

WORK SESSION
JUNE 3, 2014

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 8:11 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding the annual renewal of liquor licenses. The Borough Clerk has received all of the renewal applications along with the proper fees. Publick House has not been granted their tax clearance certificate necessary to renew. The resolution to approve the liquor license renewals will be prepared for the meeting of June 17, 2014.

Discussion was held regarding the request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special items of revenue into the 2014 municipal budget for Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$4,409.66, Clean Communities Grant \$12,749.23 and Watts Foundation Grant \$1,500.00. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 17, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed ordinance regulating the Police Department. One of the requirements of receiving police accreditation is to update the police regulations. Borough Attorney Post will review the amendments and proceed with the necessary changes. The proper ordinance will be introduced at the meeting of June 17, 2014.

Discussion was held regarding quotes for the replacement of the existing hot water heating boilers at borough hall. The project involves removal, disposal and replacement of the existing boilers. Three contractors quoted the job with the lowest quote being from Argent at \$29,758.58. The Council agreed that it was a capital expenditure and will discuss the timing and funding at the next budget meeting.

Discussion was held regarding an escrow refund for a road opening permit. The applicant representing 1236 Beech Avenue provided a \$3,000.00 escrow deposit to have work done on this street. The Borough Engineer recommends refunding the deposit at this time. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 17, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program. In order to participate in the CDBG Program, two resolutions must be adopted to authorize entering into a cooperative agreement with the County and adopting an annual shared services agreement specifying the new grant awards. The projects to be submitted are Senior Citizen Coordinator, Senior Van Driver, and Senior Handyman Program. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 17, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the current floor area ratio standard of .225. Council debated whether to raise the lot size which it uses to calculate the floor area ratio (FAR). Currently, the plan limits construction of residential single-family homes on a quarter-acre lot to a floor area ratio (FAR) of 3,375 square feet. Councilman Turner proposed a slight increase to the FAR of .235 to accommodate a 3,600 square foot home and stated that the rules should link the size of the home to the size of the lot. After discussing the FAR report, the Mayor suggested the Council forward questions on the potential impact of any changes to the Borough Planner and Engineer for their recommendations. Any proposed changes shall be presented to the Planning Board for their approval.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming NJLOM conference. Council was provided with the hotel accommodation list and will forward their choices to the Borough Clerk.

The Days of Realization Program at Governor Livingston High School was a great success and the students who participated will be recognized at the next meeting.

The Deerfield graduation ceremony is on June 20th where the co-valedictorians will be presented with gift cards from the Borough.

Council was reminded to file their financial disclosure statements by June 12th.

Council agreed to close the building on December 26th and January 2nd and the employees are expected to use their vacation/personal/comp time to cover those days.

The Council recommends the Board of Health waive the temporary food license fees to Edy Jon who will donate a portion of the proceeds to the PAL and other charities from the Car Show and Fireworks.

The Council amended Ordinance 1221-2014 to include softball and golf indoor facilities in the L-I Limited Industrial District.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer 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 3rd day of June 2014, 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 \$126,964.89 (Copy of bill list attached.)

Roll Call: Andre, Lane, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0

Upon 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 8:55 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 9:25 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk