

**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; Treasurer, Christine Kalafut; and Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

○ **Montvale Police Department - Chief Doug McDowell**

Chief McDowell requested 1 new car, 4 car computers, 2 more plate reader cameras; he mentioned that the borough does a wellness program and he would like to get some gym equipment for the department to use.

○ **Office of Emergency Management – Frank DiPalma**

Frank mentioned the antennas on the cell tower need to be replaced.

○ **Engineering – Carl O'Brien**

Due to receiving 2 NJDOT grants for road paving of Woodland Road and Paragon Drive the regular road paving program will include only 3 streets this year; another project will be investigation of the sewer lining and the continuation of road maintenance.

○ **Fire Department – Geoff Gibbons**

Chief requested radio upgrades, thermal cameras and air bottles for the air packs; increased line item for maintenance of the firehouse an additional \$500 increase; requested an increase in duty allowance.

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

No public comment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

The next Budget Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. – via ZOOM on Monday, January 13th and January 27th. Link will be provided on Montvale website for these budget meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk