WORK SESSION
JULY 11, 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 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes (arrived 7:41 PM), Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney David Epstein and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Police Chief Allan Attanasio, CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak.

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends paid participants receive refunds due to program cancellations. Borough Engineer Mike Disko requested refunds for temporary sign permits. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of July 18, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program. In order to participate in the CDBG Program, a resolution must be adopted to enter an annual shared services agreement to cover the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The projects to be submitted for approval are the Senior Citizen Social Services and Senior Citizen Handyman Programs. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 18, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the 2017 Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program. The borough will apply for soccer field improvements and Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D from the Board of Education requested a joint application to purchase playground equipment for Beechwood School with matching funds in the amount of $30,000. The proper resolution authorizing borough officials to make application for the grant will be prepared for the meeting of July 18, 2017.

Discussion regarding the community room renovations was put on hold until the outcome of the grant application to AARP is finalized.

Discussion was held regarding entering into a professional services contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy PC for legal services involving labor disputes. The increase in the scope of services the firm provides to the Borough requires a professional services contract under the local public contracts law. The value of services shall not exceed $90,000. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of July 18, 2017.

Discussion regarding the proposed fee schedule from the building department was put on hold until the Construction Official is able to attend the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of two (2) 2017 Police Interceptor SUV’s for the police department. The vehicles will be purchased through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for $27,036.50 each. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 18, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding extending a temporary 2% cap on police and fire arbitration contract awards in an effort to control increasing salary costs. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of July 18, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding a delay in mailing the tax bills due to a sudden change in state funded school aid. The borough is financially able to pay bills through this month and expects to receive the tax rate in the near future which may require an extension of the grace period.

Discussion was held regarding the amendment to Ordinance 1114-2006 which will limit parking time on Hickory Lane. Attorney Epstein was asked to provide the proposed ordinance for the meeting of July 18, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding expanding parking spaces at the library. Engineer Mike Disko is working on the project.

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 11th day of July 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 $82,065.73. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Fech-Caccamo, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Diekes, 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 7:58 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:11 P.M.

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

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Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk