

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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 7:33 P.M via Zoom.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Pacifico
SALUTE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Executive Session Meetings held on June 5, 2018 through to September 14, 2020 were tabled.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Pater a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held on September 15, 2020 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes a second by Councilman Turner, the minutes of the Work Session & Executive Session Meetings held on October 6, 2020 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

PROCLAMATION:

RED RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS, October 23 through October 31, 2020 has been designated Red Ribbon Week, and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week started in 1985 with a group of parents wearing red satin badges as a memorial to Enrique Camarena, a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was killed while on duty, and

WHEREAS, as a result, in 1989 the red ribbon became a united symbol of commitment to create a drug-free America, showing a nation's intolerance to alcohol and drug abuse, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alliance of the Borough of Mountainside, whose mandate includes spreading the message of drug and alcohol abuse prevention, has coordinated borough and county participation by sponsoring Red Ribbon Week; and

THEREFORE, I, Paul N. Mirabelli, Mayor of the Borough of Mountainside do hereby proclaim October 23 through October 31, 2020 as

RED RIBBON WEEK

in the Borough of Mountainside and ask all residents to join in a personal commitment to a drug-free America by wearing and displaying red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week.

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Turner.

RESOLUTION 118-2020

WHEREAS, a Union County Judgment was received on the following block and lot for a correction of error due to the property receiving a double entry in 2020.

Block 24.08 Lot 1 1021 Route 22

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the taxes for 2020 on Block 24.08 Lot 1 are cancelled per the Union County Tax Board Judgement.

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

RESOLUTION 119-2020

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director Frank Masella requested the following refunds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refunds:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Claire Lough 289 Bridle Path	Tennis Clinic	\$60.00
Erin Heyert 274 Friar Lane	Micro Soccer	\$85.00

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

RESOLUTION 120-2020

WHEREAS, Jerry Eger, Construction Official has recommended a refund for a permit at 262 Holly Hill, and

WHEREAS, this refund was for a basement renovation permit that is no longer needed since the homeowner decided not to proceed with the work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refund:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lynn & Joao Lopes 262 Holly Hill	\$880.80

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pater and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 121-2020

SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE YEAR 47 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside advertised a public notice for and will conduct a public hearing on, October 20, 2020, to consider proposals for the Union County Year 47 Community Block Development Grant Program ("CDBG"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside hereby expresses its support of the Union County Year 47 CDBG Program submission presented to the Governing Body as set forth in the grant application received, for the following program:

Senior Citizens Social Services Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the County of Union along with all applications required for CDBG program submission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 122-2020

WHEREAS, at the Borough Tax Sale held on December 12, 2019, a lien was sold on 400 Summit Road, also known as Block 7.05, Lot 1, owned by John and Donna Rosenski; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate #19-00004 was sold to Christiana T C/F CE1/First trust, for a premium of \$91,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Pasqualetto, Esq., lawyer for the owner, has requested redemption of this tax title lien 19-00004 and has paid the Borough of Mountainside all monies due including filed affidavits in amount of \$67,460.70; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check to C&E Tax Lien Fund I P. O. Box 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021, in the amount of \$67,460.70 plus a premium of \$91,000.00, for the redemption and cancellation of Tax Title Lien Certificate #19-00004.

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 20th day of October 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 \$217,313.64 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Dierkes, Pacifico, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Mirabelli announced next month's meetings will be held on November 10th and 17th.

Councilwoman Pacifico announced the hours of operation at the Mountainside Library.

Councilman Dierkes commended the Mountainside PD for their quick response to a recent incident.

Councilwoman Pater informed the public about upcoming events sponsored by the Mountainside Restoration Committee.

Mayor Mirabelli invited the community to attend the opening of the 1995 Time Capsule and encouraged residents to have a safe Halloween by trick or treating locally and practicing social distancing.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Hearing no one wishing to speak, this section was closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Pater, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk