

WORK SESSION
JULY 3, 2018

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 7:25 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney John Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Lt. Joseph Giannuzzi and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo was absent.

Discussion was held regarding the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program. In order to participate in the CDBG Program, a resolution must be adopted to enter an annual shared services agreement to cover the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The projects to be submitted for approval are the Senior Citizen Social Services and Senior Citizen Handyman Programs. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the 2018 Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program. The borough will apply for field improvements and a lightning detection system with matching funds in the amount of \$38,500. The proper resolution authorizing borough officials to make application for the grant will be prepared for the meeting of July 17, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding the Recycling contract due to expire in January. The contract term shall be for three years with the option to renew two additional years. Public Works Manager Ronald Romak anticipates a cost increase for services due to a collapse in the commodities market. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding awarding the Snow & Ice Removal contract. One bid submission was received on June 13th from current contractor LaFerrara Construction. The bid was reviewed and it was recommended to award the contract to LaFerrara Construction. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of July 17, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenues into the 2018 municipal budget for the Clean Communities Grant \$14,353.24 and Safe Corridor Grant \$5,642.65. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding entering into two professional services contracts. A contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy PC for legal services involving labor disputes and the other with Saiber LLC (William Maderer) for services related to the police lawsuit. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of July 17, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding rescinding tax lien redemption resolution 46-2018. A Superior Court Consent Order directs the borough to return redemption monies to Christie Investments, LLC in the amount of \$199,688.52. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Attorney Post stated a resolution would be passed at the next meeting to authorize an agreement for the sale of the Barnes Tract.

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 3rd day of July 2018, 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 \$124,377.58. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Joseph Herscu, 329 Linda Drive, suggested road safety poles be installed at the intersection of Route 22 and Summit Road. Mr. Herscu questioned the legalities of portable basketball hoops in the streets and the application of reflective tape for safety purposes.

Cliff Florowitz, 1454 Deer Path, requested his harassment complaint against Public Works Manager Ronald Romak be added to the public record including his spouse's fear of retaliation. The complaint was addressed by the Administrator.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer 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 litigation and contracts 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 7:55 P.M.

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The meeting was recalled to public session at 9:03 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk