

**WORK SESSION  
NOVEMBER 5, 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 7:31 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilwoman Pater, Council President Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Atkins. Also present were Recreation Director Frank Masella, CFO Jill Goode, DPW Director Matthew DeAnna and Sgt. Michael Jackson. Councilman Dierkes was absent.

Discussion was held regarding 2020 reorganization appointments. All of the board member positions will be re-appointed for another term except for a vacancy in the planning board. The council should consider a recommendation to fill the position.

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Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from the Mountainside Education Foundation for an on premise 50/50 draw raffle, casino night and on premise draw raffle. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve these licenses will take place at the meeting of November 26, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding a commodity resale system agreement with the County of Union for the purchase of rock salt. This cooperative commodity system would allow the Borough to access the salt domes located in Scotch Plains and Springfield to retrieve rock salt at a discounted. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the salt supply agreement with New Jersey Department of Transportation. The agreement will cover the 2019-2020 winter season. A meeting will be scheduled with NJDOT to share the salt dome located on Route 22. A long term plan should be for the borough to own their own salt dome therefore, a committee was formed to seek a suitable location. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 26, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Katherine Vilarino as FT Finance Assistant. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for year-end budget transfers. In accordance with state statute, transfers can be made within certain budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year. The proper budget transfer resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 26, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding a refund for a road opening permit at 23 Tanglewood Lane. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize refunds for tax overpayments due to duplicate payments. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 26, 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. The proper resolution authorizing the grant agreement will be prepared for the November 26, 2019 meeting.

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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 \$90,097.19 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

No public comments.

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The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

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 personnel 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 7:46 P.M.

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The meeting was recalled to public session.

A proposed ordinance will be introduced at next meeting to authorize the recodification of the borough's code book.

Councilwoman Andre asked for a budget appropriation of \$5,000 to help fund the Borough's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Upon a motion by Councilman Messler and a second by Councilwoman Pater, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk