

**WORK SESSION  
MARCH 7, 2023**

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 7:35 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes (by phone), Councilman Matejek, Councilwoman Pacifico, Councilwoman Pater, Administrator Mortimer and Attorney Post. Also present were Public Works Director Matthew DeAnna, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi, Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak and CFO Jill Goode. Council President Messler was absent.

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Discussion was held regarding a bid recommendation from the Borough Engineer for the Resurfacing of Mill Lane and Rutgers Road. The Engineer recommends the base bid and alternate #2 be awarded to the lowest bidder Midwest Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$426,765.70. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 21, 2023.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize a tax refund due to a duplicate payment. The proper resolution will be prepared for the March 21, 2023 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the pool management staff for the 2023 season. It was recommended by Recreation Director Frank Masella that two veteran pool managers John Tosado and Scott Laudati be reappointed. There still exist a vacancy for another Assistant Manager. The proper appointing resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 21, 2023.

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Discussion was held regarding awarding the 2023 pool concession contract to Clark Concession Operations, LLC. Recreation Director Frank Masella received one proposal for \$5,100 from Clark Concession who has extensive experience in the food industry and had a successful pool season last year. The awarding resolution will be prepared for the March 21, 2023 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for end of year budget transfers within 2022 reserve municipal budget. Transfers can be made within certain budget appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year. It is requested that certain transfers be made within the 2022 municipal budget. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 21, 2023.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to make additional appropriations to the 2023 temporary budget. Until the final 2023 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 proper resolution will be for the March 21, 2023 meeting.

**PROCLAMATION:**

WHEREAS, Anita Castaldi was born on March 13, 1923; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Castaldi resides in Arbor Terrace of Mountainside since the assisted living facility was established and in fact, she is one of the “Founders”; and

WHEREAS, Anita was the only daughter in a family of 4 boys. She is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was always an excellent cook known for her trademark meatballs; and

WHEREAS, Anita attended business school and was a former bookkeeper and sales clerk who also enjoyed being a member of the Ladies Club of Lions; and

WHEREAS, Anita Castaldi will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 13, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are inspired by her long life and offer her sincere best wishes for continued good health, happiness, and overflowing abundance of love and joy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside do hereby congratulate Anita Castaldi on the momentous occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

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Discussion was held regarding a proposed stop sign at Sunny Slope and Ledgewood Road. Councilwoman Pacifico explained that motorists do not yield at the intersection before turning right or left causing a safety concern. Chief Giannuzzi agreed a stop sign should be installed.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Joanna Roberts as PT Planning Board Secretary. Joanna Roberts is experienced and will be paid at an hourly rate of \$25.00 not to exceed 20 hours. The proper resolution will be prepared for the March 21, 2023 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from PTA Salt Brook School for on premise 50/50 and draw raffles. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve the applications will take place at the meeting of March 21, 2023.

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Discussion was held regarding NJ Local Government Week. Councilwoman Andre suggested participation in community activities to recognize and celebrate local government week between April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A resolution will be presented at the March 21, 2023 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the GL Hockey Team winning the State Championship. A proclamation will be planned for the April meeting. Councilwoman Pater suggested a sign be placed to commemorate the win.

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A resolution was introduced by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilwoman Andre for the reappointment of the OEM Coordinator Keith Turner for a term ending on March 3, 2026.

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

**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, 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 \$82,539.08 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

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Upon motion by Councilwoman Pacifico and a second by Councilwoman Andre, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk