

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:31PM. 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; Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo.

ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLUTION 113a-2022: SWEARING IN SERGEANT: Brian Lamendola

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale finds it necessary and appropriate to promote a police officer to the vacant position of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did conduct a promotional process in according with the Borough Code and the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that Police Officer Brian Lamendola is the most qualified candidate for promotion to Sergeant, with a salary increase pursuant to the Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Borough and the PBA; and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby promote Police Officer Brian Lamendola to the position of Sergeant in the Montvale Police Department effective July 1, 2022, to serve at the pay scale set forth in the applicable Collective Negotiations Agreement and to perform the duties set forth in the Borough Code and the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department.

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

ORDINANCES:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

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

No public comment

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

June 28, 2022

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

June 28, 2022

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

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.

114-2022 Award Professional Service Contract /Engineering Services/NJDOT FY 2021 Various Streets/ Craig Road /Colliers Engineering & Design

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide construction observation services for the 2021 NJDOT Grant Program – Roadway Improvements Project. The Borough will be receiving \$210,000.00 in funding for the year 2021 fiscal year. NJDOT Various Streets – Craig Road; 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; and
WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated June 29, 2022 to provide the engineering services for services which are detailed and attached to the original of this resolution, and
WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available certification hereto attached to the original of this resolution.

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

- 1) That the proposal for the scope of engineering services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design.
- 2) That the following be provided: Construction Observation Services
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$18,500.00. The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

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

115-2022 Award Professional Service Contract /Engineering Services/2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application/Terkuile Road From Summit Avenue To Hering Road /Colliers Engineering & Design

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide professional engineering services associated with the 2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application for Terkuile Road from Summit Avenue to Hering Road; 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; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated June 30, 2022 to provide the professional engineering services for services which are detailed and attached to the original of this resolution, and

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

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

- 1) That the proposal for the scope of professional engineering services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design.
- 2) That the following be provided: Preparation of a complete 2023 Grant Application
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$3,500.00. The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

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

116-2022 Award Professional Service Contract /Engineering Services/LaTrenta Parking Lot Improvements Colliers Engineering & Design

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide construction observation services for LaTrenta Parking Lot Improvements; 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; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated June 30, 2022 to provide the engineering services for services which are detailed and attached to the original of this resolution, and

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

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

- 1) That the proposal for the scope of engineering services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design.
- 2) That the following be provided: Construction Observation Services
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$33,000.00. The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

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

117-2022 2022-2024 County of Bergen Municipal Snow Plow Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the attached two-year consecutive snow seasons agreement to participate in the 2020-2024 County Snow Plowing Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Montvale shall use the Pascack Valley Department of Public Works and/or contractor to perform the snow/ice pushing and removal control operations on all roads and streets located within the Borough of Montvale.

118-2022 Appointing / Probationary Montvale Police Officer / Daniel Wynohradnyk

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Daniel Wynohradnyk be and is hereby appointed as a 12 month Probationary Police Officer with the Borough of Montvale Police Department; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the effective date of employment is June 29, 2022.

119-2022 Appointing / Probationary Montvale Police Officer / Joshua Garran

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Joshua Garran be and is hereby appointed as a 12 month Probationary Police Officer with the Borough of Montvale Police Department; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the effective date of employment is June 29, 2022.

120-2022 Appointing / Probationary Montvale Police Officer / Diego Salazar

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Diego Salazar be and is hereby appointed as a 12 month Probationary Police Officer with the Borough of Montvale Police Department; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the effective date of employment is June 29, 2022.

121-2022 Appointing / Probationary Montvale Police Officer / Glenn Moran

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Glenn Moran be and is hereby appointed as a 12 month Probationary Police Officer with the Borough of Montvale Police Department; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the effective date of employment is June 29, 2022.

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

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 - June

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Russo-Vogelsang

Local school board will be having an informal session at the Memorial School library on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30pm on the new curriculum on Health and Physical Education.

Councilmember Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes; Congratulation the Sergeant LaMendola and the 4 new recruits.

Councilmember Arendacs

Engineering

Road program is completed; LaTrenta parking lot will be completed in the next few weeks; Memorial fields will be completed in August.

Councilmember Cudequest

Library

Circulation numbers are back up to pre-pandemic numbers; classes are well attended; summer reading program had a 130 participants by the second day of registration; there was an increase of middle schoolers attending the program this year, the director was thankful to Fieldstone for publicizing it so well; please go to the library website for a full list of their programs and classes.

Board of Health

Held their last meeting in June, Gina, the Health Officer is retiring the end of August; they are actively looking for a replacement; Flu clinic is scheduled for October 8th from 9am-11:30am; the next BOH meeting is scheduled for September 6th.

Councilmember Roche

Chamber of Commerce

Street Fair is scheduled for October 23rd

Reminder: the fields on Memorial Drive will be closed from July 25 to the beginning of the school year

Councilmember Lane

Fire Dept

28 fire calls; 2 drills; 3 extra credit and 1 meeting;

Finance

In the next few months will start the budget process once again

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

a. Proposed Concept Plan/Community Center/Recreation Center/One Memorial Drive Location

Mayor Ghassali gave a brief explanation stating that we have a community center that seems to be costly in maintenance and in need of repairs. Every year we reach out to Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake to get our residents into their pools with a discount and it feels our residents are asking for a favor to join their pools. We had a pool that was run by a nonprofit and went out of business in 2017. The following presentation is only a concept plan. Our borough engineer, Andy Hipolit will further explain.

Mr. Hipolit gave a brief overview of the possibilities that can be done including indoor walking track, basketball courts, weigh room, meeting rooms, senior activities, an outdoor pool to name a few.

A motion to open to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest – all ayes

There were about 50 or so residents in attendance. Many of them who spoke, were in favor of the concept. Some concerns that were mentioned are:

- Do you have a budget of how much you want to spend
- What plans are for the senior activities
- What happens to the current senior center while this is being built
- What happens during summer camp
- What about traffic??? Will there be a study done?
- Sidewalks should be installed around the area
- The pool should be year round

- What will the tax implication be

A motion to close to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest – all ayes

Mayor Ghassali polled the councilmembers and they all agreed to form a committee to start the discussion.

b. Woodcliff Lake/Paved/Woodmont Drive/Montvale’s Portion/Request For Reimbursement

The engineer explained that unknown to Montvale, Woodcliff Lake paved Woodmont Drive, they are asking for reimbursement of \$29,859.60. Councilmembers agreed that they should have notified the borough before paving the road. This will be included with the 2023 budget.

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 Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane - all ayes

Mike Weaver

Suggested once again to have the Planning Board televise their meetings; he mentioned the properties located at 20 and 24 Spring Valley Road and that should there be a chance that the borough can purchase those proprieties, it should be considered.

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
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Meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on July 26, 2022 in person
only.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk