

**WORK SESSION**  
**JULY 5, 2022**

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.

Paul N. Mirabelli called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Matejek, Councilman Messler, Councilwoman Pacifico, Councilwoman Pater, Administrator Mortimer and Attorney Post. Also present were Public Works Director Matthew DeAnna, Captain Michael Jackson, Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak and Recreation Director Frank Masella. Council President Andre was absent.

Discussion was held regarding the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program. In order to participate in the CDBG Program, a resolution must be adopted to enter an annual cooperative agreement to cover the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The application will seek approval for the Senior Citizen Social Services Program and ADA Door Repairs. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 19, 2022 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the 2022 Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program. The Borough will apply for \$100,000 for the park. The Mountainside Youth Baseball wants to apply for \$75,000. The grant application would be for \$175,000, this amount being the highest we have ever applied for and it's probable that the full amount will not be awarded. The Mayor will discuss this issue with the Mountainside Youth Baseball. The proper resolution authorizing borough officials to make application for the grant will be prepared for the meeting of July 19, 2022.

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Discussion was held regarding entering into a professional services contract. The borough will renew a professional services contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy PC for legal services involving labor disputes. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 19, 2022 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Al Bandics as a PT Senior Bus Driver. Al Bandics has been a substitute driver since last year. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 19, 2022 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a department refund for the cancellation of pool memberships and swim lessons. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of July 19, 2022.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a new Police Officer. The Police Committee recommended Melissa Hernandez be appointed to this position. Council approved the recommendation. The appointing resolution will be prepared for the July 19, 2022 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a bid recommendation from the Borough Engineer for Contract 2022-5 Paving Improvements on Fernwood Road and Fox Trail. The Engineer recommends the

base bid and alternates #2 and #3 be awarded to the lowest bidder Denbar Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$294,485.50. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of July 19, 2022.

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Discussion was held regarding a bid recommendation from the Borough Engineer for Contract 2022-6 Television Inspection of Various Sanitary Sewers. The Engineer recommends the base bid be awarded to the lowest bidder Oswald Enterprises in the amount of \$49,197.20. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 19, 2022 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from the Mountainside PTO for an on premise draw raffle. The application is in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve the application will take place at the meeting of July 19, 2022.

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Discussion was held regarding presenting Eagle Scout proclamations to Alex Beke, Coady Brown and Connor Splaine at the next meeting.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mirabelli announced the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration was a great success.

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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Matejek:

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 July 2022, 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 \$131,633.71. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Messler, Pacifico, Pater. Nays: 0.

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

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Upon a motion by Councilman Messler and a second by Councilwoman Pater, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk