

WORK SESSION
JUNE 4, 2019

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.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Mortimer, Councilwoman Pater, Council President Turner, Attorney John Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Lt. Joseph Giannuzzi, Borough Engineer Mike Disko and Public Works Manager Matthew DeAnna and Zoning Official Ronald Romak. Councilman Messler was absent.

Discussion was held regarding a new ambulance for the rescue squad. Eric Pastore indicated the rescue squad had the funds available to purchase a new ambulance. The QPA will research state contracts for the best pricing.

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. The resolution to approve the liquor license renewals will be prepared for the meeting of June 18, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding recreation and building refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends issuing refunds due to program cancellations and Borough Engineer Mike Disko requested a road opening permit refund. The Council approved the refund requests. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 18, 2019 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include special items of revenue into the 2019 municipal budget for the Watts Foundation \$650.00 and Clean Communities \$16,033.03. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 18, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to enter into the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Agreement. NJDEP awarded the fire department a grant in the amount of \$3,280.00. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 18, 2019 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Borough Engineer to determine which street to apply for the NJDOT grant application. The Council approved the Engineer's recommendation to apply for funds to repave Long Meadow and Beechwood Court. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 18, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to auction surplus property. A 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, 2010 Chevy Tahoe, 2011 Ford Explorer, 2016 Ford Explorer, paper folder and vintage chairs which are no longer useful to the borough and should be auctioned.

The council approved the sale of surplus property and the resolution will be prepared for the June 18, 2019 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding acceptance of subdivision site improvements for Pombal Builders, 1244 Virginia Avenue. The Borough Engineer recommends acceptance of improvements and return/release of all performance bonds/guarantees. Council approved the request.

Discussion was held regarding the Mountainside Pool. Recreation Director Frank Masella updated the council on pool memberships, upcoming events and issues with the playground registration link on the borough website.

Discussion was also held on the recently imposed state rain tax and a borough sponsored food drive.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer 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 4th day of June 2019, 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 \$180,445.70 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Andre, Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Pater, Turner. Nays: 0

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Mortimer.

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 and litigation 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 8:05 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilwoman Andre, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk