

**WORK SESSION**  
**MAY 2, 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 7:31 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding authorizing an online auction of surplus property. The following vehicles are no longer useful to the borough: 2010 Crown Victoria and 2002 BMW 325i. The Council approved the sale of these vehicles and the resolution will be prepared for the meeting of May 16, 2017.

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Discussion was held regarding renewing the cooperative pricing agreement with Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council. This will allow the Borough to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement for the purchases of vehicles, services, materials and supplies at a lower cost to the Borough. The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 16, 2017 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the review of the 2016 annual audit. It is the eighth consecutive year in which the financial statements had been approved by the auditors without any recommendations. The proper resolutions regarding the 2016 annual audit will be prepared for the meeting of May 16, 2017.

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Discussion was held regarding recreation refunds due to program cancellations. The Council approved the refund requests. The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 16, 2017 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the approval to appoint Jacob Pecorelli and Nicco Pecorelli as new volunteer firefighters. The background checks has been cleared through the Police Department. Fire Chief Anthony Pecorelli recommends the appointments. A motion to approve the new firefighters will take place at the meeting of May 16, 2016.

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Discussion was held regarding the request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenue into the 2017 municipal budget for Senior Focus Grant \$25,000.00. The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 16, 2017 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$3,500. A resolution is required to accept and match the grant funds. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of May 16, 2017.

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Discussion was held regarding a letter from the County of Union asking for the Borough's support to continue the Community Development Block Grant Program. President Trump's 2017 budget proposes the total elimination of this program. The County recommends we pass a resolution to let Washington know how important the CDBG Program is to our residents. The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 16, 2017 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the debris and tree trunks along NJDOT and County property along Route 22. The Council inquired about the SLAP program and Adopt-A-Highway. Public Works Manager Ronald Romak will discuss the issue with the State Regional Director. Councilman Turner recommends moving the New Providence bus stop closer to the footbridge.

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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 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 \$311,876.30 (Copy of bill list attached.)

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

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

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

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Upon motion by Councilwoman Andre and a second by Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk