

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2026**

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 7:32 P.M.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Pacifico
SALUTE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Council President Matejek, Councilwoman Pacifico, Councilman Rinaldo, Councilman Van Deusen, Councilwoman Wass, Administrator Mortimer and Attorney Post. Also present were DPW Director Matthew DeAnna, Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak and Chief Joseph Giannuzzi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Wass, the minutes of the Regular & Executive Session Meetings held on February 17, 2026 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Abstained: Pacifico. Nays: 0.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Wass, and a second by Councilman Matejek, the minutes of the Work & Executive Session Meetings held on March 3, 2026 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Matejek, Van Deusen, Rinaldo, Wass. Abstained: Dierkes, Pacifico. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Rinaldo and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 43-2026

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:

Duplicate payments Due to:

COTALITY
ATTN: REFUND DEPT
3001 Hackberry Rd
Irving, TX 75063

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qualifier</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Property Address</u>
3.17	137		\$2,853.90	272 Friar Lane, Mountainside, NJ
5.19	4		\$2,483.78	1131 Iris Drive, Mountainside, NJ

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 44-2026

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for transfers within certain appropriations within the Reserve Municipal Budget during the first three months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the need for certain transfers within the 2025 Municipal Budget exists; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that these budget transfers be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be made in the 2025 Municipal Budget Reserves;

Current Account	From	To
Police, S/W	\$ 71,000.00	
Dispatch, S/W	\$ 40,000.00	
Construction, S/W	\$ 50,000.00	
Construction, O/E	\$ 20,000.00	
Social Security	\$ 15,000.00	
Recreation, S/W	\$ 30,000.00	
Public Works, S/W	\$ 20,000.00	
Fire Hydrant	\$ 15,000.00	
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	\$ 10,000.00	
Sr. Citizen, S/W	\$ 15,000.00	
Clerk, S/W	\$ 5,000.00	
Tax Assessor, O/E	\$ 10,000.00	
Emergency Management, S/W	\$ 10,000.00	
Heating Oil/Natural Gas		\$ 10,000.00
Accumulated Leave		\$ 1,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 100,000.00
Snow Expenses		\$ 200,000.00
Total	\$ 311,000.00	\$ 311,000.00

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Van Deusen and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 45-2026

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Act provides that temporary appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following additional temporary appropriations shall be made for the year 2026:

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Rahway Valley Sewerage Auth	-0-	\$453,687.00
Contribution to PERS	-0-	\$327,946.00
Contribution to PFRS	-0-	\$973,376.00
Snow, O/E	\$100,000.00	\$250,000.00
Construction, O/E	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Administration & Executive, O/E	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$250,000.00	\$310,000.00
Other Insurance	\$150,000.00	\$250,000.00
Other Expenses Group Insurance	\$300,000.00	\$450,000.00

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 46-2026

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Winter Recreation Staff for programs; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director Frank Masella and the Recreation Committee have recommended that the following individuals be appointed to said positions:

Name	Position	Wage	
Faller, Matthew	Referee	\$60.00	Per game
Gould, Melissa	Instructor	\$50.00	Per hour

WHEREAS, each of the above individuals shall be appointed as temporary employees for the 2026 Winter Season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the recommendation of Recreation Director Frank Masella and the Recreation Committee by and herby is accepted and approved of background checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries for the above positions shall be set forth in the borough's salary ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 47-2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside that the following person recommended by the Construction Official, be and hereby is appointed as such:

Frank Genova Effective:	PT Temporary Staffing – Fire Official February 26, 2026	\$50.00/hour
Patricia Gilstrap Effective:	PT Temporary Staffing – DPW/Zoning/Engineering March 3, 2026	\$45.00/hour

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 48-2026

WHEREAS, Zachary Myrtetus has notified the Borough of Mountainside of his intention to resign from the Borough of Mountainside Police Department effective February 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has certified that Zachary Myrtetus is entitled to payout as per the agreement between the Mountainside Police Department and the PBA Local #126, as follows:

	Time Remaining	Hourly Rate	Payout Amount
Vacation Hours (pro-rated)	40	\$29.00	\$ 1,160.00
Compensatory Time Accrued (Unused)	158.5	\$29.00	\$ 4,596.50

TOTAL PAYOUT AMOUNT \$ 5,756.50

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the Finance Department is authorized to make payment as indicated above on a final calculation upon his last day.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 49-2026

WHEREAS, one proposal was submitted for the 2026 Pool Concession contract and Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends awarding to Mosaico Italian Restaurant in the sum of \$4,000; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Carrera has 20 years of extensive experience in the food industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the Pool Concession contract for the year 2026 be awarded to Mosaico Italian Restaurant, 1072 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ in the amount of \$4,000.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 50-2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside would like to hang banners for the following events:

- 1) Mental Health Awareness Month (May 1st through May 30th)
- 2) National Night Out (July 6th through August 7th)
- 3) Rotary Car Show (September 8th through September 29th)
- 4) Restaurant Week (September 29th through October 27th)

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

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Van Deusen and seconded by Councilman Matejek.

RESOLUTION 51-2026

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside wishes to recognize individuals who have made meaningful contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Adornato has demonstrated dedication, service, and commitment to the residents and community of the Borough of Mountainside; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to honor Andrew Adornato for his contributions and legacy within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds it appropriate to designate an honorary name for a portion of Sawmill Road in recognition of these contributions; and

WHEREAS, the portion of roadway to be designated extends along Sawmill Road from Longview Drive to Cherry Hill Road within the Borough of Mountainside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Borough Council hereby approves the honorary designation of the portion of Sawmill Road extending from Longview Drive to Cherry Hill Road as "Andrew Adornato Way."
- 2. The designation shall be honorary in nature and shall not change the official street name or mailing addresses for properties located along Sawmill Road.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading (Public Hearing)

ORDINANCE 1347-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY (\$258,260.00) FOR THE RESURFACING OF CHARLES STREET

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside have decided to resurface Charles Street; and

WHEREAS, a grant award is now available from NJDOT in the amount of \$258,260.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside concurs that this resurfacing is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the sum of \$258,260.00 be and is hereby appropriated for the resurfacing of Charles Street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Borough of Mountainside shall be reimbursed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation in the amount of \$258,260.00.

Hearing no one wishing to speak, Councilman Matejek closed the meeting to the public.

It was moved by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Van Deusen that this ordinance be passed on second and final reading and advertised by title only.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Rinaldo, Pacifico, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0

First Reading (Introduction)

ORDINANCE 1348-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$140,875.00) FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside is desirous to undertake improvements to Borough owned Buildings including but not limited to reroofing and repairs; and

WHEREAS, funds up to the amount of \$140,875.00 may be needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the sum of \$140,875.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund.

It was moved by Councilman Rinaldo and seconded by Councilman Dierkes that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in full for a public hearing on April 21, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0

MOTIONS:

The following motions were unanimously approved:

1. Raffle applications from Wilson School PTO for an on premise draw raffle and armchair race
2. Raffle applications from Watchung Stables Auxiliary for (3) on premise 50/50 draw raffles
3. Raffle applications from Mountainside PTO for an on premise draw raffle and on premise 50/50 draw raffle
4. Raffle applications from NJ Services Foundation for an on premise draw raffle and on premise 50/50 draw raffle
5. Authorization to appoint Allan Tweedle as a Volunteer Firefighter

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 17th day of March 2026, 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 \$647,498.31 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Pacifico mentioned Restoration Committee events.

Councilman Rinaldo wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilwoman Wass announced upcoming events and commended the Rescue Squad on receiving the "Always Ready for Children Accreditation".

Councilman Van Deusen advised residents to look for upcoming 250th Celebration Events.

The Mayor read a recent blizzard report and thanked everyone involved. He also discussed the borough's affordable housing obligation plan.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

Upon motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, 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 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 7:57 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:36 P.M.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk