

WORK SESSION
APRIL 4, 2017

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, Councilman Dierkes, Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, Attorney John Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Police Chief Allan Attanasio, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Public Works Manager Ronald Romak, Tax Assessor Mike Frangella, Construction Official Jerry Eger and Health Officer Megan Avallone. Councilwoman Andre and Councilman Messler were absent.

Discussion was held regarding proposed ordinances regulating cats and charity clothing bins. The cat regulations will allow the borough to enforce licensing requirements. Health Officer Megan Avallone recommends revising the following sections: cats from other municipalities, rabies requirements, penalties and prohibited feeding. Council also discussed regulating the use of charitable clothing bins in the borough. Administrator Debbie spoke about the numerous clothing bins located at the AMC Theater of which some were not legitimate organizations. The Mayor expressed concern regarding the enforcement of these ordinances. The proper ordinances will be introduced at the April 18, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. Attorney Post recommends refunding a cash deposit from CSH Mountainside, LLC for a site improvement performance guarantee in the amount of \$240,202.80. An Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit was issued to the borough by Wells Fargo Bank in lieu of the cash deposit. The Recreation Department submitted refund requests resulting from a trip cancellation. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of April 18, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding two pool party waiver requests. The Mountainside PTA and Mountainside Youth Baseball have 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 April 18, 2017 meeting.

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 meeting of April 18, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding the 2017 Pool Concession Contract. The Recreation Committee recommends the contract be extended to Samantha Grindlinger in the sum of \$10,000. The proper resolution will be prepared for the April 18, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the 2017 summer playground staff. Taylor Adorna will be appointed playground supervisor overseeing four playground assistants. The proper resolution authorizing the hiring of seasonal playground staff will be prepared for the meeting of April 18, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding the capital improvement plan. The Mayor announced the approved projects for new roads and field improvements. The introduction of a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$1,000,000 will fund the approved projects. The proper ordinance will be introduced at the April 18, 2017 meeting.

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 4th day of April 2017, 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 \$189,038.57 (Copy of bill list attached.)

Roll Call: Dierkes, Fech-Caccamo, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the following resolution to adjourn to closed session was unanimously adopted:

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 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 8:02 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:42 P.M.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.