

**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. Harry Delgado 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; Borough Engineer, Carl O'Brien; Administrator, Joe Voytus; and Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Arendacs	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Cudequest	Councilmember Roche
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

PRESENTATION: HARRY DELGADO OF THE NJSACOP

Police Department Accreditation

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1563 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1549 TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE, AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE FOR THE YEAR 2025

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

SECTION 1. Each of the offices and positions of employment hereinafter named that are not established or created by virtue of any statutes or of any ordinance, resolution, or other lawful authority heretofore exercised by the Borough of Montvale, is hereby established, created, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The rate of compensation of the persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment whose compensation shall be on an annual basis and shall be payable semi-monthly is hereby fixed and determined to be as set opposite the title of each of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment.

Title		2025 Salary Range
1	Borough Administrator	\$110,000 - \$150,000
2	Safety Coordinator	\$5,000 - \$8,000
3	Chief Financial Officer (PT)	\$21,000 - \$30,000
4	Municipal Clerk	\$85,000 - \$110,000
5	Municipal Clerk (PT)	\$65,000 - \$85,000

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6	Deputy Municipal Clerk (PT)	\$20,000	-	\$55,000
7	Admin. Assistant to Administrator	\$40,000	-	\$65,000
8	Tax Collector (PT)	\$62,000	-	\$80,000
9	Tax Assessor	\$37,000	-	\$45,000
10	Treasurer/Purchasing Agent	\$78,000	-	\$110,000
11	Deputy Treasurer	\$55,000	-	\$65,000
12	Accounts Payable Clerk	\$42,000	-	\$55,000
13	Secretary, Planning Board/Land Use Admin. (PT)	\$83,000	-	\$105,000
14	Planning Board Secretary Special Meetings	\$45	-	\$65/hour
15	Board Secretary, Clerical/Recording	\$130	-	\$160
16	Office Manager (PT)	\$4,000	-	\$10,000
17	Board of Health Secretary (PT)	\$7,000	-	\$10,000
18	Registrar Vital Statistics	\$1,000	-	\$6,000
19	Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	\$500	-	\$2,500
20	Construction Official	\$72,000	-	\$100,000
21	Building Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000	-	\$45,000
22	Zoning Officer (PT)	\$5,000	-	\$11,000
23	Building Subcode and Special Inspections	450	-	\$80/hour
24	Administrative Assistant – Planning Board Assistant/ Confidential Secretary/ Board Secretary/ Departmental Coordinator/ Floater	\$40,000	-	\$70,000
25	Facilities Manager, Buildings & Grounds and Property Inspector (PT)	\$20,000	-	\$30,000
26	Property Maintenance Officer (PT)	\$20,000	-	\$25,000
27	Construction Dept. Technical Assistant	\$50,000	-	\$70,000
28	Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000	-	\$45,000
29	Plumbing Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	-	\$80/hour
30	Fire Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000	-	\$45,000
31	Fire Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	-	\$80/hour
32	Electrical Subcode Official and Inspector (PT)	\$30,000	-	\$45,000

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33	Electrical Subcode and Special Inspections	\$50	- \$80/hour
34	Fire Prevention Official	\$65,000	- \$115,000
35	Fire Inspector/ Senior/Deputy Fire Official	\$7,600	- \$30,000
36	Fire Prevention Secretary (PT)	\$1,000	- \$3,000
37	Municipal Court Administrator	\$75,000	- \$95,000
38	Deputy Municipal Court Administrator	\$55,000	- \$75,000
39	Court Security	\$20	- \$27/hour
40	Violations Clerk	\$40,000	- \$60,000
41	Police Secretary	\$42,000	- \$60,000
42	Administrative Assistant for Police Chief	\$50,000	- \$65,000
43	Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$5,000	- \$15,000
44	Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$3,000	- \$6,000
45	Library Director	\$80,000	- \$105,000
46	Library – Library Adult Services	\$55,000	- \$75,000
47	Library (PT)	\$15.13	- \$55/hour
48	Library (PT) meetings	\$120	- \$225/mtg.
49	Construction Dept. Clerk	\$40,000	\$60,000
49A	Construction Dept. Clerk (PT)	\$20,000	- \$30,000
50	Director of Recreation	\$52,000	- \$70,000
51	Recreation Assistant	\$40,000	- \$55,000
51A	Recreation Assistant (PT)	\$20,000	- \$27,500
52	Recreation Summer Camp Stipend	\$2,000	- \$6,000
53	Summer Camp Counsellors	\$500	- \$2,000
54	Park Monitor (PT)	\$20	- \$28/hour
55	Van Drivers (PT)	\$20	- \$28/hour
56	Station Technicians (PT)	\$15	- \$20/hour
57	Booker Cable Access TV (PT)	\$3,000	- \$6,000
58	Archivist Records Manager/D.A.R.M. (PT)	\$25	- \$28/hour
59	Clerical/Recording Special Meetings	\$20	- \$40/hour
60	Deputy Construction Official	\$75,000	- \$85,000
61	Wellness Coordinator (PT)	\$500	- \$1,000
62	Wellness Incentive Participants	\$300	- \$500
63	Executive Assistant to Police Chief	\$60,000	- \$85,000

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64	Coordinator, Off-Duty Details (PT)	\$10,000 - \$15,000
65	Municipal Housing Liaison	\$4,000 - \$8,000
66	Deputy Municipal Housing Liaison	\$3,000 - \$5,000

SECTION 3. The rate of compensation of the persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis and payable semi-monthly, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

Title		2023 Salary
Range		
A.	Municipal Judge	\$40,000 - \$50,000
B.	Mayor	\$9,500 - \$13,000
C.	Councilpersons (each)	\$7,500 - \$10,000

SECTION 4: The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices in the Police Department, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, and payable semi-monthly, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

Title		2023 Salary
Range		
A.	Chief	\$220,000 - \$250,000
B.	Captain	\$200,000 - \$225,000
C.	Lieutenant (Base Wage)	\$176,704 - \$181,741
D.	Sergeants (Base Wage)	\$164,434 - \$169,121
E.	Detective – Additional per year	\$4,500 - \$5,500
F.	Juvenile Officer – Addt'l per year	\$400 - \$400
G.	Asst. Juvenile Officer – Addt'l per year	\$350 - \$350
H.	Special Police Officer Class III (SLEO)	\$50,000 - \$60,000
I.	Special/Auxiliary Police	\$22/hour - \$28/hour
J.	School Cross Guard/Police Matrons	\$22/hour - \$28/hour

SECTION 4A: The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereinafter named offices in the Police Department whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, and payable semi-monthly, is fixed and determined as follows:

Police Officers Schedule (Base Wage Each)		
0-6 months	\$50,044	- \$51,470
6 months – 1 year	\$54,160	- \$55,704
1 – 2 years	\$60,660	- \$62,388
2 – 3 years	\$70,408	- \$72,415
3 – 4 years	\$93,766	- \$96,439
4 – 5 years	\$108,321	- \$111,409
5 – 6 years	\$122,877	- \$126,379
6 – 7 years	\$137,434	- \$141,351
7 – 8 years	\$151,989	- \$156,321

SECTION 4B: In addition to the compensation stated above, Full Time Employees in Section 4 and Section 4A (excepting the Chief, Captain, and any other employee whose contract specifically excludes longevity), shall be paid an annual longevity increment pursuant to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Officers Hired BEFORE January 1, 2006	Officers Hired AFTER January 1, 2006
Beginning five (5) years	1%	-
Beginning seven (7) years	2%	-
Beginning nine (9) years	3%	1%
Beginning eleven (11) years	4%	2%
Beginning thirteen (13) years	5%	3%
Beginning fifteen (15) years	6%	4%
Beginning seventeen (17) years	7%	5%
Beginning nineteen (19) years	8%	6%
Beginning twenty-one (21) years	-	7%
Beginning twenty-two (22) years	-	8%
Beginning twenty-four (24) years	9%	9%

SECTION 5. The Borough Treasurer shall present semi-monthly or as established by Resolution to the Governing Body for approval warrants drawn to the order of the Borough of Montvale Payroll Account and the Borough of Montvale Salary Account.

At the first meeting of the Governing Body in January of each year, there shall be approved accounts to be designated "The Borough of Montvale Payroll Account" and "The Borough of Montvale Salary Account" and from time to time the Borough Treasurer upon receipt of a warrant for the amount due each Payroll, shall deposit the same to the credit of these accounts, charging the appropriate budgetary accounts therewith. The Borough Treasurer shall thereafter draw checks on said accounts to the employees entitled to payment therefrom.

Any employee hired under the terms of a Special Library Grants; salary will be determined by the Authority making such grant.

The Mayor and Borough Council may by adoption of a resolution and by approved payroll advice, increase compensation (base wage adjustment or one-time merit/bonus increase) of any salaried employee in the above schedule, who has reached their maximum, up to 10% above the pay range maximum.

At each regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale, the Treasurer shall submit for the approval or ratification as the case may be, the necessary payroll amounts due to the several officers and employees for compensation.

Such officers as may be determined by the Governing Body, as established by resolution, shall be authorized to sign warrants drawn in favor of the Payroll Account, upon due notice that the payrolls have been approved by the proper certifying authorities.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be operative as of the date of its adoption and publication as required by law, and salaries paid shall be adjusted in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in the manner provided by Law.

*A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2024-1563** by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.*

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest; Clerk read by title only - All ayes on a roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1564 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$32,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO FUND THE ACQUISITION AND UPFIT OF A SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. \$32,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated to fund the acquisition and upfit of a sport utility vehicle for the police department.

SECTION 2. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

*A motion Introduced for second reading **Ordinance No. 2024-1564** by Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only.*

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in The Bergen Record by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche; Clerk read by title only - All ayes on a roll call vote

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

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

No Public Comment

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

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

Agenda Items Only

MINUTES:

Budget Meeting January 27, 2025

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Roche – all ayes

January 28, 2025

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

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE MINUTES:

January 28, 2025

A motion to accept minutes by Councilmember Cudequest; seconded by Councilmember Roche - all ayes

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.

68-2025 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for Communication System Pursuant to NJ State Contract #83909 for Use by the Montvale Police Department

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has authorized a contract to acquire a 2024 Dodge Charger (WDEE75) Police AWD for use by the Montvale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need to procure a new vehicle radio communication system to be installed in the new vehicle ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.C.A. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did solicit a quote from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the radio equipment, a copy of which is attached hereto, in the total amount of \$8,250.14 under NJ State Contract #83909; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borough of Montvale does approve the attached Quote from Motorola Solutions, Inc., 123 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677 for radio communication system for use by the Montvale Police Department.
2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., consistent with this resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

69-2025 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc. Pursuant to State Contract #17-FLEET-00719 for the Purchase of Various Equipment for the Police Department's New 2024 Dodge Durango

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has authorized a contract to acquire a 2024 Dodge Durango (WDEE75) Police AWD for use by the Montvale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has a need to procure certain equipment to be installed in the new vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the most convenient and cost-effective way to procure said vehicle is by State Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a, and the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did solicit a quote from East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc. pursuant to State Contract WHELEN #17-FLEET-00719 for said equipment in the total amount of \$21,899.58; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Borough of Montvale hereby accepts the January 30, 2025 Quote from East Coast Emergency Lighting, Inc., 200 Mecco Drive, Millstone Twp., New Jersey 08535, for the aforementioned equipment.

2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with East Coast Emergency Lighting consistent with this resolution and all the conditions applicable to State Contract WHELEN #17-FLEET-00719 and subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

70-2025 A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Motorola Solutions for One (1) All-Band Portable Radio Pursuant to State Contract #83909 for Fire Prevention Department

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Department has a need to acquire an all-band portable radio to allow communications on additional frequencies with nearby municipalities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.C.A. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did solicit a quote from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for this equipment under State Contract #83909; and

WHEREAS, Motorola submitted a proposal to the Borough, a copy of which is attached hereto, in the total amount of \$9,866.74; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borough of Montvale does approve the attached Quote from Motorola Solutions, Inc., 123 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677 for One (1) All-Band Portable Radio and related equipment and services for use by the Montvale Police Department.
2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or Borough Administrator are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., consistent with this resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

71-2025 Authorize Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment – NJDOT FY2023 Terkuile Road Resurfacing Project - American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale awarded a contract via Resolution No.133-2024 to American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC 818 Summer Avenue, Newark NJ 07104 for the NJDOT FY2023 Terkuile Road Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, the original contract amount was \$188,529.53; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, in a letter dated January 30 2025, 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 a decrease (\$35,502.75); and

Contractor

Total Contract Amount Base Bid	\$ 188,529.53
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Change Order #1	\$ (\$35,502.75)
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Adjusted Total Contract Amount	\$ 153,026.78
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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 Governing Body of the Borough of Montvale authorizes Change Order #1 in the amount of a decrease (\$35,502.75) and payment to be issued in the amount of \$153,026.78.

72-2025 Authorize Release of the Performance Surety Bond for – 160 Spring Valley Road, LLC – The Alexa – Block 301; Lots 2 and 3 and Posting of Two-Year Maintenance Bond

WHEREAS, 160 Spring Valley Road, LLC has requested release of their Performance Surety Bond; and **WHEREAS**, a completed inspection of the site has been conducted by Colliers Engineering and takes no exception to the release of the Performance Surety Bond in the amount of \$1,644,000.00 which comprises a \$1,479,600.00 letter of credit and cash portion of \$164,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this project was \$1,479,600.00, therefore a two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$205,500.00 is required as a condition of the release of the cash bond portion in the amount of \$164,400.00 of the Performance Guarantee; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the cash performance bond for 160 Spring Valley Road, LLC in the amount of \$164,400.00; the Two-Year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$205,500.00 was received by the Municipal Clerk. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Premier Developers LLC, 120 Sylvan Avenue, Suite 301, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 – Attn: Gloriana Bussanich - President of Operations

73-2025 Amending Resolution No. 62-2025 To Establish Recreational Fees for Year 2025

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 PICKLEBALL COURTS:

Weekdays and Weekends:

8:00AM - Dusk

<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
Chess Lessons	8 weeks	\$160	\$190
	7 weeks	\$140	\$170
	6 weeks	\$120	\$150
Drills and Skills Basketball	4 Day Camp 9:00am-12:00pm	\$155	\$185
Golf Instruction	6 weeks	\$120	\$150
	8 weeks	\$150	\$170
Pickleball Instruction	6 weeks	\$120	\$150
	8 weeks	\$160	\$200
Summer Camp: Grades 1-5	4 weeks	\$500 per child \$1500 family max	\$600 per child \$1800 family max

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Adventure Camp: Grades 6-7	4 weeks	\$650 per child	\$750 per child
Summer Camp Resident/Non-Resident	\$45 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. Camp financial assistance fee amounts will be at the discretion of the Recreation Director.		
<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Session Length</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>
Multisport Camp by TGA	1 week (Full Day)	\$90	\$120
	1 week (Half Day)	\$60	\$90
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	\$120	\$150
	8 weeks	\$160	\$200
Tennis Badges			
Adult (Ages 18-61)	January-December (weather permitting)	\$30	\$60
Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	January-December (weather permitting)	\$10	\$20
Family Max	January-December (weather permitting)	\$60	\$120
Seniors (Ages 62 & Up)	January-December (weather permitting)	\$15	\$30
		\$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)	January-December (weather permitting)	\$30	\$100

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Child (Ages 17 & Younger)	January-December (weather permitting)	\$10	\$30
Seniors (Ages 62 & Older)	January-December (weather permitting)	\$15	\$100
Family Maximum		\$60	\$200
\$10 Fee for Replacement Pickleball Badge			
Ultimate Frisbee	6 weeks	\$75	\$95
	8 weeks	\$100	\$120
Volleyball- Adult	January-May	\$240	\$260
Volleyball- Girls	10 weeks	\$200	\$250
Women's Softball- Adult	April - August	\$60	\$80
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 Courts: (Memorial or LaTrenta) *Two court maximum reservation at any one location	Per Hour Per Court	\$25	\$50
Pickleball Courts: (Memorial)	Per Hour Per Court	\$25	\$50

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.

Season: Spring season will begin March 1 and end August 30. Fall season will begin September 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.

74-2025 Authorizing an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Contract to Riverside Communications, LLC for a Public Relations related to Affordable Housing Litigation

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has a need for a Public Relations consultant to conduct services related to Affordable Housing Litigation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., contracts for extraordinary unspecifiable services are exempt from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; 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 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the above-referenced contract is hereby awarded to Riverside Communications, LLC, P O Box 408, Bayville, NJ 08721.

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

75-2025 Authorize The Cancellation of All Future Taxes Due To Granting Of Totally Disabled Veteran Status By Department Of Veterans Affairs – Joshua Kohen

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the municipality to cancel all future taxes due to the granting of totally disabled veteran status by the Department of Veterans Affairs per the Department's letter attached to the original resolution, for Joshua Kohen. Mr. Kohen is the owner of 16 Hope Street, Block 1401, Lot 14; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel all future taxes as per the above.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - a roll call was taken – all ayes with the exception of Councilmember Koelling abstaining

BILLS: Administrator read the Bill Report.

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

REPORT OF REVENUE: Administrator read the Report of Revenue – January

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Lane

Fire Dept

Challenges with pagers, currently the department is depending on the siren systems; the sirens do not run between the hours of 11pm-6am unless it is a working fire

Budget

In process of reviewing all the submissions from each department with the CFO

Councilmember Roche

Chamber of Commerce

Kick-off event was held on February 5th at the Courtyard by Marriott – 75 local businesses came out

Recreation

Upcoming events include, egg coloring – April 6

Environmental Commission

Clean-up day is scheduled for April 19 – Arbor Day

Councilmember Cudequest

Seniors

On March 27 from 3:30-5pm, a representative from the State Department of Taxation will have a presentation regarding new filing forms for the property tax relief programs; annual Valentine's luncheon will be held on February 20th; next trip is scheduled for March 4th in Spring Lake

Library

On, Saturday, February 15 there will be a concert from 12-1pm in Council Chambers, entitled "From Italy with Love"; Monday, February 24, a baker Stacey Fong, wrote a cookbook, "50 Pies, 50 States" this will take place in the library activity room and registration is required; Wednesday, February 26, there will be a dog one on one pet partners, where children from ages 6 and up can practice their reading to well-trained therapy dogs;

Councilmember Arendacs

DPW

Crews working diligently with the past storms and preparing for the upcoming storms

Engineering

Monthly report included in original minutes;

Councilmember Koelling

Police

Monthly report included in original minutes; congratulations to the Police Dept for their accreditation award received this evening

Councilmember Russo-Vogelsang

Economic Development Committee

Preparing for a job fair scheduled for May 7th

Local BOE

On April 15th, Memorial School welcomes a new principal, and will begin a search for an assistant principal;

Construction Dept

Please clear snow on sidewalks within 24 hours after snowstorm – otherwise, a ticket will be issued

Mayor Ghassali

Thanked DPW and all emergency personnel with the past few snow events; Ramadan ceremony will be held on February 22 in the Park; Happy Valentine's Day

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Carl O'Brien

Monthly report included in original minutes; reviewing pricing on Flagg Field and MAL field; had a meeting with the County regarding the intersection of Kinderkamack and Magnolia, this will be a joint project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Dave Lafferty

No report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Joe Voytus

Attended the Historic Preservation meeting, they are looking into proposals to help with the Octagon House preservation process, the county offers a matching grant as well to help with the costs; met with NJ Transit officials, construction official and DPW Superintendent to go over some items of refurbishment at the train station; spoke with the County regarding the left turn on Summit; following up on a request from Councilmember Cudequest regarding the sound system at the senior center, the Recreation Director will be looking into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Discussion – Flagg Field Improvements – 2024 Bergen County Park Improvement Grant
- Discussion – NJDOT FY2025 – Paragon Drive Resurfacing Project

The borough administrator asked for councils' approval to give the go ahead to Colliers for the above 2 projects to move the process along quicker and formal resolutions will be added to the agenda for next meeting; councilmembers agreed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion Draft Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices On Official Government Websites

Borough Clerk gave an explanation regarding this resolution; currently the only print edition of the newspaper is the Bergen Record; the Star Ledger will stop their print edition shortly; this resolution is asking Trenton to consider publishing legal notices on official government websites. Councilmembers agreed to add this resolution for the next agenda.

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

No Public Comment

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 Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - all ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm

Regular Workshop Meeting of the Mayor & Council to be held at 7:30pm on February 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk