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ARTICLE I Rules of Order

§ 1. Governing rules.

Except as otherwise provided herein or as otherwise required by law, the deliberations of the Council shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” (“Robert’s Rules”).

§ 2. Questions and motion require second.

No question or motion shall be put unless seconded, except referring to a report or a question put by the Mayor.

§ 3. Speakers must be recognized.

No member shall speak unless recognized by the Mayor and shall only speak on the pending subject matter or question. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Mayor and shall not occupy more time that is deemed necessary by the Mayor.

§ 4. Decorum while public speaks.

While a member of the public is speaking, no member shall entertain any lengthy private discourse.

§ 5. Reconsideration.

When a question has been put and decided, it shall be in order for any member of the Council to move for reconsideration thereof, providing such motion for reconsideration shall be moved at the same, or at the next public meeting.

§ 6. Limits on public participation.

- a. No person not a member of the Governing Body shall be given the privileges of the floor except by permission of the Mayor or upon the request of a member of the Council if supported by the votes of a majority of the members of the Council present. However, during the portion of a meeting open for remarks from the public, all citizens of the Borough who conduct themselves with decorum shall be heard.
- b. The Mayor may limit each member of the audience to no more than five (5) minutes on the floor. Members of the audience who have not been heard on the floor are not permitted to grant their limit of (5) minutes to another individual on any given subject.
- c. When all members of the audience requesting the right to speak have been heard on any given subject, then the Mayor may permit members of the audience who have previously been heard to be heard on additional subjects.

- d. Members of the public may speak on any matter relevant to Borough business and affairs but the Governing Body may decline to hear comments on matters that are pending before other municipal bodies.
- e. It shall be appropriate for the Mayor or members of the Council to respond directly to questions from the public as they are asked through the Mayor.
- f. Personal attacks by a member of the Governing Body or a member of the public shall not be permitted, and personal attacks by a member of the public shall be grounds for removal from the meeting.

ARTICLE II General Provisions

§ 1. Governing Body.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale shall constitute the Governing Body thereof.

§ 2. Re-organization.

- a. The Council shall hold an annual meeting during the first seven days of each year (“Re-organization”) as prescribed by law. The date and time of the annual meeting will be determined by resolution of the Council at a regular meeting to be held in December of the year preceding the Re-organization meeting.
- b. The Mayor shall, at the annual meeting, assign the seating arrangement for Council members which shall be retained throughout the year. The roll shall be called in alphabetical order except that the Mayor’s name is called last, and only when his or her vote will affect the result.

§ 3. Time and place of regular meetings.

The Council shall fix the time and place for holding regular meetings during the ensuing year, which time and place shall not be changed except by resolution adopted at a regular or special meeting. The public portion of all regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be called to order at 7:30 P.M. for that portion of the meeting that is open to the public, and adjourned no later than midnight. Closed sessions of the Mayor and Council may begin before 7:30 P.M. in order to allow the public portion of the meeting to begin at 7:30 P.M. The time for commencement of closed session shall be posted on the agenda.

§ 4. Election of Council President.

At the Re-organization meeting, the Council shall elect one of its members as Council President to serve for the calendar year. The members of the Council must receive the names of those being proposed for Council President at least 10 days before the annual meeting.

§ 5. Special Meetings.

The Mayor shall, when necessary, call special meetings of the Council. In the case of his neglect or refusal, any four members of the Council may call such meeting at such time and place in the Borough as they may designate. In all cases of special meetings, reasonable advance notice, considered to be 48 hours except in case of emergency, shall be given in person to all members of the Council or left at their place of residence.

§ 6. Quorum.

A quorum shall be three Councilpersons and the Mayor, or in the absence of the Mayor, four Councilpersons.

§ 7. Participation by telephone or other communication equipment permitted; requirements.

Except as otherwise prohibited by law, members of the Governing Body who are unavailable to be physically present at any meeting of the Governing Body may attend and participate in such meeting by means of telephone or other communication equipment, to the same extent as if said member were physically present at such meeting, provided the following criteria are met:

- a. The member who is not physically present is on a speaker phone or similar device so that the absent member may hear everything said in the meeting room and everyone in the room, including the public, can hear everything the absent member says;
- b. The absent member actually hears and can participate in the entire discussion of the subject at hand; and
- c. The procedural aspects to the meeting as to notice, etc., are regular in every other respect.

If the above criteria are satisfied, the absent member shall be deemed to be present at the meeting, such presence shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum of the Governing Body, and said member shall be permitted to participate fully as if physically present.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, communication during public meetings between councilmembers by means of text message, email, or other similar electronic communication concerning public matters is not permissible. All communication between councilmembers during public meetings concerning public matters should be made verbally and should be audible to other councilmembers and members of the public.

Meetings held remotely via “Zoom” or other similar platforms shall be governed by the Borough of Montvale **“POLICY CONCERNING HOLDING REMOTE MEETINGS”** adopted by the Governing Body, as same may be amended from time to time.

§ 8. Adjournment of meetings.

If no quorum is present at any meeting, those assembled shall have the power and are hereby authorized to set a new meeting date and then adjourn.

§ 9. Order of business.

- a. The following order of business shall be observed:

Call to Order and Open Public Meetings Act Notice
Roll Call
Flag Salute (not during work session)
Closed/Executive Session
Special/Miscellaneous Reports or Appointments
Ordinances
Public Comment: Agenda Items Only (not during work session)
Reading and/or Approval of Minutes
Consent Resolutions
Resolutions
Bills
Liaison Reports (not during work session)
Engineer Reports
Attorney Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Communications and Correspondence
Public Comment: Items of Public Importance
Closed/Executive Session (if necessary)
Adjournment

- b. The aforesaid order of business at any meeting may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Council present at such meeting.

§ 10. Action by majority vote.

Except as otherwise required by these Bylaws or by law, all actions of the Council may be by majority vote of those present, provided that a quorum of the Governing Body has been established.

§ 11. Roll-call vote.

Upon demand of one (1) member of the Council, or when ordered by the Mayor, or when provided by law, a roll call vote shall be taken and the yeas and nays entered in the Minutes of the meeting.

§ 12. Consent Resolutions.

- a. All resolutions previously sent to Council members prior to the meeting at which a vote on said resolution(s) is anticipated and upon which no discussion is anticipated may be included in a single resolution entitled "Consent Resolution."
- b. All resolutions included in the Consent Resolution shall be adopted by a single roll call vote and no discussion thereon shall be entertained at the time the Consent Resolution is moved for adoption.
- c. Any Council member, for any reason whatsoever, and said reasons need not be disclosed, may remove any items included in the Consent Resolution at any time prior to the adoption of the Consent Resolution.
- d. In order to provide an orderly method of preparing the Consent resolution, Council members should notify the Municipal Clerk by 11:00 A.M. on the date on which the Council meeting is to be held at which the Consent Resolution is to be adopted, of the matter to be removed from the Consent Resolution. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, each Council Member shall still have the right to remove any matter from the Consent Resolution prior to the adoption of the Consent Resolution.
- e. The Consent Resolution shall not be utilized with respect to the adoption of ordinances or other matters as required by law.

§13. Agenda.

- a. The Mayor shall set the agenda for all Meetings of the Mayor and Council, in consultation with the Municipal Clerk and Borough Administrator, and subject to additions requested by the Council President.
- b. All items that Council members would like placed on the agenda shall be requested no later than 12:00 Noon on the Thursday prior to the Council Meeting, and such requests shall be directed to either the Mayor or the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk shall then provide a draft agenda to the Mayor and Council President. Subsequent additions to the agenda prior to the agenda being finalized may be made by either the Mayor or the Council President. The agenda may also include additions or deletions at the meeting.
- c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Council may amend the agenda at a Council Meeting by a vote of a majority of those present, the Mayor having no vote except in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE III
Mayor

§ 1. Presiding officer.

The Mayor shall preside over the deliberations of the Council and shall conduct the meetings thereof. He or she shall also participate in the determination of Borough affairs to the extent permitted by law and may vote to break a tie.

§ 2. Preservation of order.

The Mayor shall on all occasions preserve the strictest order and decorum, and he or she shall cause the removal of all persons who interrupt the orderly proceedings of the Council.

§ 3. Conflicts over right to floor.

When two or more Councilpersons shall rise at the same time, the Mayor shall name the one entitled to the floor.

§ 4. Questions of order.

The Mayor shall decide all questions of order without debate, and he or she may call upon the Clerk or the Borough Attorney for an opinion upon any question of order.

§ 5. Liaisons.

The Mayor shall be an *ex officio* Liaison to all departments, boards, committees, agencies or organizations, both standing and special. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Mayor may assign any Councilperson to act as Liaison to any such department, board, committee, agency or organization, as he may deem necessary and proper, and the Mayor and Borough Administrator shall be informed in advance of all meetings between the assigned Liaison and said department, board, committee, agency or organization. Any such Liaison shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and such Liaison may be replaced or removed in the sole discretion of the Mayor.

§ 6. Absence of Mayor.

In the absence of the Mayor, or if the Mayor is unable to perform his or her duties, the Council President, or, in the event the Council President is unable to act, the Council member having the longest tenure as such, shall act as Mayor. The Council President or Councilperson acting as Mayor shall retain his or her right to vote.

ARTICLE IV
Municipal Clerk

§ 1. General duties.

The Municipal Clerk shall perform such duties as set forth in the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, the Borough Code, and these Bylaws.

§ 2. Additional responsibilities.

The Clerk shall keep the minutes and ordinance books properly and fully indexed and shall perform all the duties usually devolving upon such officer and, in addition, such other duties or services as the Mayor or Council may direct.

§ 3. Record of ordinances.

Upon final passage of an ordinance, the same shall be properly numbered and recorded at length by the Borough Clerk in the ordinance book.

ARTICLE V
Borough Administrator

§ 1. General duties.

The Administrator shall perform such duties as set forth in the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, the Borough Code, and these Bylaws.

§ 2. Additional responsibilities.

The Administrator shall provide periodic reports at public meetings and shall keep the Mayor and Council informed of all matters that require the attention or action of the Mayor and Council.

ARTICLE VI
Appointments; Liaisons

§ 1. Appointments; Mayor's responsibilities.

- a. The Mayor shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint all subordinate officers of the Borough, unless otherwise provided by the Borough Code or State law. The Mayor shall make his or her nomination to any such office within 30 days of that office becoming vacant.
- b. The members of the Council shall receive the names of those being proposed for appointment at least 5 days before the meeting when the appointment will take place. The Council shall submit any comments, suggestions or recommendations regarding

the proposed appointments to the Mayor at least 2 days before the meeting when the appointment will take place.

- c. The Council, whenever it fails to confirm the nomination by the Mayor of any official to a subordinate office in the Borough within 30 days of being presented such nomination, shall make the appointment to that office, provided that at least three affirmative votes shall be required for such purposes, the Mayor to have no vote thereon except in the case of a tie.
- d. Special Mayoral appointments. Notwithstanding anything in these bylaws to the contrary, the following appointments shall be made by the Mayor. All such appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and such appointees may be replaced or removed in the sole discretion of the Mayor. No Council approval shall be required for any such appointment or removal/replacement.

Chamber of Commerce
COAH Committee
Council Liaisons
Economic Development
Environmental Commission
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA – airplane traffic)
Historian
Historic Preservation Commission
Insurance Committee
Bergen Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner
Joint Court Committee
Mayor's Advisory Committee
Montvale Seniors Club
Planning Board – Class I, II, and IV
Police Commissioner/Deputy Police Commissioner
Veterans Affairs Committee

§ 2. Standing Committees.

- a. The Mayor shall appoint all committee members at his or her sole discretion.
- b. The following Standing Committees of the Council, consisting of at least two Council Members each (other than the Mayor, *ex officio*) shall be appointed at the annual re-organization meeting:

COAH Committee
Federal Aviation Administration Committee (FAA – airplane traffic)
Finance Committee
Joint Court Committee
Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Committee

- c. Each councilmember shall be a member of at least one Standing Committee.
- d. The Standing Committees are appointed to expedite and facilitate the work of the Council, but only within the limits prescribed by law. A Standing Committee shall:
 - i. Meet when requested by the Chairperson, or a majority of the committee, and all members shall participate actively in committee deliberations, the performance of its duties and the formulation of its recommendation(s) to the Council.
 - ii. Perform such acts as may be assigned to it by the Council.
- e. Except as provided above, a Standing Committee shall not:
 - i. Make promises or commitments to anyone which directly or by inference binds the Council.
 - ii. Act in such a manner or make decisions which set a precedent, or violate established Council policy.
- f. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Councilpersons appointed to Standing Committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and such Councilpersons may be replaced or removed in the sole discretion of the Mayor.
- g. In the event of an individual's death, resignation, removal from office or incapacity to serve on a Standing Committee, the Mayor shall name a successor member.

§ 3. Special Council Committees.

Special Council Committees may be appointed for purposes other than those included in the duties of the Standing Committees listed in Section 2 of this Article.

§ 4. Liaisons.

- a. At the Re-organization meeting, each Councilperson shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve as Liaison to at least one of the following departments, boards, committees, agencies or organizations:
 - Administration
 - Board of Health
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - COAH Committee
 - Construction
 - Economic Development
 - Engineer
 - Environmental Commission
 - FAA Committee
 - Finance Committee

Fire Department
 Fire Prevention
 Historic Preservation Commission
 Insurance
 Bergen Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner
 Joint Court Committee
 Local Board of Education
 Mayor's Advisory Committee
 Municipal Alliance
 Ordinances
 Office of Emergency Management
 Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Joint Committee
 Planning Board
 Police
 Regional Board of Education
 Senior Club
 Special Events Committee
 TV Access
 Youth Guidance Council
 Veterans Affairs
 Website

- b. Nothing herein shall prevent the Mayor from appointing an additional Liaison(s) for any of the above issues, or from appointing a Special Liaison(s) for special issues or projects. The appointment(s) of a Special Liaison shall be for the duration of said project or issue.
- c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Councilpersons appointed as Liaisons shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and such Liaisons may be replaced or removed in the sole discretion of the Mayor.
- d. In the event of an individual's death, resignation, removal from office or incapacity to serve as a Liaison, the Mayor shall name a successor Liaison.

§ 5. Purpose of Liaisons.

- a. Liaisons are appointed to expedite and facilitate the work of the Council, but the entire Council shall be responsible for acts done pursuant to a Liaison's recommendations.
- b. The Liaison shall:
 - i. Plan, study, direct and make commitments within budgetary limitations, and carry on the routine activities for which the Liaison has primary responsibility. The Liaison shall at all times be subject to ultimate control of the Mayor and Borough Council.

- ii. Furnish a written report each month to be read at the first regular meeting of the Mayor and Council in each month, which report shall cover the detailed operations of their department, board, committee, agency or organization for the preceding month. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Municipal Clerk for inclusion in the minutes.
 - iii. Perform such acts, in addition to the routine activities, as may be assigned to him or her by the Mayor.
- c. Except as noted above, a Liaison shall not:
- i. Make any purchase except in accordance with the ordinances of the Borough of Montvale and applicable law, or exceed its budgetary appropriations without prior approval of the Council.
 - ii. Make promises or commitments to anyone which directly or by inference binds the Council.
 - iii. Act in such a manner or make decisions which set a precedent, or violate established Council policy.
 - iv. Meet directly with any employee of the Borough regarding department matters in absence of the Borough Administrator or relevant Department Head.

§ 6. Council Liaisons; Attendance at meetings.

The Liaison shall attend the meetings of such departments, boards, committees, agencies and organizations to which the Liaison has been assigned. In the event the Liaison is unable to attend any particular meeting, he or she shall notify the Mayor, who may attend such meeting or appoint a substitute Liaison to attend such meeting.

§ 7. Liaison reports.

Each Liaison shall be prepared to report to the Mayor and Council at each regular meeting on the principal activities and achievements of his or her department, board, committee, agency or organization. The Liaison shall also prepare and submit in writing to the Mayor, not later than the Re-organization meeting of the following year, a suitable report regarding relevant activity from the previous year.

ARTICLE VII
Bills, Claims and Vouchers

§ 1. Preparation and submission.

- a. All bills or claims against the Borough shall be in writing, fully itemized and on such forms as the Borough shall provide for that purpose. As required by statute, they shall be sworn to by the claimant before submission for approval and payment.
- b. All vouchers must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk and Borough Administrator in full form, except for Council Committee approval, on or before the Wednesday preceding the meeting of the Mayor and Council at which they are presented for approval.

§ 2. Certification, checking, review and preliminary approval.

- a. All bills and claims must be supported by a certification of the receipt of the goods, or the satisfactory rendering of the services, by the responsible person accepting the same on behalf of the Borough and who may be held accountable therefor. Each such bill or claim shall then be carefully reviewed and checked by, or under the direction of, the Borough official who performs the administrative certification on the voucher form.
- b. All checked vouchers with supporting papers attached will then be presented to the Liaison having jurisdiction over the activity or matter for which the expenditure was incurred. The appropriate Liaison shall examine all vouchers, and if approved by the appropriate Liaison, the voucher will then be submitted to the Council for authorization to pay the same.

§ 3. Authorization by Council.

- a. All vouchers recommended for payment shall be presented to the Council by the Borough Clerk at a regular or special meeting or an adjourned regular or special meeting.
- b. The Municipal Clerk shall present the total of all vouchers to be approved.
- c. Authorization to draw the checks and pay the amounts of the approved vouchers shall be by resolution of the Council.

§ 4. Signing of checks.

The corresponding vouchers shall accompany all checks drawn in payment thereof when the said checks are presented to the Mayor, the Treasurer and to the Administrator for signature.

§ 5. Filing of bills, vouchers and paid checks.

All bills, vouchers and paid checks shall be filed in a safe place and be made available for public inspection whenever requested.

ARTICLE VIII Press Releases

§ 1. Procedure for issuance.

- a. Official Borough press releases shall be approved by the Mayor or by a majority of the Council and issued through the Borough Administrator's office. Press releases other than official Borough press releases shall not be prepared on Borough letterhead and shall contain a disclaimer noting that the views contained therein do not represent the official views of the Council of the Borough of Montvale.
- b. Any request from the public or the media that goes beyond simple factual statements (e.g., "What is Montvale's policy on open space?" vs. "Why are the municipal offices closed today? – Because the County is repaving.") should be referred to the Mayor and Council member(s) serving as Liaison to those activities.
- c. All press releases shall be reviewed with the appropriate Council member(s) and the Mayor prior to being distributed. If it is not necessary to contact the Mayor and appropriate Council member(s) prior to answering questions or issuing statements (for simple factual statements), the Borough Administrator shall notify the Mayor and Council of any such answer or issuance immediate afterward by e-mail, fax or phone.

ARTICLE IX Duties of Liaisons

§ 1. Administration

The Administration Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Act as the Liaison, in coordination with the Borough Administrator and Department Heads in the review of all aspects of the Borough staff.
- b. Act as the Liaison to the Administrator for the review and presentation to the Council of proposed changes to the Borough staff.

§ 2. Board of Health

The Board of Health Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the operation of refuse collection, disposal and recycling.
- b. Scavenger contract negotiation committee.
- c. Board of Health
- d. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 3. Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce Liaison shall have primary responsibility for cooperation and coordination between the Borough Council and the Montvale Chamber of Commerce.

§ 4. COAH

The COAH Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the COAH Committee, including compliance with the mandates of COAH or any successor agency.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 5. Construction

The Construction Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the following:
 - i. Construction, alteration and repair of all public buildings, structures and land uses.
 - ii. Construction and maintenance of sidewalks and curbs.
 - iii. The Construction Official and his/her office.
 - iv. Maintenance and operation of all public buildings and structures, including the Borough Garage.

- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 6. Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Attendance and participation of all meetings of the Economic Development Committee.
- b. Provide regular feedback to the Mayor on matters raised by the Economic Development Committee.
- c. Provide information useful to the Economic Development Committee or as directed by the Mayor.

§ 7. Engineer

The Engineer Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Borough Engineer.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 8. Environmental

The Environmental Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Environmental Commission.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 9. Finance

The Finance Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.
- b. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the following:
 - i. Borough Clerk and his/her office.
 - ii. Collector/Treasurer and his/her office.
 - iii. Chief Financial Officer.
 - iv. Borough Administrator.
 - v. Registered Municipal Accountant.
- c. Recommendation for the initiation of foreclosure actions, and subsequent administration and disposition of property acquired, by the Borough under Tax Title Liens.
- d. Coordination of departmental budgets, preparation of budgetary figures relating to the activities above-mentioned, final preparation, explanation and continuing supervision of the entire Municipal Budget.
- e. Maintenance, review and revision of the Borough Fixed Asset System.
- f. Liaison to Borough Administrator for the review and presentation to the Council of the proposed Municipal Budget, and the budget of any public body under the jurisdiction of the Council.

§ 10. Fire Department

The Fire Department Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Fire Department activities in all its branches.
- b. Installation of water facilities.
- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 11. Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Enforcement of the Fire Prevention Code.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 12. Historic Preservation

The Historic Preservation Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Historic Preservation Committee and the Borough Historian.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 13. Insurance

The Insurance Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Borough's Joint Insurance Fund and any additional insurers.
- b. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Borough's Risk Manager.
- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§14. Joint Court

The Joint Court Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court.
- b. Attendance and participation at all meetings of the Joint Court Committee.

- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 16. Local Board of Education

The Local Board of Education Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Local Board of Education Committee.
- b. Cooperation and coordination with the Local Board of Education.
- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 17. Mayor's Advisory Committee

The Mayor's Advisory Committee Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Attendance and participation of all meetings of the Advisory Committee.
- b. Provide regular feedback to the Mayor on matters raised by the Advisory Committee.
- c. Provide information useful to the Advisory Committee or as directed by the Mayor.

§ 18. Municipal Alliance

The Municipal Alliance Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Municipal Alliance.
- b. Coordination with the Montvale Police D.A.R.E. Program and the Hills Valley Coalition.
- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 19. Office of Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Office of Emergency Management.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 20. Ordinances

The Ordinance Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the review and presentment to the Council of ordinances for consideration of introduction and public hearing, as appropriate. Said consideration of ordinances shall be at the recommendation of the Mayor, Council, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney or the appropriate Boards and Committees.

§ 21. Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Joint Committee

The Joint Committee Liaisons shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures of the Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Shared Service Agreement.
- b. Attendance and participation and all meetings of the Joint Committee.

§ 22. Planning Board

The Planning Board Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Planning Board.
- b. Coordination of required zoning changes and other development ordinance amendments.
- c. Coordination of periodic reexamination of the Master Plan.
- d. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 23. Police

The Police Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, procedures and records of the following:
 - i. Policy activities
 - ii. Granting of licenses, and the inspection of premises and persons, as designated by the Council.
 - iii. Highway traffic and all parking matters.
 - iv. Emergency management activities.
- b. Liaison between Council, Transportation Corporations, Municipal Magistrate, Animal Control and all other agencies concerned with public safety or delinquency.
- c. Police Contract Negotiating Committee.
- d. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 24. Regional Board of Education

The Regional Board of Education Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Regional Board of Education Committee.
- b. Cooperation and coordination with the Regional Board of Education.
- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 26. Senior Club

The Senior Club Liaison shall have primary responsibility for cooperation and coordination between the Borough Council and the Montvale Senior Club.

§ 27. Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison of the Special Events Committee will assist with the planning and coordination of all community events. This committee supports all phases of our community events that are instrumental in getting the residents engaged in events.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 28. TV Access

The TV Access Committee shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Ensure that the terms and conditions of the Borough's franchise with the provider of the Borough's cable television services are carried out and enforced.
- b. Liaison to the MontTVale Access Group.
- c. Handle all unresolved resident complaints regarding cable televisions service if requested to do so by the resident after the resident has attempted to resolve the complaint on his/her own.
- d. Review of all video tapes prepared by or for the Montvale Access Group prior to broadcast to ensure the video tapes do not exceed the established boundaries of good taste and are in accordance with all other official communications and information presented and prepared by or for the Borough of Montvale.
- e. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 29. Youth Guidance Council

The Youth Guidance Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Youth Guidance Council.
- b. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

§ 30. Website

The Website Liaison shall have primary responsibility for the following described activities and matters, except as otherwise provided by law:

- a. Liaison for the administration, practices, procedures and records of the Website Committee.
- b. Determine and recommend necessary upgrades to the Borough website.
- c. Examination, review and approval of all vouchers prior to their submission to the Finance Committee for their approval prior to the submission to the Council for authority to pay the same.

**ARTICLE X
Amendments**

§ 1. Proposal to amend; appointment of committee.

- a. The Mayor or any member of the Council may propose amendments to these bylaws at any meeting of the Council.
- b. The Mayor may then appoint a special committee of two or more members of the Council to consider the proposed amendments.

§ 2. Presentation of committee recommendations.

The special committee will present its recommendations at a meeting of the Council.

§ 3. Vote required.

These bylaws shall only be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

**ARTICLE XI
Adoption and Term**

§ 1. Adoption by resolution; when effective; expiration date

These bylaws shall be adopted by a resolution of the Borough Council concurred in by a majority of the members. The bylaws shall become effective immediately after adoption and shall remain in effect for not longer than the Re-organization meeting for the year next following the year in which the bylaws were adopted.