

WORK SESSION
JUNE 7, 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.

Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Matejek, Councilman Messler, Councilwoman Pacifico, Attorney Post and Administrator Mortimer. Also present were Recreation Director Frank Masella, Senior Director Kim Moriak, Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi, Borough Engineer Mike Disko, CFO Jill Goode and DPW Director Matthew DeAnna. Council President Andre and Councilwoman Pater were absent.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Borough Engineer to determine which streets to apply for the NJDOT grant application. The Council approved the Engineer's recommendation to apply for funds to repave Short Drive. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 21, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Senior Coordinator to apply for a Youth Leadership Grant in the amount of \$3,646 to fund two anti-drug programs. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the annual renewal of liquor licenses. Issues need to be resolved with the Elks Club and Publick House applications. The resolution to approve liquor license renewals will be prepared for the meeting of June 21, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding non-union employee compensation. The A&E Committee recommended a 4% increase retroactive to January 1st. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 21, 2022.

Discussion about limiting hours for garbage dumpster pickups was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include special items of revenue into the 2022 municipal budget for the Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant, Youth Leadership Grant, Highway Safety Grant, Watts Foundation, Clean Communities Grant and Municipal Alliance Grant. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding rescinding and establishing dedication by riders. The CFO requested approval to rescind a dedication by rider for the Board of Recreation Commission since the Commission was abolished decades ago. The state also requires the establishment of all approved dedications by riders in the form of a resolution. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of June 21, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a new Police Officer. The Police Committee recommended Dan Cosentino be appointed to this position. Council approved the recommendation. The appointing resolution will be prepared for the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a department refund from recreation due to the cancellation of a pool membership. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 21, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Sangram Sandha as the Senior Citizen Handyman. Sangram Sandha was the only applicant. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of a Library Board of Trustees member. Due to a vacancy on the board Al Bandics will be appointed for that unexpired term. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 21, 2022.

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 7th day of June 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 \$541,869.10 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Dierkes, Matejek, Messler, Pacifico. Nays: 0

The following resolutions were introduced by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Mountainside are continually striving to provide quality education for all of our children; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly recognized that such education will be a major contribution toward our young people being good citizens and successful in whatever endeavors they undertaken in life; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that those who excel should be recognized and encouraged to continue the success into further education and participation in their community; and

WHEREAS, Burak Iloglu, Valedictorian, has truly exemplified the finest in academic achievement at Deerfield School in Mountainside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside recognize and congratulate Burak Iloglu for his fine achievement and success, and award Burak Iloglu a gift card of \$300.00.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Mountainside are continually striving to provide quality education for all of our children; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly recognized that such education will be a major contribution toward our young people being good citizens and successful in whatever endeavors they undertaken in life; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that those who excel should be recognized and encouraged to continue the success into further education and participation in their community; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Lee, Salutatorian, has truly exemplified the finest in academic achievement at Deerfield School in Mountainside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside recognize and congratulate Ethan Lee for his fine achievement and success, and award Ethan Lee a gift card of \$200.00.

Roll Call: Dierkes, Matejek, Messler, Pacifico. Nays: 0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Al Bandics requested the Library Board contact list.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Mirabelli closed the meeting to the public.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes 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 7:57 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Pacifico and a second by Councilman Matejek, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 P.M.
