

**WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 7, 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 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Recreation Director Frank Masella, CFO Jill Goode, Police Chief Allan Attanasio and Borough Engineer Mike Disko.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a resolution covenanting to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and designating the \$5,546,877 Bond Anticipation Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation". The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 21, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. The building department has two permit refunds and finance requested a cell tower payment refund. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of November 21, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding opposition to legislative proposals regarding open public meetings act and open public records act. The League of Municipalities is concerned about the financial and administrative burdens this will place upon municipalities. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 21, 2017.

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. The proper budget transfer resolution will be prepared for the November 21, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a petition to limit parking time on Mohawk Drive. The Mayor mentioned the issue arose after parking became limited on Hickory Lane and will likely impact Bridle Path next.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize refunds for tax overpayments due to duplicate payments and veteran/senior deduction allowances. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 21, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Human Services Division of Planning for a Municipal Drug Alliance Grant in the amount of \$15,743.00. The proper resolution authorizing the grant agreement will be prepared for the November 21, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the appropriation of the Union County Kid's Recreation Grant. The Borough and Board of Education jointly applied for field improvements at Beechwood School and was ultimately awarded a total of \$50,000. The Borough applied for \$90,000 for a proposed Beechwood School Athletic Field and the Board of Education requested \$30,000 for a new playground at Beechwood School. Dr. Lubarsky requested the borough appropriate the grant funds towards the playground project since the school determined it was a priority.

Also part of the discussion was another grant submission for Level the Playing Field Grant on behalf of the Mountainside School District for supplemental ADA playground equipment for the Beechwood School Playground.

A meeting will be scheduled with the Board of Education to further discuss the proposed projects and snow issues.

Discussion was held regarding improvement options for the Beechwood Athletic Field. Borough Engineer Mike Disko presented the time line, costs and layout of the proposed project.

Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from Our Lady of Lourdes for an off premise draw raffle. The application is in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion was made to approve the license, all of the council was in favor.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to create bid specifications for a comprehensive traffic study to cover the entire borough to help address severe traffic concerns.

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 7th day of November 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 \$97,715.92 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Fech-Caccamo, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Genevieve Cooper from Knightsbridge Road questioned how the county appropriates grant funding for proposed projects and expressed her support for the new Beechwood playground project.

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

Upon a motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner 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 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 8:14 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:18 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk