REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Councilman Matejek
SALUTE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilman Messler a second by Councilman Matejek, the minutes of the Regular & Executive Session Meetings held on August 16, 2022 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Messler, Pacifico, Pater. Nays: 0. Abstain: Andre

Upon motion by Councilwoman Pacifico a second by Councilwoman Pater, the minutes of the Work & Executive Session Meetings held on September 6, 2022 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Matejek, Messler, Pacifico, Pater. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION:

WHEREAS, Thomas R. Root was hired as a member of the Mountainside Department of Public Works in January of 1989; and

WHEREAS, over the 34 years since he was first hired Thomas also served on the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department and the Shade Tree Commission; and

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizen’s everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, Thomas demonstrated a great work ethic in keeping the Borough of Mountainside the great place it is to live and work and brought great knowledge to all the other employees of the Department when it came to the Borough’s sanitary sewer lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that we do hereby express on behalf of ourselves and the residents of the Borough our gratitude and appreciation for Thomas R. Root years of service to the Mountainside Department of Public Works.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 112-2022

WHEREAS, there exists vacancies in the positions of Sergeant and Corporal in the Mountainside Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside to fill such vacancies with highly qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, a number of eligible officers in the Mountainside Police Department have undergone extensive testing and evaluation as candidates for the positions of Sergeant and Corporal; and

WHEREAS, all candidates during the selection process exemplified the high qualities and standards expected of the police personnel in this community; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee and Police Chief have recommended the promotion of five candidates whose credentials and experience were found best to suit the needs of the Borough in filling these positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the following individuals be promoted to the positions of Sergeant and Corporal in the Borough of Mountainside with all the rights, responsibilities and obligations attendant upon those positions:

1. Effective September 21, 2022, Patrolman Andrew Yasinski is promoted to the position of Sergeant in the Mountainside Police Department.

2. Effective September 21, 2022, Patrolman Jonathan Hagan is promoted to the position of Corporal in the Mountainside Police Department.

3. Effective September 21, 2022, Patrolman Kevin Pierre is promoted to the position of Corporal in the Mountainside Police Department.

4. Effective September 21, 2022, Patrolman William Sforza is promoted to the position of Corporal in the Mountainside Police Department

5. Effective September 21, 2022, Patrolman James Urban is promoted to the position of Corporal in the Mountainside Police Department

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

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

RESOLUTION 113-2022

WHEREAS, the Governing body of the Borough of Mountainside is aware that Friday, September 16, 2022 has been declared as “POW/MIA Remembrance Day”; and

WHEREAS, all Americans everywhere owe a special debt of gratitude and a responsibility for remembering and honoring those who have given so much to make all of us free and secure in this, our national homeland, and a recognition day is a fitting testament and remembrance for all of us, for the sacrifices of our POW/MIA Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that it hereby declares, Friday, September 16, 2022 as:

"POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY"

in the Borough of Mountainside and urges all citizens of the Borough of Mountainside to make a special effort to give thanks to and remember the sacrifices rendered to us by all these noble sons and daughters of America.

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

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

RESOLUTION 114-2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside would like to participate in the leaf disposal program at the Union County Conservation Center; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into an Indemnification Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Union to participate in the leaf disposal program; and

WHEREAS, the current 2022 rate is $4.00 per yard – loose, $6.00 per yard – compacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Indemnification Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the leaf disposal program at the Union County Conservation Center.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

RESOLUTION 115-2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside needs to refund monies to interested parties for overpayment of current year taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refund, for the following reason:

<u>Duplicate payments Due to Banks</u>
CoreLogic
Centralized Refunds
P. O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9978

Block	Lot	Amount	
5.20	34	$2,023.36	1140 Route 22
7.08	32	$3,198.37	1021 Ledgewood Road

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

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

RESOLUTION 116-2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is authorized to advertise for bids for the 2022 Recycling Contract which bids are to conform to the specifications and requirements of the bid package as prepared by the Public Works Director and Borough Attorney.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Andre and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 117-2022

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director Frank Masella requested the following refunds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refunds:

Applicant	Program	Amount
Dayle Treece 365 Longview Drive Mountainside, NJ 07092	Pool Membership	$130.00
Suzi Grady 1151 Wyoming Drive Mountainside, NJ 07092	Pool Guest Passes	$44.00

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

RESOLUTION 118-2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside would like to hang a Rescue Squad Recruitment Banner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council would like to request permission from the County of Union to hang this banner along Mountain Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County of Union grant the Borough of Mountainside permission to hang such banner.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Andre and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 119-2022

WHEREAS, Roman Rychlik is the owner of the property designated as 416 New Providence Road, Block 26, Lot 5, on the current tax map of the Borough of Mountainside, and took an appeal from the 2021 real estate tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, Michael Frangella, the Borough's Tax Assessor, has recommended that such appeal be settled upon the terms set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney concurs with such recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has concluded that such settlement is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing tax appeal be settled as follows:

(a) The 2021 assessed valuations for Block 26, Lot 5, otherwise known as 416 New Providence Road, shall be reduced from $611,800 to 588,200.

Upon receipt of the New Jersey State Tax Court Judgment reflecting the above referenced assessment values and when the method for generating the refund payment has been fully and finally approved, the appropriate Borough officials are authorized and directed to a refund of $463.50, for the 2021 tax year. Such refund is to be paid by way of check made payable to "Maria R Cozzini, Esq. and Roman Rychlik" forwarded to Maria R Cozzini Esq., 1199 Route 22, Mountainside NJ 07092.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilman Messler.

RESOLUTION 120-2022

WHEREAS, the tax collector has recommended that the balance of the 2022 taxes from April 22, 2022 through December 31, 2022, be cancelled in the below amounts on the following blocks and lots because these properties has been purchased by the Borough of Mountainside and these blocks and lots are now considered tax exempt, and

Block 14, Lot 15.03	903 Mountain Avenue	$10,658.51
Block 14, Lot 15.01	90 New Providence Road	$ 5,005.34

WHEREAS, the overpayment of taxes paid by the former owner were credited to the former owner on the Settlement Statement and shall not be refunded back to the former owner since the overpayments were added to the borough's purchase price

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the above balances of taxes for 20202 are hereby

cancelled and the overpayment of taxes be used towards the purchase of Block 14, Lot 15.03 and Block 14, Lot 15.01.

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

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

RESOLUTION 121-2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside is a member of the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2022 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Borough of Mountainside agrees to renew its membership in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.

2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

AGREEMENT TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE
SUBURBAN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the Fund), is a duly chartered Municipal Insurance Fund as authorized by NJSA 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside is currently a member of the said Fund, and:

WHEREAS, effective December 31, 2022, said membership will expire unless earlier renewed, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside has resolved to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The Borough of Mountainside hereby renews its membership in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year period, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending January 1, 2026*.

2. The Borough of Mountainside hereby ratifies and reaffirms the Indemnity and Trust Agreement Bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the Suburban

Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as from time to time amended and altered by the Department of Insurance in accordance with the Applicable Statutes and administrative regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith.

3. The Borough of Mountainside agrees to be a participating member of the Fund for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.

4. In consideration of the continuing membership of the Borough of Mountainside in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, the Fund agrees, subject to the continuing approval of the Commissioner of Insurance, to accept the renewal application of the Borough of Mountainside.

5. Executed the 20th day of September, 2022 as the lawful and binding act and deed of the Borough of Mountainside, which execution has been duly authorized by public vote of the governing body.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pater and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 122-2022

WHEREAS, receivable balance exists in the records of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the balance is as follows:

Municipal Alliance Grant	$ 125.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Finance Officer cancel this balance from the records of the Borough.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Matejek.

RESOLUTION 123-2022

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balance remains dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said unfunded balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the following unexpended and dedicated balance of General Capital Appropriation be cancelled:

Ord. No.	Project Description	Unfunded Amount Cancelled
1288-2020	Purchase of Fire Truck, Vent, Washer/Dryer	$52,217.34

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

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

RESOLUTION 124-2022

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Mountainside hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2022 for the below amount sums of which item is now available as a revenue from:

Public & Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations:
NJ Emergency Management Performance Grant ($10,000.00)
Watts Mountainside Community Foundation (Night Out) ($2,000.00)

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues Excluded from "CAPS"
NJ Emergency Management Performance Grant ($10,000.00)
Watts Mountainside Community Foundation (Night Out) ($2,000.00)

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

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

RESOLUTION 125-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AND THE MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE SERVICES OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education and the Borough of Mountainside have agreed to enter into a Shared Service Agreement whereby the services of Class II Special Law

Enforcement Officers II will be provided by the Borough of Mountainside to the Mountainside Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside as follows:

1. The Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Mountainside and the Mountainside Board of Education for the services of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers to be provided by the Borough of Mountainside to the Mountainside Board of Education is approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Borough
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately
4. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Andre and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 126-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK FOR THE SERVICES OF MEDIA SPECIALISTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark and the Borough of Mountainside have agreed to enter into a Shared Service Agreement whereby the services of Media Specialists will be provided by Township of Clark to the Borough of Mountainside pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside as follows:

1. The Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Clark and the Borough of Mountainside for the services of Media Specialists to be provided by the Township of Clark to the Borough of Mountainside pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. is hereby approved
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Borough
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately
4. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pater and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 127-2022

WHEREAS, the following applicant for a Plenary Retail Consumption License has complied with the provisions of R.S. Title 33, Intoxicating Liquors, c.1 Alcoholic Beverage Law; and

WHEREAS, this establishment has been inspected and approved by the Board of Health and Fire Prevention Official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 be and the same is hereby granted:

2010-33-010-006	Ciro 56 Inc. t/a Publick House 899 Mountain Ave	$2,500

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Pater.

RESOLUTION 128-2022

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside wishes to appoint Al Bandics to the position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Al Bandics be and he hereby is appointed to the position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of $35.00 effective and subject to a satisfactory psychological background and physical.

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

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

RESOLUTION 129-2022

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL REGARDING OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough received recommendations regarding the operation and management of the Mountainside Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body referred such recommendations to the Fire Committee of the Borough Council, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Committee of the Borough Council conducted a thorough and comprehensive review of such recommendations and has provided a report to the Governing Body regarding the results of its review.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside as follows:

1. The Fire Committee's Report to the Governing Body and First Amendments thereto are hereby accepted
2. The Fire Committee is directed to proceed with the implementation of any changes in the operation and management of the Fire Department that are recommended in the Report and that may not yet have been implemented
3. The Borough Attorney is directed to prepare any amendments to the Borough Code that are required in order to implement changes recommended in the Fire Committee's Report
4. The Governing Body hereby extends its thanks and appreciation to the members of the Fire Committee for the enormous amount of time and energy expended during its review and with preparation of the Report, and to the members of the Fire Department who worked with the Committee in connection with the preparation of the Report

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

ORDINANCES: First Reading (Introduction)

ORDINANCE 1313-2022
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1.
The Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside hereby approves the amendments to the 2021 Agreement with regard to the establishment and operation of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

Section 2.

The amendments to the 2021 Agreement are set out in red-line and are attached as Appendix A ("Revisions to 2021 Agreement").

Section 3. Severability.
If any section, clause, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Inconsistency.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

It was moved by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilman Messler that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in full for a public hearing on October 18, 2022.

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

First Reading (Introduction)

ORDINANCE 1314-2022
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, HUNTING AND FIREARMS, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO PROHIBIT FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in the Matter of New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc, v. Bruen, 20-843, 2022 WL 2251305 (June 23, 2022) issued a ruling that a New York law banning the open carrying of firearms was unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, said opinion confirmed that the carrying of firearms can be banned in "sensitive" areas such as government buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside wishes to address this issue by banning the carrying of firearms within any public building owned by the Borough of Mountainside or the Mountainside Board of Education unless the person carrying the firearm is currently employed as a law enforcement officer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside as follows:

1. Chapter III of the "Code of the Borough of Mountainside" which regulates hunting and firearms and explosives is amended by adding thereto the following new Section 3-4.3 and shall read as follows:

Section 3-4.3 Carrying Firearms in Public Buildings. No person shall be permitted to carry any firearm, concealed or otherwise, in any public building at any time, including all public spaces owned, controlled or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Mountainside, and in any school building or any spaces owned, controlled or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education of the Borough of Mountainside except for any duly appointed, currently employed law enforcement officer.

2: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

It was moved by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Andre that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in full for a public hearing on October 18, 2022.

Roll Call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Matejek, Mirabelli. Nays: Messler, Pacifico, Pater
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BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Matejek:

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 20th day of September 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 $332,401.12 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Matejek welcomed the Boys Scouts in attendance and reminded residents that the schools are open and we should drive safely.

Councilwoman Andre invited the community to upcoming Rescue Squad events.

Mayor Mirabelli thanked all the groups, volunteers and donors who made National Night Out such a great success. He also stated that drivers should obey the speed limits especially around the schools.

Councilwoman Pater reiterated to drive safely and thanked the Police for enforcing the law.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Several Boys Scouts were present in order to obtain their communication merit badges.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilman Matejek, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk