

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2020**

In compliance with Chapter 231, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice has been given to all members of the Governing Body, the "Local Source" and the "Westfield Leader" the two newspapers designated to receive such notice. The notice is posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board.

Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M via livestream on FB page.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Messler, Councilwoman Pacifico, Councilwoman Pater, Attorney John Post and Administrator Atkins. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi, Recreation Director Frank Masella and Public Works Director Matthew DeAnna. Council President Turner was absent.

Discussion was held regarding a pool party waiver request. The Mountainside PTO has requested the use of the facilities at the Mountainside Community Pool. They have requested that the fee of \$400 normally charged be waived. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of April 21, 2020.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to purchase gift checks for Deerfield School Graduation Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Council approved two gift checks in the amount of \$300 and \$200. The proper resolution will be prepared for the April 21, 2020 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the 2020 summer playground staff and assistant pool manager. Jessica Perrotta will be appointed playground supervisor overseeing four playground assistants. Currently, there is a vacancy for one playground assistant and one assistant pool manager. The proper resolution authorizing the hiring of seasonal playground staff and possibly an assistant pool manager will be prepared for the April 21, 2020 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the Memorial Day Parade donation. The VFW has planned a private Memorial Day Ceremony to be filmed for the community and no activities to follow. Therefore, the \$500 donation will not be necessary this year.

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Discussion was held regarding authorizing the CFO to accept bids for a \$5,386,072.00 bond anticipation note in order to refinance our existing bond. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of April 21, 2020.

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Discussion was held regarding the collection of property taxes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter when the building is closed. Residents are urged to pay online and the transaction fee (\$1.05) will be credited to the next quarter or payment by mail.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to make additional appropriations to the 2020 temporary budget. The Mayor highlighted the 2020 appropriations and anticipated revenues. The municipal increase will be \$13.91. The budget is fiscally sound and ready to be adopted next week therefore, additional appropriations to the 2020 temporary budget will not be required.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of one 2020 Ford F250 truck for the police department. The vehicle will be purchased through NJ State Contract. The proper resolution will be prepared for the April 21, 2020 meeting.

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Mayor Mirabelli discussed the following:

- Union County Road Project Meeting
  - Community Service Award Committee
  - Certificate of Congratulations for 2020 Graduates
  - FEMA Reimbursements
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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilwoman Andre:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the following bills of the persons named and for the amounts stated below, having been duly audited and found to be correct this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, the same be paid after Council's review, if and when funds are available and that the Mayor, Council President, Administrator and Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to sign and deliver warrants for same in the amount of \$639,038.31 (Copy of bill list attached.)

Roll Call: Andre, Dierkes, Messler, Pacifico, Pater. Nays: 0

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

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The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Messler and seconded by Councilwoman Andre.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to discuss contracts and litigation which are matters where the exclusion of the public is permitted; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of this discussion will be made as soon as the matters discussed have been resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the aforesaid matters shall be discussed in closed session upon adoption of this resolution.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 P.M.

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The meeting was recalled to public session.

Upon a motion by Councilman Messler and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk