

**WORK SESSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

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 8:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode and Borough Engineer Michael Disko. Councilman Lane and Councilman Messler were absent.

Discussion was held regarding Elizabethtown Gas Company proposed upgrade work. Borough Engineer Michael Disko outlined the roads in which the Gas Company would perform curb to curb pavement restoration they include Sunny Slope Drive, Charles Street, Turnabout Circle, Central Avenue, and Knollcrest Road. Elizabethtown Gas Co. indicated the current program precludes them from making a cash contribution to the Borough. If the Borough desires to pay for two-thirds of a street resurfacing, Elizabethtown Gas Co. will pay for the previously committed one-third of a street resurfacing. The Borough bids the road improvement for two-thirds of the street and the Gas Co. will reimburse the contractor directly. Those streets include Belair Court, Ledgewood Road, Elston Drive, Sunny Slope, Knollcrest Road, Old Farm Road, and Holly Hill. The Council agreed to proceed with those improvements including some street where new curbs need to be constructed, for example Sunny View Road, Darby Lane and Sunny Slope. These projects can be funded through a million dollar bond issuance.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Borough Engineer to determine what street to apply for this year's NJDOT grant application. The Council agreed with the Engineer's recommendation to consider Cedar Avenue for municipal aid this year. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of September 17, 2013.

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Discussion was held regarding a utility agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the relocation of certain sewer systems in connection with the construction of various locations from West of Robin Hood Road to East of Fairway Drive. The proper resolution will be prepared for the September 17, 2013 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding adoption of the Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan will help protect residents and property affected by natural hazards occurring within the County that will reduce future community vulnerability and costs of disaster response and recovery. The Borough will seek funding to purchase a generator for the Mountainside Library.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to renew membership with the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The Council agreed to continue membership in the JIF for the period of January 1, 2014 through January 1, 2017. The proper resolution and indemnity & trust agreements will be prepared for the meeting of September 17, 2013.

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Discussion was held regarding the Borough of Mountainside participating in the Union County Leaf Disposal Program using their Conservation Center. A Memorandum of Understanding and an Indemnification Agreement must be signed and forwarded to the County in order for the Borough to participate in this program. The proper resolution authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the agreement will be prepared for the September 17, 2013 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the Safe Corridor Grant. 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 September 17, 2013 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a recreation refund. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends refunding \$130.00 to Maria Briggs because her son was not eligible to play due to his age. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of September 17, 2013.

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Discussion was held regarding the appointments of three new employees. The two new dispatchers will be Michael Scuderi and Andrew Yasinski at an annual salary of \$35,404.77. The new public works employee is Jason Koscinski at an annual salary of \$34,000. The appointing resolutions will be prepared for the September 17, 2013 meeting.

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Mayor Mirabelli announced that Mountainside ranked #44 in the best places to live in New Jersey according to NJ Monthly.

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

**RESOLUTION 106-2013**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.21 may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under Cooperative Contract Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside Police Department has established a regular schedule for updating its police vehicles and that schedule requires two and 1/3 new squad cars each year and by utilizing the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System the Borough can receive competitive pricing, on a timely basis, without the expense and time involved in undertaking independent competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside intends to enter into a purchase contract with Beyer-Warnock, Morristown, NJ pursuant to Cranford Cooperative Pricing Agreement Contract #101 for the acquisition of a police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the cost for (1) one 2013 Police Interceptor SUV under Contract #101 is \$34,818.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union State of New Jersey that the purchase of (1) one 2013 Police Interceptor SUV under terms and provisions of Cranford Cooperative Pricing Agreement Contract # 101 Item #2 be and hereby is approved.

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

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2013, 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 \$157,359.72. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

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Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, 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 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 9:07 P.M.

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The meeting was recalled to public session at 9:27 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk