

**WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 5, 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.

Acting Mayor Keith C. Turner called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Turner, Councilwoman Andre (arrived 7:43 PM), Councilman Dierkes (arrived 7:35 PM), Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Mortimer, Administrator Debbie and Attorney John Post. Also present were Recreation Director Frank Masella, Public Works Manager Ronald Romak, CFO Jill Goode and Borough Engineer Mike Disko. Mayor Paul Mirabelli and Councilman Messler were absent.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for year-end budget transfers. In accordance with state statute, transfers can be made within certain budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year. It is requested that certain transfers be made within the 2017 municipal budget. The proper budget transfer resolution will be prepared for the December 19, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the canceling of certain tax account balances. In accordance with state statute, balances in the amount of \$5.00 or less, whether owed to the Borough or owed by the Borough, may be cancelled with the authorization of the Governing Body. The proper resolution to authorize the cancellation of \$5.00 balances on various tax and sewer accounts will be prepared for the meeting of December 19, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to appoint Christopher Mahon as a volunteer firefighter. The applicant's background check has been cleared through the police department. Fire Chief Anthony Pecorelli recommends the appointment. A motion to approve the new firefighter will take place at the December 19, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a recommendation from the Planning Board to reduce the performance guarantee for Capital Seniors Housing. Attorney Post stated the project is partially complete and therefore the performance guarantee can be lowered.

Discussion was held regarding Storm Water Training for Elected Municipal Officials. Borough Engineer Mike Disko informed the Council about GIS inventory and mapping requirements.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 5th day of December 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 \$85,986.14. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Tom Cogan, 263 Hickory Lane, discussed the recently passed ordinance limiting parking on Hickory Lane, particularly the placement of the limited parking sign on his property. The Administrator and Police Chief will address his concerns.

Hearing no else desiring to speak, Acting Mayor Turner closed the meeting to the public.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilwoman Andre, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk