

**WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 7, 2024**

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 7:38 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Matejek, Councilman Messler, Councilwoman Pacifico, Councilman Rinaldo, Councilwoman Wass, Attorney Post (by phone) and Administrator Mortimer. Also present were CFO Justyna Zagorska-Diaz, Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi, Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak and Recreation Director Frank Masella.

Oath of Office: Councilwoman Valerie Wass

Discussion was held regarding an emergency appropriation to repair the sanitary sewer at Summit Road and Charles Street. Mayor Mirabelli explained the infrastructure collapse and status of the repair. There was concern about a possible connection to a recent water line repair in the same proximity. A press release will be issued to inform the community about this issue.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to issue estimated tax bills. The Tax Collector recommends issuing estimated bills since the county tax rate has not been determined and to continue meeting our financial obligations. The Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the May 21, 2024 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding changing the finance petty cash custodian. CFO Justyna Zagorska will be named the custodian of the finance petty cash. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of May 21, 2024.

Discussion was held regarding police promotions. Due to a recent retirement, Corporal James Urban will be promoted to Sergeant and Patrolman Ryan Carr to Corporal. The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 21, 2024 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the review of the 2023 annual audit. It is the fifteenth consecutive year in which the financial statements had been approved by the auditors without any comments or recommendations. The proper resolutions regarding the 2023 annual audit will be prepared for the meeting of May 21, 2024.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to purchase a maintenance & warranty plan for radio communication equipment. This purchase will provide software, maintenance and warranty plan for the recent upgrades to the dispatch equipment. The Police Committee will meet to prepare a plan to purchase flock cameras (license plate reader). The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 21, 2024 meeting.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

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 7th day of May 2024, 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 \$26,039.49 (Copy of bill list attached.)

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Messler, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Wass. Nays: 0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk