

**WORK SESSION
MARCH 4, 2014**

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 8:01 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Lane, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Borough Engineer Michael Disko, Public Works Manager Ronald Romak and CFO Jill Goode. Attorney Post was absent.

Discussion was held regarding a road opening request at 1107 Maple Court. Robert Rosenkrantz hired Innovative Electric to install a generator at his home. When the generator wouldn't start he was informed by the contractor that the gas line was too narrow and a new gas line was required. Mr. Rosenkrantz explained how he was not aware that the gas line would be an issue requiring a road opening permit. Mayor Mirabelli suggested further discussion in executive session and advised Mr. Rosenkrantz that he would be informed of the outcome.

Discussion was held regarding the annual recycling tonnage grant resolution. This resolution recognizes the Borough as a recycling community and appoints the recycling coordinator. The resolution must be submitted with the Borough's annual report to the State. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 18, 2014.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the pool management staff for the 2014 season. It was recommended by Recreation Director Frank Masella that John Tosato be appointed as Pool Manager at a recommended salary of \$10,933.24, Scott Laudati (\$7,104.79) and Pat Mamrak (\$6,762.60) be appointed as Assistant Pool Managers. Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the March 18, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 2014 snack bar concession contract. Recreation Director Frank Masella requested proposals for the concession service and only one proposal was received. It was recommended that B&K be awarded the contract based on their extensive experience in the food industry and at the Mountainside pool for the past three years. The proposal for \$10,750 was submitted with a priced menu list. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 18, 2014.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of several candidates to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department. The following applicants received a clear background check: Jeffrey Faulks, Troy Jalbert, Andrew Meeks, Casey Olohan, and Victor Pereira. A motion to approve these appointments will take place at the March 18, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for budget reserve transfers within the 2013 municipal budget in accordance with State Statute. The proper resolution will be prepared for the March 18, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Finance Officer to make additional appropriations to the 2014 temporary budget. Until the final 2014 municipal budget is formally adopted, temporary appropriations are made and approved by Council in order for the Borough to operate and meet their obligations. The snow budget needs to be increased and capital funds are set aside for pothole repairs. Mayor Mirabelli requested a pothole priority list to include NJDOT and County roads. The proper resolution will be prepared for additional appropriations to the 2014 temporary budget for the March 18, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing an online auction of surplus property. The following items are no longer useful to the borough: 1981 PEMFAB fire pumper, 1978 4x4 dodge pumper, industrial vacuum and pitney bowes postage machine. The Council approved the sale of this property and the resolution will be prepared for the March 18, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Comcast renewal. During this process the Borough can request equipment for TV35. An equipment list is being generated to include the reasons for the requested items.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilman Lane:

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 4th day of March 2014, 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 \$37,865.72 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Andre, Dierkes, Lane, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Andre, 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 public safety and litigation 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 8:28 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:39 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk