

**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, Cudequest, Koelling, Lane, Roche and Russo-Vogelsang; CFO, Matt Cavallo, Treasurer, Christine Kalafut and Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

○ **Planning Board – John DePinto and Jeanne Fondacaro**

As a part of the Affordable Housing compliance, the master plan has to be amended, therefore the budget will be increased to \$100,000 for this work; the rest of the budget remains the same as in prior years

○ **Montvale Library - Giulia Bombace**

46,300 patrons visited the library in 2025; participation in the adult and children's programs have increased as well; as a result of increased participation the library will be looking into adding more tables, chairs and computers; getting an outside vendor for website

○ **Recreation – Cassidy Strauss / MAL**

Looking into a permanent structure at Huff Park – possibly grant funded; lights for the Pickleball courts and to resurface the courts; Replacement of lights at LaTrenta; new turf field at Memorial

MAL as funded some projects on their own; asking the boro for the bathrooms snack shack and LaTrenta; lighting and batting cages;

○ **Construction and Buildings & Grounds – Chris Gruber**

Requesting to replace windows at boro hall on the police side of building; possibly include the entire building

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

No Public Comment

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Cudequest - all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk