipal services or the providing of such services by the municipality in lieu of such reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been negotiated between the Borough of Montvale and Katy Homeowners Association to satisfy the obligation of the Borough as provided by the Condo Service Act, which agreement is attached and made part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall remain in effect for a five-year period to commence on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale hereby authorize the execution of the attached Agreement on behalf of the municipality by the appropriate municipal officials.

43-2021 A Resolution Extending the Contract with D&L Paving Contractors for On-Call Roadway Maintenance Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need for On-Call Roadway Maintenance Services; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the New Jersey *Local Public Contract Law*, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., the Borough of Montvale did previously award a contract to D&L Paving Contractors ("D&L") in 2019, after a public solicitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Contract and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, the Borough and D&L are entitled to and desire to extend the Contract for an additional one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that D&L has been performing its services in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the fees in the Contract with D&L shall remain the same for this one-year extension; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

Duration

The duration of the Contract with D&L shall be extended by mutual agreement of the parties for one (1) additional year, or until February 12, 2022.

Compensation

The fees to be charged shall remain the same as is set forth in the parties' original agreement.

Other Provisions

All other provisions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

Authorization

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

44-2021 A Resolution Extending the Contract with Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. for the Emergency Repairs – Sanitary and Storm Sewer Systems Project

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need for services in connection with the Montvale Emergency Repairs – Sanitary and Storm Sewer Systems Project; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the New Jersey *Local Public Contract Law*, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., the Borough of Montvale did previously award a contract to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc. ("Colonnelli") in 2019, after a public solicitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Contract and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, the Borough and Colonnelli are entitled to and desire to extend the Contract for an additional one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that Colonnelli has been performing its services in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the fees in the Contract with Colonnelli shall remain the same for this one-year extension; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale as follows:

Duration

The duration of the Contract with Colonnelli shall be extended by mutual agreement of the parties for one (1) additional year, or until March 5, 2022.

Compensation

The fees to be charged shall remain the same as is set forth in the parties' original agreement.

Other Provisions

All other provisions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

Authorization

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

45-2021 Transfer Of 2020 Appropriation Reserves

WHEREAS, certain transfer of funds for 2020 budget appropriation reserves are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides for transfers from appropriation reserves with an excess over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose for such appropriation reserves, to those appropriation reserves deemed to be insufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the transfer be made between the 2020 budget appropriation reserves as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		
<u>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
<u>Operations - within "CAPS"</u>		
Mayor and Council:		
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00	
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		\$10,000.00
Borough Clerk:		
Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		10,000.00
Tax Assessment Administration:		
Other Expenses	5,000.00	
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		5,000.00
Construction Official:		
Other Expenses	5,000.00	
Police:		
Salaries and Wages		<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

46-2021 A Resolution Approving a Developer's Agreement with AR Landmark Montvale, LLC, Premises Identified as Block 3302, Lot 1 in the Borough of Montvale

WHEREAS, AR Landmark Montvale ("Developer") owner of the premises known as Block 3302, Lot 1 made an application to the Planning Board for site plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board approved the Development by resolution dated August 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the Borough, Planning Board and Developer are desirous of executing a Developer's Agreement setting forth the parties' respective rights and obligations concerning said approval; and

WHEREAS, a Developer's Agreement has been negotiated by and between the parties and has been executed by the Developer and the Chairman of the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Developer's Agreement dated December 22, 2020, between the Borough of Montvale, the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale, and AR Landmark Montvale, LLC is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute the Developer's Agreement with the Developer and to take all other steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this resolution.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken - all ayes

32-2021 Authorize Contract Animal Control Services/Tyco

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Borough of Montvale has received a proposal from Tyco Animal Control Service, 1 Stout Lane, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

WHEREAS, said proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recommends this contract with Tyco Animal Control Service based upon prior services provided; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to provide funds in the year 2021 Budget for this contract, Other Expense Portion of the Animal Control Services Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the contract for Animal Control Services for 2021 be and is hereby awarded to Tyco Animal Control Service, 1 Stout Lane, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ pursuant to the terms and conditions and rates as outlined in the attached contract effective January 1, 2021, copy of which is attached to this resolution for the base amount of \$10,500.00 annually payable monthly with additional costs charged per the rates as outlined in the attached proposal

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - a roll call was taken - all ayes with the exception of councilmember Roche abstaining

BILLS: Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.

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

REPORT OF REVENUE: Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue - December

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Lane

Fire Dept

24 fire calls; 1 extraction; 1 working fire; total of 256 calls in the 2020 year; will be taking down the decorations in the center of town this week

Finance

Working through the budget process; reminder all budget meetings are open to the public; this year is a tighter budget year.

Councilmember Arendacs

Once again wanted to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year; thanked the councilmembers, borough employees and friends for their moral support and for reaching out to see he was feeling;

DPW

Thanked DPW for their work with cleaning up the last storm; made sure the recycling center was safe for the residents after the storm; urge the residents to call borough hall or email Councilmember Arendacs directly with issues and/or concerns; sweepers have been in the area sweeping every street; potholes are being filled; continuing regular maintenance throughout the borough.

Construction

98 permits issued in December; 40 residential certificates issued and 24 CCO's issued; total revenue for the month of December was \$22,153.00

Engineering

Updating the GIS maps, road maps, zoning maps, tax maps and election district maps

Councilmember Roche

Chamber of Commerce

Street Fair is scheduled for October 17

Regional BOE

Started winter sports schedule; Mike Weaver was sworn in as a new board member.

Special Events/Recreation

Recreation is currently seeking adult or high school volunteers to assist in the planning and coordinating of Montvale's annual events such as Day In The Park, the Halloween Carnival, the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Spring Fling and more! Join the Special Events Committee today to be a part of keeping these events successful, memorable and a tradition for Montvale. Please call 201-391-5700 ext. 251 or email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org for more information.

The Special Events Committee would like to once again congratulate the 2020 Holiday House Decorating Contest winners:
Best Use of Lights- 7 Surrey Lane
Best Theme- 10 Camron Court
Best Neighborhood- Cherry Lane Development

The committee is currently working on setting dates for 2021's community events. The committee is tentatively planning for outdoor movie nights, a fishing tournament, Day in the Park, the Halloween Carnival, the Christmas Tree Lighting and the Menorah Lighting Ceremony.

Winter Programs

Yoga
Tai Chi

Field Use

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Recreation Department, Attn: Lisa Dent, with Liability Insurance and payment. Forms are available online and at the Borough Hall front counter. Permits will be given according to availability and are not finalized until you receive email confirmation of available dates from Lisa Dent.

Environmental Commission

Had a meeting with the County DPW to see where the borough can save some money regarding Huff Pond cleanup; hoping to have a completion date of the dredging of the pond but anticipating by mid-May; Ordered the trail signs; the Bayberry fence is currently being installed.

Councilmember Curry**Planning Board**

Had their re-organization meeting on January 7; continuation of the public hearing for Waypoint is scheduled for February 2nd; Waypoint is 97 – 1 bedrooms and 60 – 2 bedrooms development; Thrive is opening at 295 W Grand Ave;

Seniors

Anxious to get going

Website

The updated website has now launched and wanted to thank Carol Manhart for all her hard work;

Councilmember Koelling**Police**

Monthly report included in original minutes

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang**Local BOE**

Excited to be back at school; started the budget process; kindergarten registration is now open; new school board member, Amaka Auer; Health, Wellness and Safety is the top priority for students and staff.

Diversity

Had their first meeting of the year; in the process of making up a schedule and working on a budget;

MAYOR

COVID update – total positives in 2020 were 240; we have 70 positives currently; any questions about the vaccines please contact Nevene Gayed at borough hall; received a request from the State regarding Stigma-Free initiative, the borough is classified as Stigma-Free; Mayor Ghassali appointed Councilmembers Roche and Russo-Vogelsang as Ambassadors for Stigma-Free; the Mayor's Charity Fund will be helping out a family in need in town; urge residents to register for the vaccine if you want to get it.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit
Report/Update
No Report

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.
Report/Update
No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

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 Russo-Vogelsang - all ayes

Amaka Auer, Diversity Committee Chair

Thanked councilmembers for making them a permanent committee; some upcoming events they are planning in February for black history month, would like to work with the library and schools

Cindy Pieroni, member Diversity Committee

Would like to celebrate the Lunar New Year in February, thinking about a zoom tutorial on making dumplings.

Carolee Adams

The Pascack Valley Regional High School BOE does not allow citizens to send emails to individual board members - only to one central email address. This is unlike what our K-8 BOE allows, and, even unlike what we allow sending emails to our mayor and council. As we previously requested that the PVRHS BOE videotape their meetings in the interest of transparency, and they complied. Would like Mayor Ghassali to request to allow us to send emails to individual board members.

Regarding Tri-Boro ambulance corps, mentioning once again, to well provide for the health of our citizens in these 3 communities considering several thousand new residents expected with all the building. It's particularly important to consider that the 3 towns covered by the ambulance corps pay for a paid ambulance corps. Will bring this to the Pascack Valley Mayor's Association at their upcoming breakfast meeting. Mrs. Adams is encouraging volunteers for, not only the ambulance corps, but for the fire dept. as well.

Lastly, regarding Emergency Management, As the former CEO of IBM recently stated, we cannot depend on homeland security that has not addressed this as they should - and, in fact, its director just resigned. The IBM CEO stated: it's not just if - but when - our telecommunications and infrastructure will be attacked as happened in Nashville that affected 4 states covering 1176 zip codes. A friend from Nashville was at the Kentucky State House today to discuss any emergency ops they may consider to share based upon the loss of AT&T internet, cell phones, land lines, all telecommunications for several days due to the act of *1* domestic terrorist. Encouraging more of us to find interest in ham radio, (so that those cell antenna Frank (OEM) discussed are important), and, newly, rely upon portable radios most of us have at home - so that mayors / local governance can communicate directly with their citizens - perhaps via mesh networking or even sharing an emergency am radio station with other local mayors. Will bring this to the Pascack Valley Mayor's Association at their upcoming breakfast meeting. It is the community - not the county, not the state, not the nation that is our best resource for immediately addressing such needs. Each household, each community must be independently stronger than ever before to protect ourselves, our families, our beloved Montvale.

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

MOTION TO GO INTO A CLOSED EXECUTIVE/SESSION:

Motion to go into close session by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - all ayes

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

47-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collectively-Negotiated Agreement with Montvale PBA Local 303

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale had previously entered into a series of collectively-negotiated agreements with Montvale PBA Local 303 (the "PBA") covering the terms and conditions of employment of the members of the PBA; and

WHEREAS, the most recent agreement covered a period ending December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in collective negotiations for the purpose of agreeing upon a new agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a mutual agreement on the terms of a new agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk and which shall be available upon approval of same by the Governing Body (the "PBA Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Borough that the PBA has voted to ratify the terms set forth in the PBA Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale that the terms of the PBA Agreement on file with the Borough Clerk are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PBA Agreement shall be deemed effective from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2026, or until a successor agreement is agreed upon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the PBA Agreement in substantially the form on file with the Borough Clerk.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Arendacs - a roll call was taken - all ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on January 26, 2021

Budget Meeting Dates/Times:

January 26, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

February 9, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

February 23, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

ZOOM information is as follows:

Topic: M&C Meeting

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Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk