

**BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES**

Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:00pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

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).

Present: Mayor Ghassali; Administrator, Joe Voytus; Councilmembers, Arendacs, Cudequest, Koelling, Lane, Roche and Russo-Vogelsang; and Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

○ **Capital Budget Requests - Administration – Joe Voytus**

Requested the bathrooms and kitchen to be renovated; as part of Triboro Fuel shared service agreement a new gas tank is needed; Huff Park Walkway is in need of some maintenance work for safety purposes; Senior Center Walkway and Patio are in need of repair

○ **Environmental Commission - Bob Hanrahan**

Would like to connect the Memorial Trail to the Veolia site, looking into grant funding; continue to refurbish the Environmental Learning Center with volunteers also looking into grant funding for this project as well; Montvale community garden, suggested a fence would need to be in place approximate cost \$34,000; 40 beds have been ordered

○ **Senior Club – Bill, John, Jane and Donna**

With the increase of membership, costs of certain activities and luncheons have increased; dues are \$20 and to attend a business meeting the cost is \$2.00; after a brief discussion it was suggested to increase membership dues and possibly have members pay for the bus; Council President Cudequest mentioned an order will be placed for lock boxes for senior club members and for non-members a \$10 administrative fee will be charged

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

No public comment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

The next Budget Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. – via ZOOM on Monday, January 26. Link will be provided on Montvale website for this budget meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk