

**WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

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 7:34 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Mortimer, Councilwoman Pater, Council President Turner, Administrator Debbie and Attorney Post. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Lt. Joseph Giannuzzi, Public Works Manager Ronald Romak, Tax Assessor Michael Frangella and Recreation Director Frank Masella. Councilman Messler was absent.

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Discussion was held regarding the upcoming borough revaluation. Tax Assessor Michael Frangella explained the process involved in a revaluation. A public meeting will be scheduled sometime in March to inform residents on what to expect.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of representatives to the UC Transportation Advisory Board. Council agreed to reappoint Councilman Robert Messler and Mike Disko, Jr. as alternate, for a one-year term. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of January 22, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority Commissioner. Council agreed to reappoint John Tomaine to represent Mountainside for a five-year term. The proper resolution will be prepared for the January 22, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. Garden State Fireworks, Inc. provided a quote of \$15,000 and offers additional materials on contracts paid before February 9<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed that the Borough should take advantage of this offer. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of January 22, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Human Services Division of Planning for a Municipal Drug Alliance Grant in the amount of \$15,743.00. The proper resolution authorizing the grant agreement will be prepared for the January 22, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for end of year budget transfers within 2018 reserve municipal budget. Transfers can be made within certain budget appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year. It is requested that certain transfers be made within the 2018 municipal budget. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of January 22, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding entering into a professional services contract with Gibbons, LLC Law Firm. The borough agreed to reenter a contract for legal services involving the pending police lawsuit. The proper resolution will be prepared for the January 22, 2019 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Officer in Charge Joseph Giannuzzi as the custodian for petty cash for the police department. Due to the resignation of the former police chief it is necessary to appoint someone to administer the petty cash. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of January 22, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding increasing the pool membership fees for 2019. The proposed changes include a 2% increase for memberships and guest passes. The Council agreed with the recommendation and the ordinance will be prepared for the January 22, 2019 meeting.

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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilman Turner:

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, 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 \$271,151.93. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Mortimer, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk