

**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: Borough Administrator, Joe Voytus; Councilmembers, Arendacs, Cudequest, Koelling, Lane, and Russo-Vogelsang; Treasurer, Christine Kalafut; Borough CFO, Matt Cavallo, and Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

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

Chief McDowell requested the replacement of a few plate reader cameras; upgrade to new radios, the radios will be partially paid for from seizure funds; requested 2 new vehicles; upgrade to software regarding cyber security; requested to hire 3 new officers

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

Mentioned about the OEM trailer that hasn't been used in years, we need to determine what to do with it, there might be some equipment that can be salvaged; requested monetary stipend for Deputy coordinator

○ **Fire Department – Geoff Gibbons**

Radio upgrades, the same as the PD would like to continue with the upgrades; replacement of Air Pack cylinders, replaced half of them last year; new tower truck with hitch mounted sign; possible new tower fire truck in the next few years

○ **Engineering – Carl O'Brien and Nick Chelius**

Looking into NJDOT grant for sidewalks on Memorial Drive; road program will include 4 roads, Valley View, Powder Hill, Garden Lane and Beechwood; potential replacement and refurbish the sewer pump stations; stormwater mapping needs to be completed

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

No public comment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

The next Budget Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. – via ZOOM on Monday, January 12 and January 26. Link will be provided on Montvale website for these budget meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Scordo, Municipal Clerk