WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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 7:29 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Lane, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Recreation Director Frank Masella, CFO Jill Goode, Police Chief Allan Attanasio, and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilman Messler was absent.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a resolution covenanting to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and designating the $4,834,900 Bond Anticipation Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation". The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 24, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the Highway Safety Fund Grant Program. The New Jersey Department of Transportation Safety Fund Grant Program provides funds for the enforcement of traffic violations in designated stretches of state highways known as safe corridors. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 24, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the bid recommendation for Contract 2015-6 – TV Inspection of Various Streets. Borough Engineer Michael Disko recommends that the bid be awarded to Oswald Enterprises Inc. to include alternate #1 and #2 at a total cost of $53,328. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 24, 2015 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 102-2015

WHEREAS, Constitution Plaza in the Borough of Mountainside is owned by the Borough and either contains or is proximate to Municipal Resources like the Mountainside Free Public Library, the Hetfield House, the Veteran's Memorial, and the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department, all of which are designed to enhance our awareness of our past, our appreciation of the present and our hopes for the future of our Community; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Memorial Post 10136 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars ("VFW") is attempting to improve the Veteran's Memorial aesthetically and by more fully integrating the Veteran's Memorial with the other Borough Resources at Constitution Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the improvements being proposed by the VFW will also make the Veteran's Memorial more accessible to all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the improvements being proposed are set forth in a plan prepared by Michael Disko, Borough Engineer dated September, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that they do hereby approve the plan for the improvement of the Veteran's Memorial at Constitution Plaza prepared by Michael Disko, Borough Engineer dated September, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby express the Borough's appreciation to the Mountainside Memorial Post 10136 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for envisioning the improvements set forth in the plan, and for demonstrating the initiative and determination necessary to implement the plan at no expense to the public.

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Lane, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of two new employees. Administrator Debbie recommends the appointment of Michael DeAnna as a PT Public Works Employee and Joseph Popolo as Fire Sub Code Official. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of November 24, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding recreation refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends paid participants receive refunds due to program cancellations. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 24, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to fund the use of the NJ Police Interoperability 700 MHz Trunked Radio System. Union County has secured this radio system which is tied to the State Police Emergency Network to allow set frequencies to be used by Union County. The Borough's current radio system is antiquated and unreliable and by entering into an agreement with Union County the Borough can utilize the 700 MHz Trunked Radio System. This capital expense will cost $130,000 for phase one. Further discussion on funding to follow.

Discussion was held regarding qualifications for volunteer recreation coaches. The Recreation Committee has formed a review committee designated to analyze coaching applicants. The Recreation Committee will also introduce a new coaching policy.

Discussion was held regarding an update on the NJ DOT Road Grants.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilman Lane:

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 3rd day of November 2015, 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 $55,271.29 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Lane, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

JCPL representative announced the FirstEnergy's Utility Worker Training Partnerships.

Hearing no one desiring to speak, Mayor Mirabelli closed the meeting to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Lane 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 7:57 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:26 P.M.

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

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Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk