

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:36PM. 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; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; and Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan.

ROLL CALL:

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

Montvale 2021 Tree City USA Community: R. Hanrahan, Chairman Environmental Commission Suggested to buy 3 more signs to place throughout the town

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1519 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,690,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,605,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

(Public Hearing 5-31-22)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2022-1519** for first reading was made by Councilmember Cudequest; 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 Cudequest - a roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1520 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 130 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE FOR THE MUNICIPAL EXTENSION OF AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS

(Public Hearing 5-31-22)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2022-1520** for first reading was made by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche; 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 Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

The borough attorney gave a brief explanation stating that currently the borough has a 30 year control period on affordable housing. This ordinance allows the borough that after the 30 year period to extend it.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

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

No public comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

April 26 , 2022

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Koelling abstaining

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE 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.

91-2022 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant/Montvale Municipal Alliance

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Montvale Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22 – 3/14/23 in the amount of:

DMHAS Grant Funding	\$ 4620.00
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2. The Borough_Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

93-2022 A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 83-2022 To Award A Contract To Educational Service Commission of NJ/NJ State Cooperative For The Purchase of a John Deer Gator

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale previously awarded a contract to Power Place, Inc. via resolution No. 83-2022 to procure a John Deere Gator for the use by the Pascack Valley Department of Public Works, Recreation Department and Environmental Commission for the purposes of transport, recycling and clean up within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, consistent with P.L. 2011, c.139, and N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b), the Borough is desirous of awarding this contract through a NJ cooperative purchasing agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent solicited a quote from Educational Services Commission of NJ – NJ State Coop#65MESCCPS Bid # ESCNJ 18/19- 25; and

WHEREAS, Educational Services Commission of NJ submitted a proposal for the provision of the cooperative Quote in the amount of \$16,945.63; 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 by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, that a purchase in the amount of \$16,945.63 for a John Deere Gator™ XYV835E Model # Year 2022 is awarded.

94-2021 Authorize Change Order No. 1/2021 Road Improvement Program/DLS Contracting, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract via Resolution No.48-2022 to DLS Contracting, Inc. 271 US Hwy 46, Suite D-205 Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 for the 2021 Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount including Alternate A was \$671,739.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, in a letter dated May 4, 2022, which is attached to the original of this resolution has been monitoring the project and recommends in full detail the proposed Change Order #1 in the amount of \$71,801.20 (see attached); and

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

Contractor

Total Contract Amount Base Bid	\$ 629,096.00
Alternate A	\$ 42,643.00
Change Order #1	\$ 71,801.20
Adjusted Total Contract Amount	\$ 743,540.20

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale authorize Change Order #1 in the amount of \$71,801.20; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose, a copy of said certification attached to the original copy of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the above reference change order #1 is hereby approved:

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

92-2022 Borough of Montvale Fire Department LOSPA Eligible Individuals

WHEREAS, The Borough of Montvale, has adopted a LOSAP program for the members of the Montvale Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the annual \$1,350.00 stipend for 2021, totaling \$20,250.00 for the Department, the Montvale Fire Department must meet certain criteria; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough Treasurer initiate LOSAP payments in the name of those Fire Department members deemed eligible to receive them.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Russo-Vogelsang

Construction

Anticipating occupancy at North Market by mid June; Toll Brothers on Paragon Drive raised their prices to over a million a unit; Sony project started

BOE

Baby chicks started Spring presentations; 4th graders participated in NJ County Day; proud to do an art show this year on April 25; May 2-6 was teacher appreciation week; Bergen County Prosecutor's office gave a presentation to 7th and 8th graders about opioid addiction; Upcoming events, book fair, spring concert, 6 Flags, Philadelphia trip to name a few.

Councilmember Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes; interviewed 6 candidates for police officers.

FAA

Reiterated that due to weather conditions the flight paths are re-routed over the Pascack area; most of the complaints is from Hackensack, Mahwah and Ramsey; Woodcliff Lake received a noise meter and has placed it at borough hall; It is slow process and they will continue to monitor the situation.

Councilmember Arendacs

DPW

Status quo; received compliments about the ball fields looking good.

Engineering

Paving program will be starting in a few weeks; bids will be received this week for the LaTrenta field parking lot;

Unity Tour for falling police officers, our very own Lieutenant Alisha Foley raised over \$40,000 and will participate in bike riding to Washington, DC

Councilmember Cudequest

Library

Participation in all programs have been increasing as well as patron visits; 260 more patron visits in March than in February and circulation is up 3,440 more compared to last year at this time.

Board of Health

At their last meeting, Joanne, public health nurse, from HARP, main topic was the senior luncheon, out of 100 people attending, 37 seniors tested positive for COVID, one was hospitalized. These numbers do not include those tests that were done at home. The center was closed and sanitized. Flu clinic has been set for Saturday, October 8th

Councilmember Roche

Chamber of Commerce

Street Fair is scheduled for Sunday, June 12 starting at 10am

Special Events/Recreation

Camp registration is officially closed, we have reached capacity; basketball and pickleball badges are required, to get badges please go to borough hall during normal business hours, they are free to all residents.

MAL

All coaches **must** fully complete a criminal history background check **before** they can begin coaching for the Winter season. Please email backgroundchecks@montvaleboro.org for instructions on how to do so.

Councilmember Lane

Fire Dept

18 fire calls; 2 drills; 3 extra credit and 1 meeting; welcome volunteers

Finance

Adopted budget at last meeting; under \$11 municipal tax increase; thanked members of the council and administration staff to help reach the goal.

Mayor

Economic committee roundtable met at KPMG's offices with about 12 companies in attendance; MSK has a staff of 200-300 and patients between 600-700 a day from 6:30am-10pm, they are seeing a significant increase of patients wanting to avoid going to NYC; KPMG downsized about 800 employees between the 4 buildings in Montvale. The employees are working 2-3 days a week and the rest from home. Benjamin Moore is working 4 days a week and will start with 3 days a week and rest from home. A few companies had to re-evaluate their salaries to keep employees.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- a. Fox Hill Road/Lark Lane/Wren Way Engineering Traffic Impacts/Signage Recommendations
 - 1) Montvale Police Departments Comments

Recommends to pass ordinance to install stop signs

Magnolia Bridge that is there currently is not for people to use to cross. Road paving has begun;

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

Montvale Family Apartments anticipating starting construction in the coming weeks

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Relay for Life to place purple ribbons on trees until May 27th in the downtown area – all councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Cudequest mentioned the EID celebrations and ask what about using inflatables; the will be inspected by Fire Prevention.

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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 Roche - all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on May 31st, 2022 in person only.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk