

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:31PM. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Lou Hernandez from the 82nd Airborne Division 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, Dave Lafferty; Administrator, Joe Voytus; Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo and Deputy Clerk, Carol Manhart

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs - absent

Councilmember Lane

Councilmember Cudequest

Councilmember Roche

Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - absent

Appreciation of service to 1st Lt. John Aquaviva by the 82nd Airborne Special Forces Association

Members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Michael Vasquez, Vic Balint and Lou Hernandez presented the parents of 1st Lt. John Aquaviva a plaque.

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1532 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 203 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND REQUIREMENTS FOR SMOKE-SENSITIVE ALARM DEVICES AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN CERTAIN DWELLINGS AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSPECTIONS THEREOF UPON THE SALE, LEASE OR CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY OF SUCH UNITS

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

Section 1. Chapter 203, "Fire Prevention," Section 22, "Installation required," shall be amended by adding the underlined text as follows:

§203-22 Installation required.

A. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, in all Use Group R-3 dwellings subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, smoke detectors shall be installed as follows:

(1) On each level of the premises; and

(2) Outside each separate sleeping area.

B. Smoke detectors, when required, shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72 listed in N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, as amended and supplemented.

C. Smoke detectors may be AC-powered or battery-powered and shall be tested and listed by a product certification agency recognized by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. However, AC-powered single- or multiple-station smoke alarms installed as part of the original construction or rehabilitation project shall not be replaced with battery-powered smoke alarms.

D. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, in all Use Group R-3 dwellings subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in all dwelling units in buildings in one- and two-family or attached single-family dwellings, except for units in buildings that do not contain a fuel-burning device or have an attached garage, as follows:

- (1) Single-station carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed and maintained in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping area(s).
- (2) Carbon monoxide alarms may be battery-operated, hard-wired or of the plug-in type and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL-2034 and shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of this section and NFPA-720.

E. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, in all Use Group R-3 dwellings subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, a portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in accordance with the following:

- (1) The extinguisher shall be within 10 feet of the kitchen and located in the path of egress;
- (2) The extinguisher shall be readily accessible and not obstructed from view;
- (3) The extinguisher shall be mounted using the manufacturer's hanging bracket so the operating instructions are clearly visible;
- (4) The extinguisher shall be an approved listed and labeled type with a minimum rating of 2A-10B:C and no less than five pounds and no more than 10 pounds;
- (5) The owner's manual or written operation instructions shall be provided during the inspection and left for the new occupant;
- (6) The extinguisher shall be serviced and tagged by a certified Division of Fire Safety contractor within the past 12 months or the seller must have a receipt for a recently purchased extinguisher; and
- (7) The top of the extinguisher shall not be more than five feet above the floor.
- (8) Exception: Portable fire extinguishers shall not be required for seasonal summer units. For purposes of applying this exception, "seasonal summer unit" shall mean a dwelling unit rented for a term of not more than 125 consecutive days for residential purposes by a person having a permanent residence elsewhere, but shall not include use or rental of living quarters by migrant, temporary, or seasonal workers in connection with any work or place where work is being performed.

F. The above requirements in subsections A through E hereof shall also be applicable to all Use Group R-2 dwellings.

Section 2. Chapter 203, "Fire Prevention," Section 23, "Certificate of compliance," shall be amended by adding the underlined text and deleting the bracketed text as follows:

§202-23 Certificate of compliance.

Before any Use Group R-3 or R-2 structure or dwelling is sold, leased or otherwise subject to a change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm, and portable fire extinguisher compliance (CSACMAPFEC) from the Fire

Prevention Bureau, provided that, in the instance of rental units, no more than one CSACMAPFEC shall be required in any twelve-month period.

Section 3. Chapter 203, "Fire Prevention," Section 25, "Compliance," shall be amended by adding the underlined text as follows:

- A. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.3, the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.19 shall apply to all Use Group R-3 and R-2 structures and dwellings regardless of their state of compliance with the Uniform Construction Code or any other code.
- B. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Fire Official from making a finding of imminent hazard pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.14 or the Construction Official from making a finding of an unsafe building pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23 and requiring correction of such hazard or unsafe condition in accordance with these regulations.

Section 4. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.

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

Section 5. Savings Clause.

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

Section 6. Severability.

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

Section 7. Effective Date.

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

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2023-1532** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest; Clerk read by title only. - All ayes on a roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1533 CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2023 budgets is calculated at 2.5% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and amounts to \$318,875; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale in the County of Bergen finds it's advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that an additional 1.0% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$127,550 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Montvale shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$446,425, and that the 2023 municipal budget for the Borough of Montvale be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2023-1533** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest; Clerk read by title only. - All ayes on a roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1534 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 385 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON AKERS AVENUE

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Borough that there is an issue with vehicles parking, stopping and standing for student drop-off and pick-up on Akers Avenue between Spring Valley Road and Ellsworth Terrace; and

WHEREAS, said issue has resulted in an unsafe traffic pattern and a situation that poses a hazard to students and other pedestrians along Akers Avenue between Spring Valley Road and Ellsworth Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the signage in this area is also confusing as a result of the variety of restrictions in place on this street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of amending the restrictions in this area to simplify the restrictions on parking, stopping and standing to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety and to preserve the quality of life of area residents.

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

Section 1. Chapter 385, "Vehicles and Traffic," Section 34, "Schedule II – No Parking Certain Hours," is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the underlined text and deleting the bracketed test, as follows:

Street	Side and Hours	Location
Akers Avenue	South [8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.] <u>7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and</u> <u>2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</u> except Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and when school is not in session	Entire length

Section 2. Chapter 385, "Vehicles and Traffic," Section 35, "Schedule III – No Stopping or Standing," is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the underlined text and deleting the bracketed test, as follows:

Street	Side and Hours	Location
Akers Avenue	North [2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (school days)]	<u>Entire length</u> [From the intersection of Spring Valley Road to a point 350 feet east thereof]
Akers Avenue	South <u>7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.</u> <u>and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</u> [(school days)] <u>except</u> <u>Saturdays, Sundays, holidays</u> <u>and when school is not in</u> <u>session</u>	<u>Entire length</u> [From the intersection of Spring Valley Road to a point 130 feet east thereof]

Section 3. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.

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

Section 4. Savings Clause.

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

Section 5. Severability.

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

Section 6. Effective Date.

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

A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2023-1534** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest; Clerk read by title only. - All ayes on a roll call vote

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

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

Carolee Adams

Question on resolution 98-2023 regarding the Woodcliff Lake swim club; WCL senior citizens are free but Montvale seniors are not. Could that be something addressed to WCL to be included. After a brief discussion by councilmembers, it was decided to pass the resolution as is and reach out to Woodcliff Lake to discuss further.

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

March 28, 2023

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

March 28, 2023

A motion to accept closed minutes by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Lane 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.

96-2023 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Captain of Police, Alisha Foley

WHEREAS, Captain of Police, Alisha Foley, has requested that the Borough provide her with a contract concerning her employment with the Borough of Montvale effective as of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has engaged in negotiations with the Captain and has recommended execution of a contract that has been provided to the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the contract with the Captain, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

97-2023 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Media Consultants, LLC, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service for MontVale Studio Management, Content Production and Related Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of engaging the services of a professional and reputable company to manage, create content and provide related services concerning the MontVale Studio in order to better serve Borough officials and residents; 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 to provide such services from Media Consultants, LLC (the “MC Proposal”) it has been determined that Media Consultants is essential to the Montvale Cable Access Studio; and

WHEREAS Media Consultants demonstrates the expertise and has proven its reputation in the specialty of television studio management, content production and related services which is essential during this time of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Council is therefore desirous of awarding a contract to Media Consultants, LLC to perform the above-referenced services for a period of one (1) year, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the Media Consultants 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 Media Consultants has provided a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and all other appropriate documentation pertaining to same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pricing for this contract shall be for a total of \$47,500.00 as set forth in the proposal and shall be for a term of one (1) year commencing May 1st 2023 through April 30, 2024.

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that a contract is hereby awarded to Media Consultants, LLC for of television studio management, consent production and related services, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the Proposal submitted by Media Consultants, LLC entitled “Borough of MontVale Studio Management Proposal” for the Borough of Montvale which is hereto attached to the original of his resolution.

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 Borough Clerk.

98-2023 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The Borough Of Woodcliff Lake And The Borough Of Montvale For The Use Of The Borough Of Woodcliff Lake Swim Pool

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.*, the “Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act,” authorizes contracts between municipalities for the sharing of services within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Borough of Montvale and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake deem it to be in the best interests of the people in their respective communities to enter into such an agreement for the mutual use of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Swim Pool; and

WHEREAS, by this agreement, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Swim Pool shall be available to the residents of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and the Borough of Montvale at the standard residential rate irrespective of which Borough the resident resides.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale, Bergen County, New Jersey, pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.*, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to any documentation necessary for the mutual use of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake Swim Pool for the residents of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and the Borough of Montvale. Such use shall be at the standard residential price irrespective of which Borough the resident resides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be served upon the Borough of Woodcliff Lake.

99-2023 Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee for SHI-IV Thrive Montvale Owners, LLC, 110 Summit Avenue, Block 1102, Lot 2.01

WHEREAS, SHI-IV Thrive Montvale Owners, LLC has requested a release of its Performance Guarantee for Site Improvements for the property located at 110 Summit Avenue, Block 1102, Lot 2.01; and

WHEREAS, an inspection of the site has been completed by Colliers Engineering & Design; and

WHEREAS, Colliers recommends that the Borough release the Performance Bond in the amount of \$35,100.00, and the Cash Deposit of \$3,900.00, totaling \$39,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the release of the remainder of the Performance Guarantee is the requirement to furnish a two-year Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$91,275.00, which has been posted with the Borough; and

WHEREAS, details of this release are stated in a letter dated April 4, 2023, from Borough Engineer, Andrew Hipolit, P.E., and has been made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Performance Bond posted by SHI-IV Thrive Montvale Owners, LLC concerning the above-referenced development is hereby released and discharged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Department is hereby authorized to release the cash performance guarantee to SHI-IV Thrive Montvale Owners, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Jerome A. Vogel, Esq., Jeffer Hopkinson & Vogel, 1600 Route 208 North, P.O. Box 507, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07507.

100-2023 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract ("Contract") with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$ 78,625.00 matching grant award from the 2022 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the municipal park project entitled Huff Park Playground Improvements: Rubberized Safety Surfacing Playground, located at 1 Memorial Drive, Block 2305, Lot 13, on the tax maps of the Borough of Montvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Mayor to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 14, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award's unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

101-2023 Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund Resolution To Renew

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the **Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund**, hereafter referred to as "FUND", as permitted by N.J.S.A. 11:15-3, 17:1-8.1, and 40A:10-36 et seq.; and;

WHEREAS, the FUND was approved to become operational by the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs and has been operational since that date, and;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a FUND;

WHEREAS, the governing body of The Borough of Montvale, hereinafter referred to as "LOCAL UNIT" has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Montvale hereby agrees as follows:

- i. Become a member of the FUND for the period outlined in the LOCAL UNIT's Indemnity and Trust Agreements.
- ii. Will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
 - a.) Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the FUND's Bylaws, and Plan of Risk Management.
- iii. Adopts and approves the FUND's Bylaws.
- iv. Execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.

102-2023 A Resolution Awarding a Maintenance Contract to All County Mechanical Contracting for the Montvale HVAC Units

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need for preventative maintenance services in connection with the Montvale HVAC equipment for the Montvale Municipal Building, Senior Center, Library and Octagon building; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that a contract for the covered maintenance services is outlined in the attached contract dated March 28, 2023 and shall be awarded to All County Mechanical Contracting, 56 McKinley Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$25,800.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute this contract and Christopher Gruber, Construction Code Official/ Buildings & Grounds is hereby directed to oversee this preventive maintenance contract with All County Mechanical Contracting on behalf of the Borough.

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

BILLS: Administrator read the Bill Report.

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

REPORT OF REVENUE: Administrator read the Report of Revenue – March

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes.

Planning Board

The committee for the master plan continues to review it.

Councilmember Cudequest**Library**

The children's department is working on their slogan for the summer reading program; would like to close the Library on June 2nd to have a staff meeting and to put the finishing touches on their decorations. Last year 275 children and 200 adults registered for the summer program. Please go to the library website for upcoming programs. Book club at Thrive has 14 attendees. A group of special needs students from Pascack Hills HS visited the library for a tour. Patron visits for the month of January and February have increased from prior years. 83 new library cards issued. Reading garden renovation is underway. Rich from DPW met with the library director regarding painting of the library.

Board of Health

Did not have a meeting

TV access

3 interviews currently on the channel: Councilmember Doug Arendacs, Mayor Mike Ghassali and Clint Miller

Councilmember Roche**Recreation**

Summer camp hours were adjusted due to the construction at Memorial school; hours will 9:30-12:30 for grades 1-5. Adventure camp for grades 6 and 7, hours from 9am-2:30

MAL

Opening day will be Saturday, April 15; Parade starts at 8:30am

Environmental

Clean up day will be April 22nd at 9am-12pm at the red shed, will be giving out tree saplings.

Councilmember Lane**Fire Department**

28 fires, 3 drills, 2 work details and 1 meeting; a large amount of calls due to Haz Mat (carbon monoxide)

Finance

Budget presentation and public hearing April 25 at 7:30.

MAYOR

Veolia had 2 balloons flying over Summit Ave to gather information regarding a location of a new water tower. It appears Summit Ave will be the best location. Veolia will buy the land from the town and possibly add a walking trail as well.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit - absent
Report/Update

ATTORNEY REPORT:

David Lafferty, Esq.
Report/Update
No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Joe Voytus
Report/Update
Work on Huff Pond has begun with plantings; pavers have been ordered for the reading garden.

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 Cudequest - all ayes

Kari Solomon – 16 Pine Street

Mentioned she is a member of the special events committee. The Rec director told the committee that the Pride event was cancelled by the Mayor and Council. Ms. Solomon stated the committee has been 3 months into planning this event. She wanted to know why was it cancelled.

Several residents Lauren DiPalma, Gabriel Broadman, Alan Broadman, James Potter and Woodcliff Lake residents attended the event 2 years ago and it was well received by many. They all spoke in favor of having the event. It was suggested not to make it a political event. Mayor Ghassali stated he will attend the next special events meeting to further discuss the planning of the pride event to find a way to make it work.

Carolee Adams

In regards to volunteers for tri-boro ambulance, suggested, what about making it a part of community service. It would give them an opportunity to be in the medical field. Suggested to add a mini golf course or even a splash park to extend onto Huff Park.

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 8:38pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on April 25, 2023
Public Hearing Presentation and Adoption of Municipal Budget will be held on April 25th, 2023 at 7:30pm

Elected Officials Training will be held at 6:30pm on April 25, 2023 with Frank Covelli

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk