

**WORK SESSION
AUGUST 1, 2017**

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 7:34 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilwoman Andre and Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo were absent.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include special item of revenues into the 2017 municipal budget for the Safe Corridor Grant \$15,151.17, Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant \$3,500.00 and Watts Foundation (Sr. Activities) \$3,000.00. The proper resolution will be prepared for the August 15, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a forthcoming bid recommendation from the Borough Engineer for Contract 2017-6 Upland Road. The bid opening is scheduled for August 10th followed by a bid recommendation in order to award at the August 15, 2017 meeting pending attorney review.

Discussion was held regarding amending Resolution 30-2017. The resolution approved a salary increase for the Court Administrator with an effective date of January 17th instead of January 1st. The amendment will be prepared for the meeting of August 15, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector for the tax sale redemption of Block 3.24 Lot 11.01. It is requested that the Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check plus a premium to the lien holder for the redemption of this tax lien. The proper resolution will be prepared for the August 15, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a recreation refund. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends issuing a refund due to a trip cancellation. The Council approved the refund request. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of August 15, 2017.

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 1st day of August 2017, 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 \$30,039.93. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilman Mortimer, 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 litigation and 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 7:39 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:10 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk