

REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTVALE PLANNING BOARD**Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:30PM****Municipal Complex, 12 DePiero Drive in Council Chambers**

Please note: A curfew of 11:15 PM is strictly adhered to by the Board. No new matter involving an applicant will be started after 10:30 PM. At 10PM the Chairman will make a determination and advise applicants whether they will be heard. If an applicant cannot be heard because of the lateness of the hour, the matter will be carried over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS****STATEMENT ROLL CALL:****OATHS OF OFFICE:****ALL APPOINTMENTS MADE BY MAYOR GHASSALI ON 1/1/2026**

1)	Class III – 1 Year Dieter Koelling, Councilmember	1/1/2026-12/31/2026
2)	Class II-1 Year Chris Gruber	1/1/2026-12/31/2026
3)	Class IV-1 Year Anita Bagdat, 2 nd Alternate	1/1/2025-12/31/2029
4)	Class 1-Mayor's Designee-1 Year John Ryan	1/01/2026-12/31/2026

REAPPOINTMENT OF JEANNE FONDACARO, BOARD SECRETARY FOR 2026**NOMINATION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN**

- 1) Secretary to call for a motion to open nominations
- 2) Secretary to call for a motion to close nominations
- 3) Roll call vote

NOMINATION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN

- 1) Secretary to call for motion to open nominations
- 2) Secretary to call for motion to close nominations
- 3) Roll call vote

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ANDREW R. HIPOLIT, PE, PP., CME OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING PA, AS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR 2026.**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ROBERT T. REGAN, ESQ., TO CONTINUE AS PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2026****RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DARLENE GREEN, COLLIERS ENGINEERING., AS THE PROFESSIONAL PLANNER TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR 2026**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: Meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise specified, convening at 7:30PM and to be adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLANNING BOARD BY-LAWS.

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE BERGEN RECORD AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale that Jeanne Fondacaro be and is hereby appointed as Secretary to the Planning Board/Land Use Administrator for the calendar year 2026

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said compensation for said position shall be established by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale.

DATE: _____

Planning Board
Borough of Montvale

John DePinto, Planning Board Chairman

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale at its Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Attest:

Jeanne Fondacaro, Land Use Administrator

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANNING BOARD BY-LAWS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale, N.J., that the By-Laws of the Board be approved annually and incorporated into the permanent records of the Planning Board minutes.

DATE: _____

Planning Board
Borough of Montvale

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Jeanne Fondacaro, Land Use Administrator

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD**

**AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR
LEGAL SERVICES GENERAL – 2026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale, Planning Board requires professional legal services of a general nature for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Planning Board to appoint Robert Regan, Esq., 345 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, NJ 07675 as Planning Board Attorney to provide general legal services for the Planning Board for this period; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a rate and method of payment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into a contract with Robert T. Regan, Esq. Legal Counsel for general legal services as a Professional Service contract; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of said contract are as follows:

- 1) For the annual sum of \$20,000 legal services shall be rendered for attendance at meetings of the Planning Board, essentially advice and consultation services regarding municipal matters to the appointed officials and staff of the Planning Board, said retainer to be paid quarterly during 2026.
- 2) For all required legal services which are not included in the above i.e. preparation of resolutions for applications, review of applications, the charge of an hourly rate of \$200.00, to be paid monthly, as billed.
- 3) For all required legal services provided to the Borough on any litigation, the charge of an hourly rate of \$175.00, to be paid monthly, as billed.
- 4) Reasonable costs for reimbursable as billed shall be paid by the Borough.

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the 2026 Budget for the retainer and litigated matters and funds for preparation of resolutions for applications, review of applications and preparation of Developer's Agreements shall be paid by the applicant/developer from escrow funds, same as appended to the original of this resolution; 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; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 requires that whenever such contracts are awarded through an informal and non-competitive process that the appointee must certify that no reportable contributions have been made to any official in the Borough in the preceding year and will not do so during the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the appointee has filed the mandated business entity disclosure certification

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

- 1) That a contract for professional legal services be awarded to Robert T. Regan, Esq. for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
- 2) That this contract be awarded without competitive bidding because the services in question are of a specialized, technical and professional nature, not reasonably capable of being reduced to specification.

- 3) The fees to be paid for such services are based upon rates as specified. The cost of the retainer portion of the contract for annual services is not to exceed \$15,000 unless an amendment revising that figure is approved by the Planning Board and funded by the Mayor and Council. In addition to said retainer, the Attorney shall be compensated at the rate of One Hundred and Seventy Five (\$175.00) Dollars per hour for any litigation, plus disbursements incident thereto. The amount of the contract for all other legal services provided on an as needed basis in connection with review of developer's applications, preparation of memorializing resolutions, preparation of developer's agreements, correspondence and related matters, the attorney shall be compensated at the rate of One Hundred and Seventy Five (\$175.00) Dollars per hour.
- 4) The line item appropriation or ordinance to be charged is Planning Board Other Expense – 2026 Budget and the appropriate Escrow Fund depending upon the development or application.
- 5) As required by law, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory affirmative action language promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to PL 1975, c.127, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.
- 6) The Professional shall provide proof of insurance in form and amount satisfactory to the Borough:
 - (a) General Liability; Certificate naming the Borough of Montvale required.
 - (b) Worker's Compensation: Statutory requirements to be met.
Certificate required.
 - (c) Auto Liability; Certificate required.
 - (d) Professional Errors and Omissions.
- 7) In addition, the contract shall include provisions relative to compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in the official newspaper and will be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Secretary to the Montvale Borough Planning Board, 12 DePiero Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

DATE: _____

Planning Board
Borough of Montvale

John DePinto, Planning Board Chairman

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Attest:

Jeanne Fondacaro, Land Use Administrator

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Matthew Cavallo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Montvale, have ascertained, that funds are available in the 2026 Temporary Municipal Budget and subject to adequate appropriation in the 2026 Municipal Budget as finally adopted, to award a contract for professional legal services – Planning Board, to Robert Regan, Esq., Westwood, N.J. Funds for certification are therefore being made available and certified against the appropriation for Planning Board – Other Expenses.

Account Number: 6-01-21-720-028

Resolution Number: Planning Board

Dated: _____

Chief Financial Officer

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES – 2026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale Planning Board has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer for the year 2026

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; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 requires that whenever such contracts are awarded through an informal and non-competitive process that the appointee must certify that no reportable contributions have been made to any official in the Borough in the preceding year and will not do so during the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the appointee has filed the mandated business entity disclosure certification

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined to appoint Andrew R. Hipolit, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., Colliers Engineers and Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856 as Engineer for the Planning Board for the year 2025.

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

- 1) That the contract for professional general engineering services be awarded to Andrew R. Hipolit, P.E., C.M. E., Principal of Colliers Engineering, PA
- 2) That this contract be awarded without competitive bidding because the services in question are of a specialized, technical and professional nature, not reasonably capable of being reduced to specification.
- 3) The line item appropriation or ordinance to be charged shall be the Escrow Fund as services for review of applications as paid for by the developer or applicant, or in the case where there is no developer or applicant, the Other Expense Portion of the 2025 Planning Board Budget.
- 4) As required by law, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory affirmative action language promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to PL 1975, c.127, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.
- 5) The rates for said work are as outlined in the appropriate ordinance or agreement made with Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale in its award of the annual contract for services of Colliers Engineering PA as the Planning Board Engineer for the borough of Montvale.
- 6) The Professional shall provide proof of insurance in form and amount satisfactory to the Borough:
 - (a) General Liability; Certificate naming the Borough of Montvale required.
 - (b) Worker's Compensation: Statutory requirements to be met. Certificate required.
 - (c) Auto Liability; Certificate required.
 - (d) Professional Errors and Omissions.
- 7) In addition, the contract shall include provisions relative to compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 at seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in The Bergen Record, be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Land Use Administrator to the Planning Board, Borough Hall, 12 DePiero Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

DATE: _____

John DePinto, Planning Board Chairman

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Attest:

Jeanne Fondacaro, Land Use Administrator

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
PLANNING SERVICES – 2026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale Planning Board has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of a Planner for the year 2026 January 1 through December 31, to provide for contractual planning services for application review; 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; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 requires that whenever such contracts are awarded through an informal and non-competitive process that the appointee must certify that no reportable contributions have been made to any official in the Borough in the preceding year and will not do so during the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the appointee has filed the mandated business entity disclosure certification

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined to appoint Darlene Green, of Colliers Engineering, PA ,Shelbourne at Hunterdon, 53 Frontage Road, Suite 110, Hampton, NJ 08827 as Planner for the Planning Board for the year 2015.

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

- 1) That the contract for professional general planning services be awarded to Colliers Engineering, PA.,
- 2) That this contract be awarded without competitive bidding because the services in question are of a specialized, technical and professional nature, not reasonably capable of being reduced to specification.
- 3) The line item appropriation or ordinance to be charged shall be the Escrow Fund as services for review of applications as paid for by the developer or applicant, or in the case where there is no developer or applicant, the Other Expense Portion of the 2026 Planning Board Budget.
- 4) As required by law, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory affirmative action language promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to PL 1975, c.127, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.
- 5) The rates for said work are as outlined in the appropriate ordinance or agreement made with Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale in its award of the annual contract for services of Colliers Engineers and Design, PA, as the Planning Board Planner for the Borough of Montvale.
- 6) The Professional shall provide proof of insurance in form and amount satisfactory to the Borough:
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- 7) In addition, the contract shall include provisions relative to compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 at seq.

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**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale, that the combined executive sessions and regular public meetings of the Planning Board for the year 2026 be held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM, except as otherwise noted, all as set forth in the attached meeting notice; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Planning Board post a schedule of meetings in the Municipal Building and send a copy to the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale.

DATE:

Planning Board
Borough of Montvale

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MONTVALE PLANNING BOARD
2026 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that regular meetings of the Montvale Planning Board will be held at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Complex Building, 12 DePiero Drive, Montvale, New Jersey, on the dates hereinafter set forth:

Tuesday, January 6-**Reorganizational and Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, January 20
Tuesday, February 3
Tuesday, February 17
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, March 17
Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, April 21
Tuesday, May 5
Tuesday, May 19
Tuesday, June 2
Tuesday, June 16
Tuesday, July 7
Tuesday, July 21
Tuesday, August 4
Tuesday, August 18
Tuesday, September 1
Tuesday, September 15
Tuesday, October 6
Tuesday, October 20
Tuesday, November 3-Election Day -cancelled
Monday, November 17
Tuesday, December 1
Tuesday, December 15

By Order of the Montvale Planning Board
Jeanne Fondacaro
Land Use Administrator

INTRODUCED BY:

SECONDED BY:

**BOROUGH OF MONTVALE
PLANNING BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale, N.J., that the following newspaper is hereby designated as the official newspapers for advertising for the year 2026:

The Bergen Record - Hackensack, N.J.

DATE:

Planning Board
Borough of Montvale

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EXHIBIT A
P.L. 1975, C. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION LANGUAGE PROCUREMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND
SERVICE CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with the regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to attempt to in good faith to employ minority and female workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time or in accordance with a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Affirmative Action Office pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing appropriate recruitment agencies in the area, including employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor union, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex, and conform with applicable employment goals, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Affirmative Action Office as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Affirmative Action Office for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 17:27

