

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:33PM. 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 Ghassali, Borough Attorney, Dave Lafferty; Borough Engineer, Carl O'Brien and Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs
Councilmember Cudequest
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane - via telephone
Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang - absent

PROCLAMATION: *Declaring April 19, 2025 Arbor Day***PROCLAMATION: *Honoring Richard Voorhees - Retirement*****ORDINANCES:**

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1561 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 170 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE ENGINEERING FEES TO A "FLAT FEE" STRUCTURE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 170 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE ENGINEERING FEES TO A "FLAT FEE" STRUCTURE

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

Section 1. Chapter 170, "Construction Codes, Uniform," Section 11, "Other certificates and permits," is hereby amended by replacing Subsection H thereof to read as follows:

§170-11 Other certificates and permits.

H. Engineering fees.

- (1) In order to ensure that the Borough standards are met for all site improvements, including curbs, sidewalks, driveway pavement, seepage pits and to create zero runoff from new residential single-family dwelling construction and additions, swimming pools, tennis and retaining walls over four feet, the following fees shall be collected at the time an application is made that will require engineering plan review and construction inspection. An administrative fee of 20% will be added to the base fees to be retained by the construction department.

	Engineering	Administrative	Initial Fee	Re-Review
New single-family dwelling	\$1000	\$200	\$1200	\$200
Additions to single- family dwelling	\$1000	\$200	\$1200	\$200
Swimming pools, tennis courts	\$1000	\$200	\$1200	\$200
Retaining walls over four feet in height	\$500	\$100	\$600	\$150
Other site improvements affecting impervious coverage or runoff	\$500	\$100	\$600	\$150

- (2) If the submitted plans are insufficient or need to be revised by the applicant requiring an additional review by the Borough Engineer, the applicant shall be required to additionally pay the “re-review” fee identified above. There shall be no administrative charge on the “re-review” fee.
- (3) In the event that there is a material change in the scope of the project (defined as an increase or decrease in the value of the anticipated improvements by 50% or more), the applicant shall be required to deposit additional engineering fees according to the original schedule above. *(By way of example, an applicant proposes a \$100,000 addition and deposits \$1,000 in engineering fees plus a \$200 administrative fee. The applicant then revises the plans to propose a \$200,000 addition instead. The applicant is required to submit an additional \$1,000 in engineering fees, not the “re-review” fee. No additional administrative fees would be collected.)*
- (4) Upon withdrawal of the application or completion of the work specified in the application, the total engineering fee deposited, including any re-review fees, shall be paid to the engineer.

Section 2. All other provisions of Section 170-11 other than subsection H shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Borough of Montvale Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2025, after its passage and publication as required by law.

Section 6. All applications submitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall continue to be processed under the existing engineering fee schedule and procedure.

*A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2024-1561** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche; Clerk read by title only.*

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche - 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 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1562 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 344 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE THE BOROUGH'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") has adopted amendments to the Stormwater Management regulations found at N.J.A.C. 7:8. As a result of the amendments, the NJDEP has developed a model ordinance to ensure municipalities have adopted ordinances which are consistent with the NJDEP stormwater management statutes and regulations. The Borough Engineer has reviewed and recommended that the Code be amended. The recommendation includes amending Chapter 344 "Stormwater Management".

*A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2024-1562** by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche; Clerk read by title only.*

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Roche 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 Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes

No Public Comment

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

None

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.

206-2024 Granting Tenure - Construction Code Official - Christopher Gruber

WHEREAS, Christopher Gruber, completed his first four year appointment as Construction Code Official with the Borough of Montvale on December 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, his performance has been deemed satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the position of Construction Code Official is required to be tenured in the State of New Jersey and is appointed for a term of four years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that tenure be and is hereby granted to Christopher Gruber as Construction Code Official for the Borough of Montvale, effective December 12, 2024.

207-2024 Authorize McNerney & Associates, Inc. for Appraisal Services on 12 Van Riper Road

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale (hereinafter the "Borough") is the taxing authority for all properties located within its municipal boundaries, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of real property located at 12 Van Riper Road and identified as Block 3302 Lot 1 (hereinafter the "Subject Property") has recently developed the subject property with multi-family housing, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough is seeking to retain the services of an appraisal company to assist in the valuation, and to memorialize its conclusions of value in a certified appraisal report, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough had received a proposal dated August 22, 2024 from McNerney & Associates, Inc. (hereinafter the "Proposal") to prepare the desired appraisal report for the total amount of \$5,000.00, and;

WHEREAS, a copy of the aforementioned Proposal is attached hereto as an Exhibit to this resolution, and;

WHEREAS, the appointment of McNerney & Associates, Inc. is considered a professional service appointment exempted by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that McNerney & Associates, Inc. is hereby appointed to prepare an appraisal report for the property located at 12 Van Riper Road, at Block 3202 Lot 1 in the Borough of Montvale, in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Proposal.

208-2024 Cancellation of Tax and Excess Sewer Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax and excess sewer overpayments or delinquent amounts in the amount of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax and excess sewer overpayments or delinquencies of less than \$10.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel said property tax and excess sewer amounts as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Finance Officer.

209-2024 Resolution Providing For The Combination Of Certain Issues Of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, Of The Borough Of Montvale, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey, Into A Single Issue Of Bonds Aggregating \$10,712,000 In Principal Amount.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds (as defined herein) of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of general improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,712,000 (the "Bonds").

Section 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

Principal Amount of Bonds	Bond Ordinance Number	Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Bond Ordinance	Useful Life
\$2,790	2019-1470	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 28, 2019.	11.46 years
\$55,210	2020-1482	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 12, 2020.	9.56 years
\$1,605,500	2022-1519	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 31, 2022.	10.11 years
\$2,588,500	2023-1535	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 25, 2023.	10.40 years
\$4,900,000	2023-1537	Acquisition of property, finally adopted May 30, 2023.	40 years
\$1,560,000	2024-1552	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 30, 2024.	9.89 years

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

- The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 23.81 years.
- The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.
- The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof have not been rescinded and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2 hereof.
- The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

210-2024 Resolution Determining The Form And Other Details Of \$10,712,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, Of The Borough Of Montvale, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey, And Providing For Their Sale.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (a) The \$10,712,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough"), referred to and described in a resolution of the Borough duly adopted on December 12, 2024 and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025, of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$10,712,000 in Principal Amount" and the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law, shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025" (the "Bonds").

(b) The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on January 15 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2026	\$427,000	2034	\$825,000
2027	435,000	2035	825,000
2028	465,000	2036	825,000
2029	500,000	2037	850,000
2030	535,000	2038	850,000
2031	825,000	2039	850,000
2032	825,000	2040	850,000
2033	825,000		

(c) The actual principal amounts may be adjusted by the Borough, at its option, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(g). Any such adjustment shall not exceed 10% of the principal for any maturity with the aggregate adjustment to maturity not to exceed 10% of the principal for the overall issue.

(d) The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity in accordance with the Notice of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Notice of Sale").

(e) The Bonds shall be fifteen in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered GIB-1 to GIB-15, inclusive.

(f) The Bonds shall be dated their date of issuance and shall bear interest payable semiannually on the fifteenth day of January and July in each year until maturity or prior redemption, commencing on July 15, 2025, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale.

(g) The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Municipal Clerk.

Section 2. (a) The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests

among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof through book-entries made on the books and records of the Securities Depository and its participants.

(b) The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Borough on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on the records of the Securities Depository as of each next preceding January 1 and July 1 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds).

Section 3. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository:

211-2024 Amending Resolution 194-2024 to Award Professional Service Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design, for Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit, Storm Water Outfall Inspections and Storm Sewer Locations

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is required to perform inspections on all stormwater outfalls.

One third has been completed and the final third by end of 2025. This requirement deems it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide inspection services for the Montvale's Tier A- Municipal Stormwater General Permit; 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 Engineer & Design, 300 Tice Blvd, Suite 101, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 has submitted a revised proposal dated December 4, 2024 which is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Colliers will perform the preparation of the MS4 compliance report, Storm Sewer Outfall and Detention Basin Inspections, and GIS mapping of approximately one third of the Borough's stormwater conveyance system for a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer certifies funds are available said certification is hereto attached to the original of this resolution; and.

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

212-2024 Authorize Release of the Performance Surety Bond for – Village Springs at Montvale Toll Bros. – Block 1903; Lot 7 and Posting of Two-Year Maintenance Bond

WHEREAS, Toll Brothers has requested a release of their Performance Surety Bond; and

WHEREAS, a completed inspection of the site has been conducted by Colliers Engineering and takes no exception to the release of the Performance Surety Bond No. 30090402 in the amount of \$23,681.00 and cash portion of the Performance Bond in the amount of \$8,870.00; and

WHEREAS, a two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$57,246.75 is required as a condition of the release of the cash bond portion in the amount of \$8,870.00 of the Performance Guarantee; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the cash performance bond for Toll Brothers in the amount of \$8,870.00 and the Performance Surety Bond No. 30090402 in the amount of \$23,681.00; when the Two-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$57,246.75 shall be posted with the Municipal Clerk. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Jonathan Cerniglia of Toll Brothers Land Development, 100 Willow Brook Road, Suite 200, Freehold, NJ 07728.

213-2024 Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 – Alcohol Education And Rehabilitation Fund

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 2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$1,593.59, 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:

Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund (FCOA 10-501).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$1,593.59 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”

Public and Private Revenues Offset by Revenues

Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund (FCOA 41-501).

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

214-2024 Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 – Gateway BMED Fund – Wellness Program

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 2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$2,512.81, 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:

Gateway BMED Fund – Wellness Program (FCOA 10-887).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$2,512.81 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”

Public and Private Revenues Offset by Revenues

Gateway BMED Fund – Wellness Program (FCOA 41-887).

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

215-2024 Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87 – Clean Communities Grant

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 2024 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$24,223.22, 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:

Clean Communities Grant (FCOA 10-602).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$24,223.22 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”

Public and Private Revenues Offset by Revenues

Clean Communities Grant (FCOA 41-602).

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

216-2024 Authorize Budget Transfers Between Appropriation Accounts Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2024 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of appropriations with excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill their purposes to those appropriations considered to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 for transfer purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations accounts of the 2024 Municipal Budget as follows:

	FROM	TO
General Appropriations (A) Operations – within “CAPS” MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS Municipal Court Administration Salaries & Wages	\$1,710	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS Prosecutor Other Expenses		\$1,710
(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS” Shared Service Agreements Municipal Court Administration Salaries and Wages	\$1,740	
Prosecutor		

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Other Expenses		\$1,290
Public Defender		
Other Expenses		\$450

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

217-2024 Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract To CDW-G For the Purchase Of Barracuda Total Email Protection and Service For The Borough Of Montvale For Three (3) Years.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 et seq. authorizes a municipality to enter into a Cooperating Pricing Agreement with another public entity and

WHEREAS, certain economies can be achieved when public entities purchase goods and services together under a cooperative pricing agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale wishes to purchase Barracuda Total Email Protection and service from CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-151, which is the holder of a cooperative agreement with Sourcewell 081419-CDW-G, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale's IT Professional, Dino George, states the proposal to be fair and reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale to accept the proposal from CDW Government not to exceed \$25,000.

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

BILLS: *Municipal Clerk read the Bill Report.*

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

REPORT OF REVENUE: *Municipal Clerk read the Report of Revenue for the month of November*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Lane

Fire Dept

Center of town has been decorated; Elected new officers for 2025;

34 fire calls; 2 Drills; 1 Chief Call; 4 Extra credits; Santa will be arriving at 6pm on Christmas Eve in the Center of town

Finance

The budget process is right around the corner; all budget meetings are open to the public and will start in January on Zoom.

Council President Roche

Chamber of Commerce

Kickoff Event is set for Feb 5th

Recreation

Holiday lights tour, submit your house to be added to the map by December 15th go to recreation website; Snowman show off – send to recreation; Tree lighting was well attended, thanked Fire department for the decorations, thanked Wegmans and Dunkin Donuts for their donations.

Environmental Commission

Soil was removed at Huff Pond to allow better flow of the water; thanked Steve Rich for donating his equipment; Clean-Up day is set for April 19, meet at red shed; 3 scout projects are now completed.

Councilmember Cudequest

Board of Health

Held rabies clinic in November, 54 animals were vaccinated; the well child clinic that ran out of Hillsdale will be closing, Montvale will now use the Waldwick Children's Well Clinic; starting in January the Board's meeting will start at 7pm.

Library

Thanks to the DPW for the planting of new bulbs in the reading garden and for removing extra shelving in the storage closet; a new code of conduct was approved.

Seniors

Held their holiday party at Seasons on Dec 3rd holiday party; thanked Tim Lane for attending.

TVAccess

New interviews will be airing shortly.

Wished everyone Happy holidays and healthy new year

Councilmember Arendacs

DPW

Fall clean-up is near complete; busy year with several events; on-going maintenance with pump stations and catch basins.

Engineering

Monthly report included in original minutes;

Wished Christmas Happy and Healthy new year

Councilmember Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes;

Planning Board

Dunken donuts moving from current location to across the street

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Went to briefing on the drones, very disappointing, link is on Mayor's facebook; affordable housing coalition has 31 towns, court date set for Dec 20; Exit 171, the county and Turnpike authority will not challenge the agreement because of the unanimous consent. Right now, there is nothing we can do.

Dec 24 6pm – Santa will be arriving

Dec 29 6pm – Menorah lighting

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Carl O'Brien

Included in original minutes

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: David Lafferty, Esq.
No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Joe Voytus
No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Farm Conservation Committee – Mayoral Special Committee
Mayor Ghassali mentioned the borough would be taking over DePiero's farm in July or August and the Mayor would like to have a committee to oversee the farm, Councilmember's Russo-Vogelsang and Koelling will be the liaisons.

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

The Police Department received 2 thank you emails regarding Police Officers Zagaja, Werba and Garren and Sgt. Lamendola for their professionalism.

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 Roche
- all ayes*

Anastasia Kartsev, 34 N. Kinderkamack Road

Received a letter in regards to the proposed day care; Mayor Ghassali stated we have to hear the application at the Planning Board, the public will have a chance to speak; Councilmember Koelling stated this will be a long process, it does not get approved right away

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to adjourn Public Meeting by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest
- all ayes*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Re-Organization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 1st at 12:00 Noon

The Next Regular Public Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday January 9th, 2025

Budget Meetings – Via Zoom will be held at 6:00 p.m. Mondays, January 6, January 13 and January 27, 2025 - Link will be provided on Montvale website for these budget meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk