

**WORK SESSION
AUGUST 11, 2020**

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 7:34 P.M via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Messler, Councilwoman Pacifico, Councilwoman Pater, Council President Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Atkins. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Public Works Director Matthew Deanna and Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi. Councilwoman Andre was absent.

Discussion was held regarding recreation refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends issuing refunds due to cancellations. The Council approved the refund requests. The proper resolution will be prepared for the August 18, 2020 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Theresa Snyder as PT Planning Board Secretary. Theresa Snyder is experienced and will be paid at an hourly rate of \$26.00. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of August 18, 2020.

Mayor Mirabelli explained his reasons for nominating Glenn Mortimer as P/T Borough Administrator.

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

RESOLUTION 91-2020

WHEREAS, there is a need for a permanent P/T Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside is desirous of filing subject vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Interviewing Committee recommends that the Borough Council take action and hire Glenn W. Mortimer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Glenn W. Mortimer is hereby hired as P/T Business Administrator at an annual salary of \$71,000, not to exceed 25 hours, retroactive to July 28, 2020 with a 90-day probationary period.

Roll call: Ayes: Dierkes, Messler, Turner. Nays: Pacifico. Abstained: Pater.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenue into the 2020 municipal budget for the Municipal Alliance Funding Extension (5th Qtr.) Grant for \$720.00. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of August 18, 2020 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the review of the 2019 annual audit. It is the eleventh consecutive year in which the financial statements had been approved by the auditors without any comments or recommendations. The proper resolutions regarding the 2019 annual audit will be prepared for the meeting of August 18, 2020.

Discussion was held regarding the cancellation of property taxes on Block 14 Lot 1.02. The borough purchased the parcel to house the Department of Public Works and a new salt dome. The proper resolution will be prepared for the August 18, 2020 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to auction surplus property. A 1995 Spartan Triple Combo Pumper, 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup, Savon Duplicator and vintage chairs which are no longer useful to the borough and should be auctioned. The council approved the sale of surplus property and the resolution will be prepared for the meeting of August 18, 2020.

Discussion was held regarding the need to maintain the police body worn cameras. The body worn cameras were originally purchased under a shared services agreement with Union County. To maintain the cameras would require data storage, warranty coverage and licensing. These purchases can be made through NJ State Contract T0106 at an annual cost of \$14,238.60 for a 5-year term. The proper resolution will be prepared for the August 18, 2020 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the 2020 Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program. The borough will apply for Deerfield playground main play structure at a cost of \$58,000 with a borough match of \$29,000. The Mountainside Youth Baseball has shown interest in participating in this grant cycle. The proper resolution authorizing borough officials to make application for the grant will be prepared for the meeting of August 18, 2020.

Discussion was held regarding the Municipal Drug Alliance Grant Program. Administrator Mortimer announced the resignation of the grant coordinator and whether the borough should opt-out of the grant for a year. The grant provides \$4,900 for the coordinator and programs but due to the pandemic the "Days of Realization" program could be cancelled. It was determined to continue participation in the grant.

Discussion was held regarding the submission of three bids for the Resurfacing of Creek Bed Road. Bids were received today and a recommendation is forthcoming for award at the next meeting.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes 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 11th day of August 2020, 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 \$130,369.10 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Noel Crawford, 1039 Sunny Slope Drive, questioned the new owners of the former Bank of America building on Mountain Avenue. Administrator Mortimer will inquire.

Upon motion by Councilman Dierkes 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 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 8:03 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:50 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk