

**WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 3, 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 7:30 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding authorizing the CFO to accept bids for a \$5,546,877.00 bond anticipation note in order to refinance our existing bond. The proper resolution will be prepared for the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from the NJ Association of Twins Mothers' Club for off premise 50/50 draw raffle and Mountainside Education Foundation for on premise 50/50 draw raffles (2), on premise draw raffle & casino night. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve these licenses will take place at the meeting of October 17, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding the Governor's best practices inventory questionnaire. The inventory is designed to provide standards by which local government officials can assess how we are conducting business as compared to other towns to find cost effective ways of providing services. Municipalities need to meet an established percentage of the checklist items to receive some or all of their state aid payment. We scored a 92, entitling Mountainside to 100% of the allotted aid.

Discussion was held regarding a request for donations from the PTA to fund the annual fall festival. The borough will donate \$500 to support the event. The proper resolution will be prepared for the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella requested paid participants receive refunds due to program cancellations and the Borough Engineer Mike Disko requested a refund for two closed road opening permits. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of October 17, 2017.

Discussion regarding broadcasting the work session meetings was tabled to the November 7th meeting.

Discussion was held regarding creating a town-wide email address system. The borough would like to implement another way to communicate with the public. The Media and Information Committee will discuss the idea and make recommendations to Council.

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 3rd 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 \$50,664.03. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Alice Cowell from the Beautiful Mountainside Committee announced an upcoming fundraiser at the Elk's Club to raise funds for future projects.

Sandy Vander Meer from the Historic Preservation Committee presented a timeline on the formation of the Committee. Ms. Vander Meer informed the council about their financial responsibilities and plans for the historical houses. The Committee would like the borough to assist with some of the expenses including the security system and utility bills. The Mayor requested the invoices to review them and try to lower the costs and ultimately alleviate some of the burden.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner, the following resolution to adjourn to closed session was unanimously adopted:

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 personnel 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 8:04 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:40 P.M.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.