

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

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 P.M.

INVOCATION: Council President Pacifico
SALUTE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilwoman Wass a second by Councilman Van Deusen, the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held on August 19, 2025 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Matejek, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0. Abstained: Pacifico.

Upon motion by Councilwoman Pacifico a second by Councilwoman Wass, the minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on September 2, 2025 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, in July of 2025, a group of exceptional young athletes from Mountainside, comprised of rising 2nd and 3rd graders, came together to form the first-ever 7U Mountainside District Team, selected as age-eligible All-Stars from across the community; and

WHEREAS, the team was assembled and led by Coach Giovanni Cerullo, alongside an outstanding coaching staff including Matt Wasserman, Matt Leonardelli, and Casey LaCasse, representing the dedication of the 7U and 8U level travel team programs; and

WHEREAS, the team began training in late June with focus, discipline, and determination, preparing to compete in the prestigious District 12 Tournament beginning on July 18th in Cranford, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mountainside entered pool play with fierce resolve, emerging undefeated against top-tier teams including a thrilling 10-8 extra-inning victory over Cranford, a commanding 12-0 win over Westfield, and an 11-6 triumph over Watchung Hills—earning them the #1 seed heading into the knockout rounds; and

WHEREAS, Mountainside battled through a dramatic semifinal win over Summit, overcoming a 7-2 deficit to clinch an 11-10 victory, and advanced to the championship game for a rematch against Cranford; and

WHEREAS, on July 23rd, 2025, in a historic display of teamwork, talent, and tenacity, Mountainside defeated Cranford 10-0 in just five innings, enforcing the mercy rule and securing the District 12 Championship title; and

WHEREAS, this incredible team made history not only as the first-ever 7U District Champion in Mountainside, but also as just the sixth District Champion in the history of Mountainside and Cal Ripken Baseball, and one of only three teams from Mountainside ever to achieve this honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we proudly recognize and commend the remarkable achievements of the 2025 7U Mountainside District 12 Championship Baseball Team, whose championship run will be remembered as a shining example of excellence, perseverance, and community spirit.

Colton Wasserman
Liam LaCasse
Anthony Connors
Matteo Badalamenti
Perry Gocel
Aeneas DeTrolio
Donnie Rinaldo
Luciano Cerullo
Connor Arrigoni
Jonny Lauricella
Henry Leonardelli

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 113-2025

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>
7.01	3		\$4,395.75	10 High Point Dr Mountainside, NJ

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

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

RESOLUTION 114-2025

WHEREAS, the Governing body of the Borough of Mountainside is aware that Friday, September 19, 2025 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 19, 2025 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: Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 115-2025

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, 2025 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, 2025, 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, 2026 and ending January 1, 2029*.
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 Banking & 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 16th day of September, 2025 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: Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 116-2025

WHEREAS, there exist a need for Fall Staff in the Recreation Department that will operate from September 1st to December 31st; and

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

Recreation

Name	Position	Wage	
Zachary Goldring	Gym Supervisor	\$15.00	Per Hour
Jeffery Chrono	Gym Supervisor	\$15.00	Per Hour
Fernando Melo	Referee	\$40.00	Per Game

WHEREAS, each of the above individuals shall be appointed as temporary employees for the 2025 fall 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 be and hereby are accepted and approved pending 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: Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

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

RESOLUTION 117-2025

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Catia Salerno 1592 Deer Path Mountainside, NJ 07092	Pool Membership Prorated	\$278.40
Zhi Chen 232 Central Avenue Mountainside, NJ 07092	Kids Tennis	\$90.00
Tara Moore 236 Beechwood Court Mountainside, NJ 07092	Kids Tennis	\$90.00
Manish Mehta 1578 Brookside Road Mountainside, NJ 07092	Kids Tennis	\$121.00
Alicia Williams 999 Chimney Ridge Drive Mountainside, NJ 07092	Musical Theater	\$115.00
Jamal Johnson 419 South Street, Unit 2 New Providence, NJ 07974	Pool Membership Initiation Fee	\$100.00

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

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

RESOLUTION 118-2025

Authorizing Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Application
Block: 3.13 Lot: 1.03 - 331 Tanager Way

WHEREAS, Manterra Design, LLC, 62 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ, has submitted a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental protection (NJDEP) for a sanitary main extension plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside must approve said TWA-1 Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside hereby authorize Administrator Glenn Mortimer to sign the TWA-1 Application.

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

MOTION:

The following motion was unanimously approved:

1. Authorization to appoint Gabrielle Kulcsar as a Volunteer Firefighter

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 16th day of September 2025, 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 \$174,611.16 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Wass announced upcoming Senior programs.

Mayor Mirabelli encouraged residents to attend the Cop Trot and Fall Festival. The Mayor highlighted safety and legal requirements for ebike riders.

Councilman Van Deusen invited residents to attend the Rotary Pickleball Tournament.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Pacifico and a second by Councilwoman Wass, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk