

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. 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, Dave Lafferty; Borough Engineer, Nick Chelius; Borough Administrator, Joe Voytus; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Carol Manhart

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs - absent
Council President Cudequest
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION: Councilmember Lane and Councilmember Roche

Resolution No. 94-2026 Permitting the 2026 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in Borough Hall and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to person requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Municipal Budget Only

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

No Public Comment

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Municipal Budget Only

Resolution No. 95-2026 Self-Examination of 2026 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Montvale has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2026 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that the 2026 annual budget be examined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, if applicable, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget.
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated;
 - b. Items of appropriations are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

ADOPTION 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Resolution No. 96-2026 Adoption of 2026 Municipal Budget

Resolution included with original minutes

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

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1589 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$90,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE KINDERKAMACK ROAD / MAGNOLIA AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, OF WHICH NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000 SHALL BE THE NET COST OF THE BOROUGH AND NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COUNTY OF BERGEN PURSUANT TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1.

The Borough of Montvale is hereby authorized to undertake the Kinderkamack Road / Magnolia Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, including all work, materials, equipment, site improvements, engineering, inspection, testing, traffic control, and all costs incidental and related thereto, in accordance with the Shared Services Agreement entered into between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Montvale for said project.

Section 2.

There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$90,000 from Capital Fund Balance for the purpose stated in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3.

Of the total appropriation of \$90,000:

- a. An amount not to exceed \$55,000 shall constitute the Borough's share of the project costs; and
- b. An amount not to exceed \$35,000 shall constitute the County of Bergen's share of the project costs, which amount is expected to be reimbursed to the Borough upon completion of the project and submission of the required voucher documentation in accordance with the Shared Services Agreement.

Section 4.

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to establish and maintain within the Borough's Capital Fund the appropriate accounting entries, including a receivable due from the County of Bergen in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, together with any reserve or other related accounts as may be required to properly reflect the anticipated reimbursement and the funding of the project.

Section 5.

The capital budget of the Borough of Montvale is hereby amended, as necessary, to conform with the provisions of this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Section 6.

This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

Motion to Introduced for second reading Ordinance No. 2026-1589 by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

Motion to open meeting to public by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane - All ayes.

No public comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - All ayes.

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading on the Borough of Montvale's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices> by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - All ayes on a roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1590 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,113,250 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,517,087 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on April 28, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal complex, in the Borough on May 14, 2026 at 7:30pm. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full bond ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) <u>Administration:</u> Acquisition and installation of new gasoline storage tanks and related fuel system improvements for use by Tri-Boro Fuel, together with all appurtenances, equipment, accessories, testing, and permitting, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$130,000	\$123,500	15 years

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<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
b) <u>Fire Department:</u> (i) Acquisition of radios and related communications equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$90,000	\$85,500	10 years
(ii) Acquisition of self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders, and the replacement of existing SCBA air pack cylinders, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$66,000	\$62,700	15 years
c) <u>Police Department:</u> (i) Acquisition of new police vehicles, together with all related equipment and upfitting, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$165,000	\$156,750	5 years
(ii) Acquisition of radios and related communications equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$100,000	\$95,000	5 years
d) <u>Engineering:</u> (i) Annual Road Improvement Program, all as set forth in a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	\$400,000	\$380,000	10 years

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<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
(ii) Improvements to Memorial Drive, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.	\$950,000 (includes \$538,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant)	\$412,000	10 years
g) <u>Department of Public Works:</u> Acquisition of Rolling Stock, and other related equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	<u>\$212,250</u>	<u>\$201,637</u>	5 years
Totals:	<u>\$2,113,250</u>	<u>\$1,517,087</u>	

Motion to Introduced for second reading Ordinance No. 2026-1590 by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

Motion to open meeting to public by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane - All ayes.

No public comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - All ayes.

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading on the Borough of Montvale's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices> by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - All ayes on a roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1591 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1563 TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE, AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE FOR THE YEAR 2026

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

SECTION 1. Each of the offices and positions of employment hereinafter named that are not established or created by virtue of any statutes or of any ordinance, resolution, or other lawful authority heretofore exercised by the Borough of Montvale, is hereby established, created, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The rate of compensation of the persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment whose compensation shall be on an annual basis and shall be payable semi-monthly is hereby fixed and determined to be as set opposite the title of each of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment. **Where one employee's duties and responsibilities include multiple positions, the salary range shall be deemed to include the sum total of the salary range of all such positions.**

Title/ Duties and Responsibilities		2026 Salary Range	
1	Borough Administrator	\$110,000	- \$160,000
2	Safety Coordinator	\$5,000	- \$8,000
3	Chief Financial Officer	\$21,000	- \$35,000
4	Municipal Clerk	\$65,000	- \$110,000
5	Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$20,000	- \$55,000
6	Admin. Assistant to Administrator	\$40,000	- \$75,000
7	Tax Collector	\$62,000	- \$120,000
8	Tax Assessor	\$37,000	- \$50,000
9	Treasurer/Purchasing Agent	\$78,000	- \$110,000
10	Deputy Treasurer	\$55,000	- \$75,000
11	Finance Clerk	\$42,000	- \$65,000
12	Planning and Construction Coordinator	\$83,000	- \$110,000
13	Board Secretary, Regular Meetings	Greater of:	\$150 or OT Rate
14	Board Secretary, Committee Meetings		OT Rate
15	Office Manager	\$4,000	- \$10,000
16	Board of Health Secretary	\$7,000	- \$10,000
17	Registrar Vital Statistics	\$1,000	- \$6,000
18	Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	\$500	- \$2,500
19	Construction Official	\$72,000	- \$100,000
20	Building Subcode Official and Inspector	\$30,000	- \$45,000
21	Subcode Inspector	\$6,000	- \$20,000
22	Zoning Officer	\$5,000	- \$12,000
23	Building Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	- \$80/hour
24	Administrative Assistant – Planning Board Assistant/ Confidential Secretary/ Board Secretary/ Departmental Coordinator/ Floater	\$40,000	- \$70,000
25	Facilities Manager, Buildings & Grounds and Property Inspector	\$20,000	- \$30,000
26	Property Maintenance Officer	\$20,000	- \$30,000
27	Construction Dept. Technical Assistant	\$50,000	- \$70,000
28	Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector	\$30,000	- \$45,000
29	Plumbing Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	- \$80/hour
30	Fire Subcode Official and Inspector	\$30,000	- \$45,000

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31	Fire Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	- \$80/hour
32	Electrical Subcode Official and Inspector	\$30,000	- \$60,000
33	Electrical Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	- \$80/hour
34	Fire Prevention Official	\$65,000	- \$115,000
35	Fire Inspector/ Senior Deputy Fire Official	\$7,600	- \$30,000
36	Fire Prevention Secretary	\$1,000	- \$3,000
37	Municipal Court Administrator	\$75,000	- \$110,000
38	Deputy Municipal Court Administrator	\$55,000	- \$75,000
39	Court Security	\$20	- \$27/hour
40	Violations Clerk	\$40,000	- \$65,000
41	Police Secretary	\$42,000	- \$60,000
42	Administrative Assistant for Police Chief	\$50,000	- \$65,000
43	Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$5,000	- \$15,000
44	Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$3,000	- \$6,000
45	Library Director	\$80,000	- \$115,000
46	Library – Library Adult Services	\$55,000	- \$80,000
47	Library	Minimum Wage	- \$55/hour
48	Library (PT) meetings	\$120	- \$225/mtg.
49	Construction Dept. Clerk	\$20,000	\$60,000
50	Director of Recreation	\$52,000	- \$75,000
51	Recreation Assistant	\$20,000	- \$55,000
52	Recreation Summer Camp Stipend	\$2,000	- \$6,000
53	Summer Camp Counsellors	\$500	- \$2,000
54	Park Monitor	\$20	- \$28/hour
55	Van Drivers	\$20	- \$28/hour
56	Station Technicians	\$15	- \$20/hour
57	Booker Cable Access TV	\$3,000	- \$6,000
58	Archivist Records Manager/D.A.R.M.	\$25	- \$28/hour
59	Clerical/Recording Special Meetings	\$20	- \$40/hour
60	Deputy Construction Official	\$75,000	- \$85,000
61	Wellness Coordinator (PT)	\$500	- \$1,000
62	Wellness Incentive Participants	\$300	- \$500
63	Executive Assistant to Police Chief	\$60,000	- \$85,000
64	Coordinator, Off-Duty Details	\$10,000	- \$15,000
65	Municipal Housing Liaison	\$6,000	- \$12,000
66	Deputy Municipal Housing Liaison	\$3,000	- \$5,000

SECTION 3. The rate of compensation of the persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis and payable semi-monthly, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

Title		2026 Salary Range	
A.	Municipal Judge	\$40,000	- \$51,250
B.	Mayor	\$9,500	- \$13,350
C.	Councilpersons (each)	\$7,500	- \$10,000

SECTION 4: The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices in the Police Department, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, and payable semi-monthly, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

Title		2026 Salary Range	
A.	Chief	\$220,000	- \$256,800
B.	Captain	\$200,000	- \$229,472
C.	Lieutenant (Base Wage)	\$181,741	- \$186,921
D.	Sergeants (Base Wage)	\$169,121	- \$173,941
E.	Detective – Additional per year	\$5,500	- \$5,500
F.	Juvenile Officer – Addt'l per year	\$400	- \$400
G.	Asst. Juvenile Officer – Addt'l per year	\$350	- \$350
H.	Special Police Officer Class III (SLEO)	\$50,000	- \$64,000
I.	Special/Auxiliary Police	\$22/hour	- \$28/hour
J.	School Cross Guard/Police Matrons	\$22/hour	- \$28/hour

SECTION 4A: The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices in the Police Department whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, and payable semi-monthly, is fixed and determined as follows:

Police Officers Schedule (Base Wage Each)			
Academy	\$51,471	-	\$52,938
PTC Cert. - 1 year	\$55,704	-	\$57,292

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1 – 2 years	\$62,388	-	\$64,167
2 – 3 years	\$72,415	-	\$74,479
3 – 4 years	\$96,439	-	\$99,188
4 – 5 years	\$111,409	-	\$114,584
5 – 6 years	\$126,379	-	\$129,981
6 – 7 years	\$141,351	-	\$145,380
7 – 8 years	\$156,321	-	\$160,777

SECTION 4B: In addition to the compensation stated above, Full Time Employees in Section 4 and Section 4A (excepting the Chief, Captain, and any other employee whose contract specifically excludes longevity), shall be paid an annual longevity increment pursuant to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Officers Hired BEFORE January 1, 2006	Officers Hired AFTER January 1, 2006
Beginning five (5) years	1%	-
Beginning seven (7) years	2%	-
Beginning nine (9) years	3%	1%
Beginning eleven (11) years	4%	2%
Beginning thirteen (13) years	5%	3%
Beginning fifteen (15) years	6%	4%
Beginning seventeen (17) years	7%	5%
Beginning nineteen (19) years	8%	6%
Beginning twenty-one (21) years	-	7%
Beginning twenty-two (22) years	-	8%
Beginning twenty-four (24) years	9%	9%

SECTION 5. The Borough Treasurer shall present semi-monthly or as established by Resolution to the Governing Body for approval warrants drawn to the order of the Borough of Montvale Payroll Account and the Borough of Montvale Salary Account.

At the first meeting of the Governing Body in January of each year, there shall be approved accounts to be designated "The Borough of Montvale Payroll Account" and "The Borough of Montvale Salary Account" and from time to time the Borough Treasurer upon receipt of a warrant for the amount due each Payroll, shall deposit the same to the credit of these accounts, charging the appropriate budgetary accounts therewith. The Borough Treasurer shall thereafter draw checks on said accounts to the employees entitled to payment therefrom.

Any employee hired under the terms of a Special Library Grants; salary will be determined by the Authority making such grant.

The Mayor and Borough Council may by adoption of a resolution and by approved payroll advice, increase compensation (base wage adjustment or one-time merit/bonus increase) of any salaried employee in the above schedule, who has reached their maximum, up to 10% above the pay range maximum.

At each regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, the Treasurer shall submit for the approval or ratification as the case may be, the necessary payroll amounts due to the several officers and employees for compensation.

Such officers as may be determined by the Governing Body, as established by resolution, shall be authorized to sign warrants drawn in favor of the Payroll Account, upon due notice that the payrolls have been approved by the proper certifying authorities.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be operative as of the date of its adoption and publication as required by law, and salaries paid shall be adjusted in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in the manner provided by Law.

Motion to Introduced for second reading Ordinance No. 2026-1591 by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.

Motion to open meeting to public by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane - All ayes.

No public comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - All ayes.

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading on the Borough of Montvale's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices> by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - All ayes on a roll call vote

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1592 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 365 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED, "TOWING AND STORAGE"

(public hearing June 11, 2026)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance 2026-1592 for first reading was made by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and posted on the Borough's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices>; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1593 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING REGULATIONS
(public hearing June 11, 2026)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance 2026-1593 for first reading was made by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and posted on the Borough's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices>; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1594 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 170 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO CLARIFY THE SENIOR FEE WAIVER
(public hearing June 11, 2026)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance 2026-1594 for first reading was made by Council President Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and posted on the Borough's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices>; seconded by Councilmember Roche - a roll call was taken – all ayes

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

No Public Comment

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

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Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

April 28, 2026

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Council President Cudequest - all ayes

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

None

RESOLUTIONS: NON-CONSENT

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.

97-2026 Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 – 2026 Distracted Driving Crackdown. U Drive. U Text. U Pay

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY 2026 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$ 7,000.00, which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F:

Special Items of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Distracted Driving Grant (FCOA 10-508).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ 7,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”

Public and Private Revenues Offset by Revenues

Distracted Driving Grant (FCOA 41-508).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

98-2026 Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 – State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law, and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY 2026 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$ 2,736.57, which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F:

Special Items of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Body Armor Grant – State Share (FCOA 10-505).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ 2,736.57 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”

Public and Private Revenues Offset by Revenues

Body Armor Grant – State Share (FCOA 41-505).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

99-2026 Award Professional Service Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design - for Construction Observation & Administration Services for 2026 Riverside Cooperative Paving Program

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer for Construction Observation & Administration Services for 2026 Riverside Cooperative Paving Program; 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 April 16, 2026 to provide engineering 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 following be provided: Construction Observation & Administration Services
- 2) The cost not to exceed shall be \$51,500.00. 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 will be posted on the Borough's website <http://www.montvale.org/publicnotices> and be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Complex, 12 DePiero Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

100-2026 Amending Resolution 87-2026 - A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education Concerning the Hiring and Placement of Special Police Officer IIIs at Pascack Hills High School For the 2026-2027 School Year

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has created a new class of Special Police Officers known as Special Police Officer III (SLEOIII) specifically and solely for the purpose of school security as outlined in NJSA 40A:14-146.10, 40A:14-146.11, 40A:14-146.14, and 40A:14-146.16; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale (the “Borough”) and the Pascack Valley Regional School District (the “District”) Board of Education (the “Board”) agree that having security personnel that are police officers and specifically trained for school security is a best practice for the safety and security of the students and staff at Pascack Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board agree that school security is of the utmost importance to create a safe learning environment for students; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board desire to enter into an agreement concerning the hiring by the Borough and placement of SLEO IIIs in Pascack Hills High School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board have negotiated an agreement concerning same that is acceptable to the Chief of Police, a copy of which is on file with the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement entitled "AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE HIRING AND PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER IIIS IN PASCACK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AND PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027 is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute same in substantially the form negotiated, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Borough Clerk, and all other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

101-2026 Refund Tax Overpayment - Block 2503, Lot 22 – 28 Cottage Ave

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund an overpayment of taxes for the property located at 28 Cottage Ave, also known as Block 2503, Lot 22;

WHEREAS, a duplicate payment was made by the homeowner; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to refund \$5,560.00 to Timothy McWilliams, 28 Cottage Ave, Montvale, NJ 07645

102-2026 A Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Montvale To Accept The Bid Of Persistent Construction For Kinderkamack Road And Magnolia Avenue Improvements

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale ("Borough") and the County of Bergen ("County") have entered into a certain Shared Service Agreement ("SSA") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. dated March 4, 2026, regarding certain roadway improvements at the intersection of Kinderkamack Road, a County road, and Magnolia Avenue, a Borough road, within the Borough of Montvale;

WHEREAS, the SSA provides that the Borough shall solicit bids for the project through the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing System, of which the Borough is a member;

WHEREAS, on or about March 9, 2026, the Borough did receive bids for the above referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by Persistent Construction Company, 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey 07022, in the sum of \$77,262.00 was the lowest amount received by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Persistent Construction has been found to be the lowest responsible bidder for this Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to award this contract to Persistent Construction Company as the lowest responsible bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey that the Borough of Montvale does hereby award a Contract for Kinderkamack Road and Magnolia Avenue Road Improvements to Persistent Construction Company in the sum of \$77,262.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk and Administrator are authorized to execute the Contract and related documents in connection with this project.

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

BILLS: Administrator read the Bill Report

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CUDEQUEST:****Board of Health**

Reporting for March and April school audits for 2025 and 26 school year for public schools have been completed and are in compliance. Preschool audits are still in progress. There was one foodborne illness in March. Symptoms started and the complainant went to the emergency room; the establishment was closed until the situation was cleared. There was also one foodborne illness reported in April, a different establishment. The patient ate chicken that wasn't prepared properly and developed campylobacteria. An inspector went out to the establishment and found several risk factors that could have contributed to the illness. In March, there were two reported animal bites. 1 was an Opossum to a dog and the other was a bat to a person. In both cases, they tested negative for rabies. There were no bites reported in April. In March there were 15 food establishments inspected, three were conditional and 1 was unsatisfactory and closed because of a hot water issue. All were fine on reinspection. There was an event that was inspected for the Ramadan dinner on March 1st and everything was satisfactory and Wegmans will be coming to one of our future meetings to discuss their service animal policy.

Library

There was a total of 18 applicants for the new library scholarship; there is a new cozy cup drink station where patrons can purchase a cup of coffee or hot chocolate for a dollar. They've also installed a new water bottle filling station; In addition to puzzles that can be checked out, they also now have board games available; The new book drop has been installed in a permanent location. It is easy to use and there have been no leaks. Lastly, Library Week was a very busy week. There were multiple programs going on every day. Friends of the Library provided lunch for the library staff with a donation from Wegmans for Library Staff Appreciation Day. The Library Director read books to students at Ever Brook Daycare on Library Outreach Day, and the Friends of the Library ended the week with a jewelry sale.

TV Access

Guest included Tracy Zur, Bergen County Commissioner, Steven Kallish, West Point Administrations Officer, Sergeant Brian Lemendola for the Junior Police Academy, Ashley Schwartz from Pascack Hills High School, and our own Mayor Mike. You can check these out on the website home page

Seniors

End of the year luncheon is scheduled for June 18th at Seasons

COUNCILMEMBER ROCHE:**Chamber of Commerce**

Looking forward to the Street Fair scheduled on Paragon Drive on June 14th; Held a Happy hour networking event on May 7th at Hearth

Recreation

Fishing with a First Responder will be held at Huff Pond on May 30th

REMINDER: from June 29th to July 24th, while summer camp is in session, the parks, facilities and courts on Memorial Drive will be closed from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Environmental Commission

Cleanup day was held on Saturday, April 25th, although it was a bit chilly, there was a decent turnout. The community garden is under way, hoping for an early June opening, to inquire about plots and volunteering, please reach out to mccg@montvaleboro.org

COUNCILMEMBER LANE:

Fire Dept

32 fires; 3 drills; 6 work details and 1 meeting;

COUNCILMEMBER KOELLING:

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes;

COUNCILMEMBER RUSSO-VOGELSANG:

Local School

Both schools held their Spring concerts; the Middle school perform the Wizard of Oz; What makes the production so truly special is that our theater students from Pascack Hills High School direct and lead the middle school play. They work collaboratively with students on all aspects of the performance from acting, blocking to staging and production. Last week we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and the PPO put together themed weeks for both schools. The PTO did a phenomenal job showing their appreciation for our teaching and support staff with the variety of lunches, breakfast items, and treats throughout the week. In Montvale, we are fortunate to have hard working, dedicated, and nurturing teachers. We are grateful for their immense role that they play in fostering the growth and maximizing the potential of each and every student. the school completed the NJ SLA, which is the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for grades 3 to 8. We appreciate the students focus and effort throughout the testing period, as well as the support of our families in ensuring that students come prepared and well rested each day. Looking ahead to summer, they want to let everyone know that there is a new STEAM lab that's going to be built at Memorial Schools and also a complete renovation of the 4th grade classrooms. The school district appreciates all the support from the Montvale community.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Nick Chelius

We are currently working on the design for Memorial Drive. We have a fairly aggressive schedule for that. We are trying to move that along as quickly as we can to get that submitted to NJDOT. There are some design problems with the Huff Park pavilion with some bad soil in the area, we are working on a solution. Kinderkamack and Magnolia project is moving forward.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Dave Lafferty

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Joe Voytus

Mentioned Resolution 103 that council adopted earlier naming rights and grant agreement from Oritani Foundation, it was a generous donation to help support the community garden. Wanted to thanked them and look forward to working with them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Planning Board Appointments and Resignation

Chris Gruber, our Construction official will be resigning from his position on the Planning Board, he is remaining as our Code Official;

Appointments as follows: Joe Puglisi, Class II;

Anita Bagdat, Alternate #1;

Dianne Didio, Alternate #2;

Daniel Alger, Alternate #3

Anastasia Kartsev, Alternate #4

- Camp Counsellors and Staff

The BA asked for councilmembers to approve the list of camp counsellors for this year's Camp and Adventure Camp; They have been interviewed by the Recreation department; a lot of people are returning counsellors; Councilmember Lane made a motion; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

- 2025 Safety Award – Platinum - \$1,750.00 – Deputy Clerk and Safety Coordinator, Carol Manhart

I'm happy and proud that this has been the 5th consecutive year we won the Bergen County JIF Safety Platinum Award. I would like to thank and acknowledge Fire Chief, Geoff Gibbons, Police Captain, Alicia Foley, Fire Official, John Kurz, Assistant Recreation Director, Cassidy Strauss and for all those who played a key role on achieving this honorable award, Thank You.

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 Koelling - all ayes

Multiple people from local surrounding towns and from further away like Philadelphia all stating the same opposition of data centers and the impact it will have on water and electricity; to consider affordable housing.

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 9:06pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on May 26, 2026

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk