

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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.

**INVOCATION: Councilman Messler
SALUTE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Police Chief Allan Attanasio, Recreation Director Frank Masella and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo and Attorney Post were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilman Turner and a second by Councilman Mortimer, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on August 15, 2017 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Turner and a second by Councilman Mortimer, the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held on September 19, 2017 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Turner a second by Councilman Mortimer, the minutes of the Work Session and Executive Session Meetings held on October 3, 2017 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

PROCLAMATIONS:

GARY WHYTE RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S JEFFERSON AWARD

WHEREAS, every year the New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award ceremony honors outstanding individuals and organizations for their respective service; and

WHEREAS, among the winners were visionaries, activists, leaders, doctors, professors and survivors; all unified to change their communities and the world; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, Mountainside resident Gary Whyte was awarded this prestigious award in the category of "Good Neighbor" for all the work he has done for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP); and

WHEREAS, a "Good Neighbor" is someone who consistently performs acts of kindness towards neighbors in need and through a series of simple good deeds have made a significant difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, for the past sixteen years Gary Whyte has been very active in raising awareness and fund-raising for this rare and incurable disease known as Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva; and

WHEREAS, Gary Whyte has always been a great role model in our community and the recipient of countless accolades for his community service, volunteerism, hospitality, fellowship and humanitarianism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside hereby honors Gary Whyte for being the recipient of the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Award.

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

Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada congratulated Mr. Whyte on his accomplishments.

RED RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS, October 23 through October 31, 2017 has been designated Red Ribbon Week, and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week started in 1985 with a group of parents wearing red satin badges as a memorial to Enrique Camarena, a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was killed while on duty, and

WHEREAS, as a result, in 1989 the red ribbon became a united symbol of commitment to create a drug-free America, showing a nation's intolerance to alcohol and drug abuse, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alliance of the Borough of Mountainside, whose mandate includes spreading the message of drug and alcohol abuse prevention, has coordinated borough and county participation by sponsoring Red Ribbon Week; and

THEREFORE, I, Paul N. Mirabelli, Mayor of the Borough of Mountainside do hereby proclaim October 23 through October 31, 2017 as RED RIBBON WEEK in the Borough of Mountainside and ask all residents to join in a personal commitment to a drug-free America by wearing and displaying red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week.

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

**BAND APPRECIATION WEEK
GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON HIGHLANDER BAND**

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Governor Livingston Band Parents Organization, we wish to acknowledge the musical accomplishments of the Governor Livingston Highlander Band; and

WHEREAS, these musical accomplishments have been a great asset to the students of Governor Livingston High School and all others who have supported the Highlander Band; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are urged to take interest in and give full support to the Governor Livingston Highlander Band in their annual programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Paul N. Mirabelli, Mayor of the Borough of Mountainside, hereby proclaim the week of November 12, 2017 as Band Appreciation Week.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Andre and seconded by Councilman Turner.

RESOLUTION 110-2017

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that authorization is granted for the Finance Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$500 to the Deerfield School PTA as a donation in support of the PTA Fall Festival to be held on October 21, 2017 at Deerfield School.

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

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

RESOLUTION 111-2017

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director Frank Masella has requested refunds to the following individuals due to class cancellations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refunds:

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Therese Lyden 77 N. Passaic Avenue Chatham, NJ 07928	Lacrosse	\$135.00
Jamie Durante 2253 Westfield Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	Lacrosse	\$135.00
Igor Volshteyn 1516 Boulevard Westfield, NJ 07090	Lacrosse	\$135.00
Roxy Becker 269 Apple Tree Lane	Tennis	\$84.00

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

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

RESOLUTION 112-2017

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has requested refunds to the following individuals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refunds:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Permit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chris Lombardo 1125 Sawmill Road Mountainside, NJ 07092	Road Opening	\$250
All County Sewer & Drain Service, Inc. 10 Bonnell Street Chatham, NJ 07928	Road Opening	\$2,500

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

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

RESOLUTION 113-2017

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer Jill Goode is hereby authorized to accept bids for a \$5,546,877.00 Bond Anticipation Note.

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

MOTION:

The following motion was unanimously approved:

1. Approve raffle applications from NJ Association of Twins Mother's Club for an off premise 50/50 draw raffle and Mountainside Education Foundation for two on premise 50/50 draw raffles, on premise draw raffle and casino night
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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 17th day of October 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 \$344,322.43 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Messler thanked those who participated in Clean Communities Day and urged more residents to volunteer.

Mayor Mirabelli invited residents to attend upcoming community events.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk