

WORK SESSION
MARCH 6, 2018

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 7:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Public Works Manager Ronald Romak, Police Chief Allan Attanasio, Borough Engineer Mike Disko, and CFO Jill Goode. Councilwoman Andre and Councilman Dierkes were absent.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to make additional appropriations to the 2018 temporary budget. Until the final 2018 municipal budget is formally adopted, temporary appropriations are made and approved by Council in order for the Borough to operate and meet their obligations. The proper resolution will be for the meeting of March 20, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding the approving a temporary capital budget. The 2018 municipal budget has not been approved therefore, the council has agreed to adopt a temporary capital budget in order to proceed with various infrastructure improvements. The proper resolution will be prepared for the March 20, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding canceling a receivable balance that exist in the records of the borough. A balance of \$4,977.74 remains in the 2014 Union County Recreation Grant. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 20, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding a refund for taxes paid in excess of what was billed. The homeowner at 1152 Corrinne Terrace made a tax overpayment in December and has requested a refund. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 20, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from the Mountainside Restoration Committee for an off premise draw raffle. The application is in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve the application will take place at the meeting of March 20, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the pool management staff for the 2018 season. It was recommended by Recreation Director Frank Masella that last year's pool managers be re-hired as they did an outstanding job. Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the March 20, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing an online auction of a surplus vehicle. A 2000 Ford F-350 dump truck is no longer useful to the borough and should be auctioned. The Council approved the sale of this vehicle and the resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 20, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding an amendment to Bond Ordinance 1250-2016. The Ordinance was funding a project for the reconstruction of a softball field at Beechwood School. The project has been cancelled therefore, the scope of work should instead be replaced by tennis courts and pool improvements. The amending ordinance will be prepared for the March 20, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant Program. The Council authorized the Borough Engineer to apply for the grant to fund improvements on New Providence Road or Meeting House Lane. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 20, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding a proposal presented by Jill Zimmerman for a Girl Scout Award Project. The objective is to prevent traumatic brain injuries by raising awareness about bike safety and concussion prevention by encouraging the use of helmets. The Police Department and DPW will assist Ms. Zimmerman with her proposal.

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 6th day of March 2018, 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 \$56,183.21 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Fech-Caccamo, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Public Works Manager Ronald Romak discussed the department's plans for the upcoming nor'easter.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Turner closed the meeting to the public.

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

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 contracts 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 7:57 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:19 P.M.

Discussion was held regarding additional permit parking spaces at the Mountainside Library. Engineer Mike Disko is working on plans for up to 10-12 additional spaces. Also discussed was the status of the permit parking waiting list.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk