

**WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 1, 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 7:31 PM.

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

Discussion was held regarding the temporary capital budget. The 2022 capital projects include road improvements, the DPW building and blinking cross walk by the pool. The bond anticipation note will increase by \$1,098,000 for a proposed BAN of \$6,000,000. In order to change the BAN roll over date, we will seek a short-term six-month note. The proper resolution and bond ordinance will be prepared for the February 15, 2022 meeting.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Andre and seconded by Councilman Dierkes.

RESOLUTION 36-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant AFN #97.042, Subgrant Award #FY21-EMPG-EMAA-2010 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General. The subgrant, consisting of \$10,000.00 Federal Award is for the purpose of enhancing the Borough's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside will use these funds to enhance your Emergency Management Program and that the funds will be used for Emergency Management purposes; and

WHEREAS, the award period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside Office Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey:

1. That the Council accepts the award of the FY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (EMAA) in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents.
3. That copies of this resolutions shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the Business Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the County Division of Emergency Management and Office of Treasury.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the board at a meeting duly held on February 1, 2022.

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

Discussion was held regarding a pool party waiver request. The Mountainside PTO has 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 meeting of February 15, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding a review of the road opening ordinance. The Borough currently does not charge utility companies an application or permit fee for a road opening. The proposed changes include extending the moratorium from 5 to 10 years, setting a flat fee of \$500 instead of per square feet, charging utility companies and the inclusion of a minimum bond of \$1,500. The proper ordinance will be introduced at the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a department refund. The building department requested a permit refund to PSE&G for \$358.00 after paying the borough in error. The proper resolution will be prepared for the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an off premise 50/50 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 February 15, 2022.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

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 1st day of February 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 \$141,510.89. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Pater announced the sale of a Mountainside Active Retirees Cookbook.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilman Messler, 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 contracts and 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 7:46 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:52 P.M.

Councilman Messler questioned the opening of Borough Hall to the public. The Borough will open on February 7, 2022. He also suggested setting up a meeting for input from the community and business owners about improvements to the downtown area.

Upon a motion by Councilman Messler and a second by Councilman Matejek, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk