

**WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 4, 2016**

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 7:39 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding the request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenue into the 2016 municipal budget for Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$5,379.01. The proper resolution will be prepared for the October 18, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing the CFO to accept bids for a \$5,265,400.00 bond anticipation note in order to refinance our existing bond. The proper resolution will be prepared for the October 18, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing an online auction of surplus property. The following vehicles are no longer useful to the borough: 2006 Crown Victoria and 2003 Ford F-250. The Council approved the sale of these vehicles and the resolution will be prepared for the meeting of October 18, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from HAS of Holy Trinity Interparochial School. The organization is requesting a 50/50 off premise draw raffle. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. The Council unanimously approved the raffle license due to time restraints.

Discussion was held regarding the Governor's best practices inventory questionnaire. The inventory is designed to provide standards by which local government officials can assess how we are conducting business as compared to other towns to find cost effective ways of providing services. Municipalities need to meet an established percentage of the checklist items to receive some or all of their state aid payment. We scored a 93, entitling Mountainside to 100% of the allotted aid.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to appoint Alexander Polce as volunteer firefighter. The applicant's background check has been cleared through the police department. Fire Chief Gary Cantagallo recommends his appointment. A motion to approve the new firefighter will be made at the October 18, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request for donations from the PTA to fund the annual fall festival. The borough will donate \$500 to support the event. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of October 18, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding appointing Jerry Eger as a Substitute Plumbing Inspector. This will allow Mr. Eger to cover plumbing inspections in the absence of Plumbing Official Ben Scotti. The proper resolution will be prepared for the October 18, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Uber Ridesharing Pilot Program in Summit. The Mayor is interested in the feasibility of this Pilot Program in Mountainside. Administrator Debbie will follow up.

JCP&L Representative informed the Council regarding current events within the utility company.

Upcoming community events were announced.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilwoman Andre:

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 October 2016, 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 \$52,237.99. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Mortimer, Messler, Turner. Nays: 0.

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 contracts 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 7:55 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:02 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk