

**PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:32PM. 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; Administrator, Joe Voytus; Municipal Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan; and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs
Councilmember Cudequest
Councilmember Koelling

Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Roche - absent
Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

PRESENTATION:

Steven Coston from the New Jersey Senior Games
Brochure included with minutes

ORDINANCES:

None

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang – all ayes

Carolee Adams

Suggested to Mayor Ghassali that he should spread the word at the next mayor's association meeting about the senior games presentation.

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:**December 27, 2022**

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

Sine Die January 1, 2023

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

Re-Organization January 1, 2023

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

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.

24-2023 Cancellation of Outstanding Checks / Prior Years / Pascack Joint Municipal Court

WHEREAS, there exists various outstanding checks from prior years drawn against certain accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator provided a listing of outstanding checks that require cancellation (listing attached) from prior years.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to deposit these funds to the respective reserve or surplus account;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Court Administrator shall receive a copy of this resolution for record keeping; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the attached list of outstanding checks from prior years be cancelled;

25-2023 Authorize Appointment / Sherri D'Alessandro / Acting Municipal Court Administrator

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-10 the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale, acting as lead agency for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court, are required to provide for a Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq., any municipality of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality or municipalities to share services that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale, acting as lead agency for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court, consent and agree to share the professional services of their respective Municipal Court Administrators on a provisional basis in the event of the absence of the Municipal Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator, to undertake the duties of the absent Municipal Court Administrator during scheduled and/or unscheduled leaves, within the two respective municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the rate of pay shall be \$30 per hour. Pay rate established by N.J.S.A. 2B:12-10(b).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 10th day of January 2023, that the Municipality of Upper Saddle River and the Municipality of Montvale consent to the attached agreement.

26-2023 A Resolution Awarding a Professional Grant Writing Consulting Contract to Millennium Strategies for the Year 2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to contract with a person or entity for professional grant writing consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1)(i)) permits contracts for professional services to be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids and the contract itself be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Millennium Strategies, 60 Columbia Road, Suite 230, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, dated December 19, 2022, to perform such services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said services is \$650 per month for: 1) Establishment of a User Platform with Online Grant Research Portal, 2) Access to Detailed Grant Summaries, and 3) Consultations on Available Grant Opportunities, with Grant Writing and Project Support available on an as-needed basis for the cost of \$130 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract to Millennium for items 1 through 3, as per Millennium's Proposal, with Grant Writing and Project Support to be separately authorized by the Governing Body for specific grants; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that a contract is hereby awarded as follows:

Contractor

Millennium Strategies
60 Columbia Road, Suite 230
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Amount

\$650/month for Services 1-3
\$130/hour for Service 4 as needed
As Per Proposal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute a contract to effectuate the provisions and purpose of this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, public notice of this contract award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough in accordance with applicable law.

27-2023 Authorizing The Borough Administrator To Sign The NJDEP WQM-003 Statement Of Consent Form For Property Located At 100 Summit Avenue – Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Application.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires Consent of the Governing Body and Certification by the Wastewater Conveyance System Owner;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale owns and operates their wastewater conveyance system that the property owner **GRAY CAPITAL (for property located at 100 Summit Avenue)** is proposing to connect for sanitary sewerage disposal;

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the NJDEP WQM-003 Form and has determined that the Borough's sanitary sewer system has adequate capacity;

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the NJDEP WQM-003 Form and recommends that the Borough's Mayor and Council authorize the Borough Administrator to execute the WQM-003 Form Section A-1 and Section A-3B;

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor and Council has considered this recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, formally approves the Borough Administrator to execute the above stated Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the NJDEP WQM-003 Form on behalf of the Borough of Montvale for the application by the owner, **Gray Capital, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 Summit Avenue, Montvale, New Jersey.**

29-2023 Appointment of A Risk Management Consultant In Accordance With The Requirements Set Forth By The Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BCMJIF) For The Borough Commencing January 1, 2023 / Professional Insurance Associates, (P.I.A) A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough Of Montvale (hereinafter, the Municipality) is a member of the **Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (BCMJIF)** and the **Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL)** collectively referred to as, the Funds, for property and casualty coverage's, which include property, general liability, crime, environmental, employee benefits liability, excess liability and workers compensation; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Funds require the Municipality appoint a RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT to perform the various functions and professional services integral to the effective operation of the Municipality's Insurance Program and Loss Control efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fund Commissioners for the BCMJIF established a fee for such services equal to six percent (6%) of the Municipality's assessment, which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is a part of the Municipal Assessment promulgated by the Fund's; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has conducted a solicitation process to review and evaluate the credentials, services, performance and integrity of several professional firms experienced in these types of services; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council does hereby appoint **Professional Insurance Associates Inc. (P.I.A.) A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC** as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Risk Management Consultant's Agreement attached and to advertised in the official newspaper in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Professional Insurance Associates, (P.I.A.) A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

30-2023 Award Professional Service Contract / Borough Attorney / Huntington Bailey, L.L.P

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Attorney Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Huntington Bailey, L.L.P., 373 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, NJ 07675 were appointed at the Re-organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, David Lafferty, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit David Lafferty, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Huntington Bailey, L.L.P.
2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.
4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

31-2023 Award Professional Service Contract / Borough Auditor / Lerch, Vinci & Bliss

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Auditor Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 were appointed at the Re-organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

32-2023 Award Professional Service Contract / Engineering Services / Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. Andrew R. Hipolit, P.E., PP., C.M.E.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Engineering Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856 were appointed at the Re-organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Andrew R. Hipolit, shall be designated as Principal in Charge for all services provided to the Borough of Montvale, and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.
4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

33-2023 Award Professional Service Contract / Borough Planner / Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. Darlene Green, P.P., AICP

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to acquire Municipal Planner through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. was appointed at the Re-Organization Meeting of the Governing Body on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to appoint Darlene Green, P.P., AICP, Associate, Senior Project Planner of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., Shelbourne at Hunterdon, 53 Frontage Road, Suite 110, Hampton, NJ 08827 for planning services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:111 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Montvale are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

34-2023 Awarding Service Contract / Agreement Tri-State Technical Services / Computers & Peripherals

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale requires professional computer services and an extended service agreement for the computers and peripherals for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale as follows:

That a contract for professional computer services for an Service Agreement for Computers and Peripherals proposal which is attached and made part of this resolution be awarded to Tri-State Technical Computer Services, Inc., of 442 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 in the amount of \$9,485.00 for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for the service contract, and \$80.00 for labor rate as described in the Service Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

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

35-2023 Authorize Contract Animal Control Services/Tyco

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Borough of Montvale has received a proposal from Tyco Animal Control Service, 1 Stout Lane, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ.

WHEREAS, said proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recommends this contract with Tyco Animal Control Service based upon prior services provided; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to provide funds in the year 2023 Budget for this contract, Other Expense Portion of the Animal Control Services Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the contract for Animal Control Services for 2023 be and is hereby awarded to Tyco Animal Control Service, 1 Stout Lane, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423 pursuant to the terms and conditions and rates as outlined in the attached contract effective January 1, 2023, copy of which is attached to this resolution for the base amount of \$11,040.00 annually payable monthly with additional costs charged per the rates as outlined in the attached proposal.

36-2023 Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force Interlocal Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 AND N.J.S.A. App A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the plan submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Police Department of the Borough of Montvale, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; a

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of County Commissioners, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police, and all Bergen County Municipalities.

38-2023 A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Awarding a Contract to Spatial Data Logic, Inc. as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service for Website Design, Web Manage, Hosting and Support and Related Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of continuing the services of a professional company to redesign, host and support the Borough's website and related web applications and

social media in order to better service the Borough's residents and visitors to the Borough's website; and

WHEREAS, such services are exempt from public bidding requirements pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(ii)* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1* as "extraordinary unspecifiable services"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal for the year 2023 to provide such services from Spatial Data Logic, Inc., said proposal is attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council is therefore desirous of awarding a contract to Spatial Data Logic Inc. to perform the above-referenced services for the prices and on the terms set forth in the attached proposal; and

WHEREAS, because the value of this contract exceeds the Borough's applicable pay-to-play threshold, it shall be awarded pursuant to the "alternative" provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*, et seq., and Spatial Data Logic, Inc. has provided a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and all other appropriate documentation pertaining to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that a contract is hereby awarded to Spatial Data Logic Inc. for website design, managing, hosting and support, and related services, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the Proposal submitted by Spatial Data Logic, Inc. ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pricing for this contract shall be as set forth in the Spatial Data Logic, Inc. proposal but shall not exceed \$21,140.00 without further authorization of the Borough Council, and shall be for a term of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk, and all other appropriate officials, shall be and are hereby authorized to execute all contract documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii)*, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract shall be printed once in the official newspaper of Borough of Montvale, and said notice shall also advise the public that a copy of the final contract shall be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

39-2023 A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC to Serve as Special Counsel in Connection with the Borough's Affordable Housing

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of hiring Special Counsel to represent the Borough in connection with the Borough's affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from. Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC, 311 Broadway, Suite A, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742, to perform all services necessary and appropriate in connection with same; and

WHEREAS Surenian, Edwards & Nolan proposal sets forth the following rates:

- (a) \$200.00 per hour for all time spent by Jeffrey R. Surenian;
- (b) \$190.00 per hour for all time spent by Michael J. Edwards
- (b) \$185.00 per hour for all time spent by other attorney's
- (e) \$90.00 per hour for all paralegal work; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is satisfied that Mr. Surenian and his firm possess the requisite experience pertaining to such matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i)*, a professional services contract is exempt from public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, because the value of this contract is anticipated to be in excess of \$15,000 (the Borough's local pay-to-play limit), this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process" pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4* et seq. (the "Pay-to-Play Law"), and has been awarded to the contractor based upon the merits and abilities of the contractor to provide the services necessary; and

WHEREAS, because this contract has been awarded under the "alternative process," Mr. Surenian has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that neither he nor his firm has made any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Montvale with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit said persons and entities from making any reportable contributions (\$300 or more) through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of awarding a contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body, at the hourly rates set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract is hereby awarded to L Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LC to serve as Special Counsel in connection with the Borough's Affordable Housing Litigation, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a contract consistent with the provisions and intent of this Resolution, subject to approval of same by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall publish notice of this contract award in the official newspaper of the Borough, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*.

40-2023 Awarding a Professional Service Contract for the Position of Municipal Prosecutor for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court to Dario, Albert, Metz, Eyerman, Canda, Concannon, Ortiz & Krouse, LLC

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court has a need to contract with a licensed attorney or firm to serve as the municipal prosecutor pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1*, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Municipal Court Committee agreed to acquire Attorney Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court to appoint the firm of Dario, Albert, Metz, Eyerman, Canda, Concannon, Ortiz & Krouse, LLC as the municipal prosecutor, with Brian E Eyerman, Esq. serving as the lead attorney; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that Brian E. Eyerman Esq. will serve as the primary municipal prosecutor and will handle all matters and attend all sessions of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court barring exceptional circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the compensation of the municipal prosecutor shall be \$33,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, said compensation shall be included as part of the Operational Costs for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court as per the agreement between the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contracts shall commence as of the date of this resolution, and shall continue for the remainder of the calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1*, et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and Contracts must be available for public inspection.

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

1. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
2. The Contracts, including the terms of compensation for each professional, shall be placed on file with this resolution.
3. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

41-2023 Award Professional Service Contract/Public Defender/Alternate Public Defender/Pascack Joint Municipal Court to Aronsohn, Weiner, Salerno & Kaufman

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court has a need to contract for the services of various professionals to serve as the municipal public defender or alternate public defender, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Pascack Municipal Court Committee agreed to acquire Public Defender Services through the alternate process pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, there are occasions when the appointed municipal public defender may have a conflict of interest, thus creating a need for an alternate public defender; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pascack Joint Municipal Court to appoint the following individuals to the positions set forth below:

Public Defender: Gerald R. Salerno, Esq.

Alternate Public Defender: Salvatore Sclafani, Esq.

WHEREAS, the salary of the Public Defender shall be \$12,000; and

WHEREAS, said salaries shall be included as part of the Operational Costs for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court as per the agreement between the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, any compensation to be paid to the Alternate Public Defender shall be paid by the Public Defender, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the term of these contracts shall commence on January 1, 2023, and shall continue for the remainder of the calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has the availability of funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and Contracts must be available for public inspection.

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

1. These Contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

2. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Borough.

42-2023 Authorize Contract Heath Awareness Regional Program (HARP) Hackensack Meridian Health / Hackensack University Medical Center

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Borough of Montvale has received and reviewed the proposal from Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical Center (HARP) on Monday, December 5, 2022 at their regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, said attached proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recommends the Health Department Services of Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical Center based upon the services provided by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to provide funds in the year 2023 Budget for this contract for public health services, administrative services, health education, public health nursing and other related services as outlined in the attached contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the contract for Health Services for 2023 be and is hereby awarded to Hackensack Meridian Health, Hackensack University Medical, Center, Hackensack, NJ 07601 pursuant to the terms and conditions as outlined in the attached contract effective January 1, 2023, copy of which is attached to this resolution in the amount of \$2,422.50 quarterly payment as outlined in the attached proposal.

43-2023 A Resolution To Appoint A Health Benefits Consultant Relative To The Borough's Membership In The Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (BMED) Commencing January 1, 2023 / PIA, A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC

WHEREAS, the **BOROUGH OF MONTVALE** (hereinafter, the Municipality) is a member of the **Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (BMED)** and the **Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund (MRHIF)** collectively referred to as, the Funds, for the Borough's Employee Health Benefits Program, which includes medical, prescription and dental coverage's; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Funds require the Municipality appoint a **HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT** to perform the various functions and professional services integral to the effective operation of the Municipality's Employee Health Benefits Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fund Commissioners for the BMED established a fee for such services based upon the Municipality's assessment, which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is a part of the Municipal Assessment promulgated by the Fund's; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has conducted a solicitation process to review and evaluate the credentials, services, performance and integrity of several professional firms experienced in these types of services; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Health Benefits Consulting duties and the fact the service will be performed by personnel authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law, renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council does hereby appoint **PIA Security Programs Inc., A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC** as its Health Benefits Consultant in accordance with the Fund's bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance the **HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT** shall receive as compensation as outlined as indicated the attached agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Health Benefits Consultant's Agreement attached to the original of this resolution and to cause a notice of this decision to be published in accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to PIA, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

44-2023 Authorize Change Order No. 1/Various Streets Craig Road/American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract via Resolution No.77-2022 to American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC 818 Summer Avenue, Newark NJ 07104 for the Various Streets Craig Road Project; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount was \$185,564.87; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, in a letter dated December 14, 2022, which is attached to the original of this resolution and has been monitoring the project recommends in full detail the proposed Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,102.17 (see attached); and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this project.

Contractor

Total Contract Amount Base Bid	\$ 185,564.87
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Change Order #1	\$ 8,102.17
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Adjusted Total Contract Amount	\$ 193,667.04
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Payment Amount \$188,768.68	
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *By the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale authorize Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,102.17 and payment to be issued in the amount of \$188,768.68;* and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose, a copy of said certification attached to the original copy of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the above reference change order #1 is hereby approved:

45-2023 Amending Resolution No. 143-2022 To Establish Recreational Fees for Year 2023

WHEREAS, The Recreation Department hereby establishes the programs, times and fees for various programs; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has recommended that the following fees, programs, and times be revised as described; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the following fees and programs and services be and are hereby established

TIME SCHEDULE FOR SKATING RINK:Weekdays:

8:00AM - 2:00PM Pickleball
2:00PM - Dusk Roller/Street Hockey

Weekends:

8:00AM - 10:00AM Pickleball
10:00AM - 2:00PM Roller/Street Hockey
2:00PM - 5:00PM Pickleball
5:00PM - Dusk Roller/Street Hockey

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Session Length</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>
30+ Basketball	Sept-May	\$75	\$95
	Jan-May	\$40	\$60
Adult Soccer	10 weeks	\$15	\$20
Golf Instruction	6 weeks	\$115	\$135
	8 weeks	\$150	\$170
Pickleball Clinic	3 weeks	\$50	\$65
Pickleball Clinic Drop In Fee	1 class	\$20	\$25
Pickleball Program	January-May	\$50	\$75
Summer Camp: Grades 1-5	4 weeks	\$450 per child \$1350 family max	\$500 per child \$1500 family max
Adventure Camp: Grades 6-7	4 weeks	\$550 per child	\$610 per child
Summer Camp Resident/Non-Resident	\$30 Additional Fee after Registration Period. \$25 late charge for every 15 minutes a child is left under care after camp dismissal. Payment shall be made directly to the Camp Director or Asst. Director and turned over to the Borough of Montvale.		
<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Session Length</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>

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Extended Day Multisport Camp by TGA During Summer Camp Weeks Only	1 week (2:30-6:30pm)	\$220	\$250
Multisport Camp by TGA After Summer Camp Weeks Conclude and/or During School Breaks	1 week (Half Day)	\$245	\$255
	1 week (Full Day)	\$295	\$305
	1 week (Full Day + After Care)	\$375	\$395
The Way- The Art of Life	8 weeks (@ 2 classes per week)	\$120	\$180
Tai Chi	8 weeks	\$80	\$100
Montvale Senior Club Tai Chi Discount:	8 weeks	\$40	\$40
Tennis Lessons	6 weeks	\$115	\$145
	8 weeks	\$150	\$190
Tennis Badges			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	March-December	\$30	\$60
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	March-December	\$10	\$20
Family Max	March-December	\$50	\$100
Seniors (Ages 62 & Up)	March-December	Free	\$10
		\$10 Fee for Replacement Tennis Badge	
Basketball Badges			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January- December	Free	\$25
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January- December	Free	\$15
Seniors (Ages 62 & Older)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January- December	Free	\$10
		\$5 Fee for Replacement Basketball Badge	
Pickleball Badges			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January- December	Free	\$25
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January- December	Free	\$15
Seniors (Ages 62 & Older)	Residents: Lifetime Non-Residents: January- December	Free	\$10

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		\$5 Fee for Replacement Pickleball Badge	
Ultimate Frisbee	6 weeks	\$75	\$95
	8 weeks	\$100	\$120
Volleyball- Adult	January-May	\$240	\$260
Volleyball- Girls	8 weeks	\$180	\$200
Women's Softball- Adult	April - August	\$60	\$70
Yoga	8 weeks	\$80	\$100
Yoga Mini Session	4 weeks	\$40	\$100
Youth Theater	September-December	\$10	\$50

WHEREAS, Borough Owned Recreational Fields and Facilities shall be scheduled by the Borough of Montvale Field Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Montvale Athletic League ("MAL"), Montvale Recreation and Pascack Hills High School shall have first priority field scheduling use and shall be provide a schedule to the Field Coordinator no later than February 1 and June 1 for the respective Spring and Fall seasons.

WHEREAS, MAL, Recreation, Pascack Hills High School and churches are exempt from payment of fees relating to field use.

<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Resident Team/Corporation</u>	<u>Non-Resident Team/Corporation</u>
Ballfields: Baseball or Softball (Memorial, Fieldstone or LaTrenta)	Per Hour Per Field (2 hour minimum)	\$25	\$50
Turf Fields: Soccer or Lacrosse (Fieldstone)	Per 2 Hour Time Slot Per Field	\$75 (full field) \$50 (half field)	\$150 (full field) \$100 (half field)
Basketball Courts: (Memorial)	Per Hour: Court #2 Only	\$25	\$50
Tennis Court Group Reservation (Memorial or LaTrenta) *Two court maximum reservation at any one location	Per Day	\$25	\$50
Corporation Event Field Reservation (1 scheduled day plus 2 rain dates)	Per Day	\$200	\$400

Field and Facility Permit Regulations

MAL endorsed programs in sports that are not offered by MAL, and which have Montvale residents participating, shall be charged the resident fee for field use.

Resident Corporation: Any company that owns or leases commercial within the borough.

Non-Resident Corporation: Any company that does not own or lease commercial space within the borough.

Residential Team: Any athletic team comprised of at least 75% of its roster with Montvale residents.

Non-Residential Team: Any team not having at least 75% of its roster filled with Montvale residents.

Time Slot: An uninterrupted 1 or 2 hour time period or any part thereof, that a field/facility is being used by an approved team.

Corporate Fees: Corporate fees paid to the borough for field use, whether Resident Corporation or Non-Resident Corporation, will entitle the user to 1 field reservation time slot and up to 2 additional time slots that are designated as "rain dates".

Season: Spring season will begin March 1 and end July 31. Fall season will begin August 1 and end December 31.

Field/Facility users who provide 7 days or more notice of changes in their scheduled use can receive a time credit if the scheduled hours are decreased. Any changes in field schedules without 7-day notice will not receive a time credit for unused field time. Time credits are only valid for the existing season and the following season.

Lightning Detection Credit Policy: If the lightning detector activates with less than 50% of scheduled time elapsed for that date, the organization shall receive a credit for that day's scheduled timeslot. If the lightning detector activates after 50% of the scheduled time has elapsed, no time credit will be granted.

Payment is required prior to use on all fields or no field use will be granted.

Once field use requests are received in full by February 1st for Spring season and June 1st for Fall season, field use will be established with the following order of preference:

1. Montvale Athletic League, Recreation and Pascack Hills High School
2. Resident: Not-For-Profit Entity
3. Resident: For Profit Entity
4. Non-Resident: Not-For-Profit Entity
5. Non-Resident: For-Profit Entity

WHEREAS, it is the Borough of Montvale's intention by the adoption of this resolution that if any prior established fee is in conflict with fee schedule the fees set forth in this fee schedule shall be the fees charged and any conflicting prior fee is hereby superseded, repealed and replaced with the fees adopted pursuant to this resolution.

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

28-2023 Authorize Hiring / Full Time / Assistant Recreation Director/Floater/Cassidy Strauss

WHEREAS, Cassidy Strauss meets the qualifications for the position of Assistant Recreation Director/Floater and agrees to the terms and conditions of employment, and has previously completed a satisfactory background investigation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLEVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the above-named individual is hereby appointed to the position of a full-time Construction Clerk, effective January 1, 2023.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - a roll call was taken – all ayes with the resolution being amended

Councilmember Arendacs asked for clarification about the position. This is for the assistant to the recreation director not the construction clerk. The clerk stated it was a typo, the position is for the assistant to the recreation director

37-2023 A Resolution of the Borough of Montvale Awarding a Contract To Flanagan Productions, LLC, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service for Montvale Graphic Design Borough Newsletter

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is desirous of continuing the services of a professional company for the graphic design of the Borough newsletter to better service the Borough's residents and visitors of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, such services are exempt from public bidding requirements pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(ii)* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1* as "extraordinary unspecifiable services"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal for the year 2022 to provide such services from John Flanagan of Flanagan Productions, LLC, said proposal is attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council is therefore desirous of awarding a contract to Flanagan Productions to perform the above-referenced services for the price and on the terms set forth in the Flanagan Productions Proposal; and

WHEREAS, because the value of this contract exceeds the Borough's applicable pay-to-play threshold, it shall be awarded pursuant to the "alternative" provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4*, et seq., and Flanagan Productions has provided a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and all other appropriate documentation pertaining to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Montvale that a contract is hereby awarded to Flanagan Productions, for the price and on the terms set forth in the Proposal submitted by Flanagan Productions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pricing for this contract shall be as set forth in the Flanagan Productions proposal but shall not exceed \$1,425.00 without further authorization of the Borough Council, and shall be for a term of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk, and all other appropriate officials, shall be and are hereby authorized to execute all contract documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii)*, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract shall be printed once in the official newspaper of Borough of Montvale, and said notice shall also advise the public that a copy of the final contract shall be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

Councilmember Cudequest asked for clarification with regards to the newsletter. This is just an added expense. The clerk responded by saying it is only mailed to residents that request a copy. The Mayor added by saying there is a lot of information that is in the newsletter which is on the website

BILLS: Administrator read the Bill Report.

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

REPORT OF REVENUE: Administrator read the Report of Revenue - December

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Council President Arendacs****DPW**

Trying to stay ahead of the curve since the weather has been cooperating by filling in pot holes, maintaining the fields, borough properties and street sweeping.

Engineering

The borough received in 2022 a grant from the NJDOT in the amount of \$183,000 for Terkuile Road and \$78,000 Huff Park playground from Bergen County Open Space, both projects are scheduled for 2023. Summit Ave paving from Spring Valley to the NY border is under design, this is a 2021 NJDOT grant as well.

Montvale PBA along with Woodcliff Dare officers will be hosting a community event on February 9th, snow tubing at Campgaw from 4-6pm \$31 per person proceeds will benefit Tri-Boro Ambulance

Councilmember Koelling**Police**

Monthly report included in original minutes

Planning Board

Had their re-organization meeting

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang**Seniors**

Elected their executive board members as follows: John Rotante, President; Bill Maki, Vice President; Jane Green, 2nd Vice President; Ruth Birdsall, Corresponding Secretary; Diane Cafora, Senior Club Administrator; Don Widmayer, Treasurer and Pat Alfano, Secretary

Councilmember Cudequest**BOH**

Namitha from Northwest Regional was present at last meeting and reported their monthly and yearly activity. She also stated that legionnaires disease is on the rise in Bergen and Passaic counties and they are not sure why. Northwest performed 22 inspections in December. HARP is planning a memory training workshop for seniors no date has been set.

Tri-Boro Ambulance

A total of 1,650 calls were handle by Tri-Boro for all the surrounding towns in the Pascack Valley area and 135 calls for all the assisted living facilities in the area. Councilmember Cudequest added that Councilmember Roche mentioned by text that Tri-Boro is really looking for more volunteers. With the added calls from the assisted living facilities it is draining the volunteers. Upper Saddle River did provide a paid service during the day directly to the EMT's as if they were employees of the town. All councilmembers agreed about supporting \$100,000 stipend.

Library

Started hosting a book group with the residents at Thrive, there are about 10 residents that are interested and they are looking into transportation so that half of the meetings will take place at Thrive and the other half at the library. Go to the website for upcoming adult and children programs.

Councilmember Lane**Fire Dept**

Total of 293 calls in 2022; Fire department held Santa come to town in very cold weather on Christmas Eve.

Finance

Had first budget meeting on zoom. The Police, Seniors, OEM and Building and Grounds attended. This is an initial run through, nothing is finalized, we are listening to the department heads and asking questions. All budget meetings will be on Zoom on Mondays in January.

MAYOR

Mayor is meeting with the mayors of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake regarding the ambulance service, which is requesting \$60,000 - \$100,000 additional funding from each town. Part of the issue is the assisted living facilities in each town. One idea is having a person to bill back the insurance companies for the service. Have been speaking with the water company and right now we are desperate for a second water tank. Met with a business owner that is interested in bringing 15 new retail businesses to town. Spoke with the county about the bridge. Happy that they finished 2 weeks ahead of time. They do have to come back to do some landscaping and small minor repairs. The bridge is now open to traffic. Special event committee was meeting here tonight and the mayor stopped in to hear they are planning different activities, one new activity will be the celebration of Ramadan in March. Will be attending the Pascack Valley Chamber of Commerce breakfast on January 18th at the Iron Horse. Spoke with Environmental Commission about possibly trails and walkways at 127 Summit Ave.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- a. LaTrenta Ballfield Culvert Replacement/Emergency Repair
- b. Upper Saddle River Road Drainage Improvements/Emergency Repair

Mr. Hipolit did not attend this meeting, his report will be included at the next meeting on January 31st.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

David Lafferty, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Police Chief Request / Police Captain Promotional Process Implementation

Commissioner Koelling stated the committee will start the interview process and bring the names of their recommendations to the full council at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**HEARING OF CITIZENS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

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

Carolee Adams

With the recent concerns with the chlorine smell in the water, Ms. Adams wanted to know how many calls did the borough receive. Mayor stated the names and addresses that we received were forwarded to Veolia and water samples were collected. Mentioned a few years ago about encouraging high school students to volunteer for Tri-Boro, they couldn't get enough trainers. This morning a few thefts in town have been reported stealing Catalytic converters. Don't know how to address it. With the police academy maybe the martial arts program can be expanded on.

John Rotante

Wanted to know of any news about the replacement of the senior center. Mayor Ghassali stated that it is still in the works but the location was a concern. Wanted to know the update on the bocce ball courts. Mayor Ghassali stated the engineer recommended adding more sand.

George Boothby

Is the County at all interested in doing something with the light on Woodland and Grand. Mayor Ghassali stated that the council passed a resolution in support of the light. Park Ridge police department has some concerns. The County is looking for direction from us. The borough is responsible for paying for the light.

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

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on January 31, 2023

Budget Meeting Dates/Times: - on Zoom Only

January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

January 30, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Zoom information is as follows:

Topic: M&C Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88491084325?pwd=L2U5RVpYMGIeFdaNzdGcFFWUTd3UT09>

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Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk