

**WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 2, 2025**

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, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Matejek, Council President Pacifico, Councilman Rinaldo, Councilman Van Deusen (by phone), Councilwoman Wass, Administrator Mortimer and Attorney John Post. Also present were Chief Joseph Giannuzzi and Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak, Public Works Director Matthew DeAnna, CFO Justyna Diaz and Recreation Director Frank Masella.

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. It is requested that certain transfers be made within the 2025 municipal budget. The proper transfer resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the approval to appoint Christopher Edmonson and Igor Santos as new volunteer firefighters. The background checks have cleared. Assistant Fire Chief recommends the appointments. A motion to approve the new firefighters will take place at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding amending Resolution 74-2025. The Professional Services contract with Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC has exceeded the threshold of \$25,000. The new not to exceed threshold must be increased to \$35,000. The proper resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an off premise 50/50 draw raffle and from Highlander Booster Club for an on premise 50/50 draw raffle. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve the applications will take place at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding opposing NJ Senate Bill 4736. This proposal is egregious because the required percentage of affordable housing units is only 20% with the remaining 80% at market rate making it more challenging for municipalities to meet their 4th Round Affordable Housing obligations. It also bypasses local planning for increased density and height, regardless of a municipality's ability to ensure safety. The proper resolution opposing this bill will be prepared for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a bid recommendation from the Borough Engineer for Contract 2025-7 Repaving Tennis Courts at Various Locations. The Engineer recommends that the base bid, alternate #1, and alternate #2 be awarded to the lowest bidder Shore Top Construction, Corp. in the amount of \$225,945.00. The proper awarding resolution will be prepared for the January 13th Work Session.

Discussion was held regarding registering e-bikes. A proposed ordinance will be prepared for next year.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 2nd day of December 2025, 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 \$422,303.26. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Rinaldo and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

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 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 8:03 P.M.

Upon motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilman Rinaldo, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk