

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 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 7:31 P.M.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Wass

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Matejek, Council President Pacifico (by phone), Councilman Rinaldo, Councilman Van Deusen, Councilwoman Wass, Administrator Mortimer and Attorney Post. Also present were Public Works Director Matthew DeAnna, Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak, Recreation Director Frank Masella and Chief Joseph Giannuzzi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilman Matejek a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held on November 26, 2024 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Matejek a second by Councilman Van Deusen, the minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on December 3, 2024 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest and most distinguished honor in the Boy Scouts of America, achieved by only a small percentage of Scouts nationwide through years of hard work, leadership, and service; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Hyman officially attained the rank of Eagle Scout in August of this year, becoming the 27th Eagle Scout in the distinguished history of Mountainside Troop 177; and

WHEREAS, Jackson, a lifelong resident of Mountainside and an exemplary young leader, has been involved in Scouting for nearly 10 years, beginning as a Cub Scout in Mountainside Pack 177 and continuing his dedication and growth through Troop 177; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Jackson demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication by beautifying the Presbyterian Church of Westfield. His project included clearing and creating a dozen pathways to improve parking lot accessibility, laying a slate walkway, and building a new bench, providing both practical improvements and aesthetic enhancements to the community; and

WHEREAS, Jackson has further distinguished himself as a member of Troop 177's first-ever Philmont crew this past summer, a prestigious and challenging experience that reflects his commitment to adventure, perseverance, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, Jackson currently serves as a Scout Patrol Leader, exemplifying the values of responsibility, leadership, and service to others that are core to the Scouting program; and

WHEREAS, Jackson's achievement reflects not only his personal dedication and hard work but also the support of his family, fellow Scouts, troop leaders, and the greater Mountainside community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Borough of Mountainside, do hereby congratulate and commend Jackson Hyman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and recognize his contributions to the community through leadership, service, and exemplary character.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 140-2024

WHEREAS, the owners of real estate in the Borough of Mountainside paid their real estate and sewer taxes by way of a check in an incorrect amount; and

WHEREAS, in many of such instances the error involved amounts of \$5.00 and under.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the proper Borough Officials be and they hereby are authorized to cancel all such amounts on tax and sewer accounts, whether owed to the Borough or owed by the Borough, of \$5.00 and under for the year 2024.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

RESOLUTION 141-2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for transfers within certain appropriations within the Municipal Budget during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the need for certain transfers within the 2024 Municipal Budget exists, and

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make these transfers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget transfers be ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make any necessary transfers prior to year-end and that these be ratified at the first regularly scheduled Governing Body meeting of 2025.

<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Tax Assessor, O/E	\$6,000.00	
Planning Board, S/W	\$9,000.00	

Health Dept., O/E		\$1,000.00
Public Works, S/W		\$14,000.00
Total	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Van Deusen and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

RESOLUTION 142-2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside needs to refund monies to interested parties for overpayment of current year taxes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refund, for the following reason:

Duplicate payments Due to Banks

CoreLogic
Centralized Refunds
P. O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9978

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qualifier</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Property Address</u>
7.09	8		\$3,222.30	325 Linda Dr
8.02	15		\$2,967.64	1571 Brookside Rd
15.02	10		\$2,550.34	1376 Wood Valley Rd
22.01	25.02		\$2,914.68	2 Westover Ct

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Rinaldo and seconded by Councilman Van Deusen.

RESOLUTION 143-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, the Borough of Mountainside is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the oversight of administration of Mountainside’s affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of the law and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey that Glenn Mortimer is hereby appointed as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

RESOLUTION 144-2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025 Commuter Parking Permit fees to be billed, will be at the 2024 fees with no increase for 2025. Commuter Parking fees for 2026 forward will increase by the stated 5% on January 1st as per Ordinance 1141-2008.

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

ORDINANCES: Second Reading (Public Hearing)

ORDINANCE 1335-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1323-2023 FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Ordinance 1323-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A&E	
Borough Administrator	\$ 25,000 - \$130,000
Administrator Assistant	15,000 - 40,000
Borough Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics	70,000 - 135,000
Deputy Borough Clerk/Deputy Registrar	30,000 - 67,000
QPA	5,000 - 15,000
Mayor	2,500 - 8,000
Council Member	1,200 - 6,000
Finance	
Chief Finance Officer	70,000 - 135,000
Finance Assistant	40,000 - 70,000
Tax Collector	10,000 - 50,000
Assistant CFO	60,000 - 100,000
Assistant Tax Collector	15.00 - 40.00 Hourly
Police	
Chief of Police	100,000 - 220,000
Administrative Assistant/Payroll Clerk	30,000 - 70,000
Records Clerk	15.00 - 30.00 Hourly
Communications Officers	35,000 - 80,000
Crossing Guard	15.00 - 30.00 Hourly
Class II Special Officer	25.00 - 50.00 Hourly
Per Diem Communications Officer	25.00 - 45.00 Hourly
Building	
Construction Official/Building Subcode Official/ Building Inspector	10,000 - 60,000
Construction/Fire Prevention Secretary	20,000 - 70,000
Secretary: Engineer/DPW/Shade Tree/Recycling	30,000 - 70,000
Secretary: Planning Board	5,000 - 12,000
Recording Secretary Planning Board (per meeting)	300 - 400
Recording Secretary Planning Board	4,000 - 6,500
Inspectors: (Plumbing/Building/Electrical)	35.00 - 55.00 Hourly
Fire Prevention/Fire Subcode Official	35.00 - 55.00 Hourly
Zoning Officer	35.00 - 75.00 Hourly
Public Works Director	70,000 - 135,000
Public Works Employees	40,000 - 80,000
Public Works Foreman	40,000 - 75,000
Engineer	35,000 - 100,000
Tax Assessor	15,000 - 40,000
Assistant to Assessor	3,000 - 10,000
Certified Wastewater & Treatment Operator	2,000 - 5,000
Sub Construction Official/Inspector	35.00 - 60.00 Hourly
Court Administrator	40,000 - 95,000
Deputy Court Administrator	30,000 - 70,000
Violations Clerk	15.00 - 30.00 Hourly
Court Temporary Staffing	23.00 - 35.00 Hourly
Court Temporary Staffing (per call)	80.00 - 150.00

Municipal Judge	15,000 -	45,000
Municipal Prosecutor	15,000 -	40,000
Public Defender	3,600 -	8,000
Miscellaneous		
Handyman	15.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Drug Alliance Coordinator	3,000 -	5,000
Cable TV Coordinator	15.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Cable TV	15.00 -	25.00 Hourly
Website Coordinator	1,000 -	5,000
Board of Health Secretary	3,000 -	7,000
Senior Citizen Coordinator	15,000 -	80,000
Senior Van Driver	15.00 -	40.00 Hourly
OEM Director	5,000 -	20,000
OEM Deputy Director	2,500 -	15,000
Temporary Staffing	15.00 -	75.00 Hourly
Administrative Secretary	1,000-	5,000
Grant Coordinator	1,000-	10,000
Recreation		
Recreation Director/Pool Administrator	40,000 -	135,000
Recreation Dept Secretary/Pool Bookkeeper	20,000 -	70,000
Assistant Recreation Director	30,000 -	70,000
Recreation Assistant	30,000-	65,000
Recreation Assistant (P/T)	20.00-	25.00
Pool Manager	6,000 -	16,500
Pool Manager	18.00-	35.00 Hourly
Assistant Pool Manager	4,000 -	10,500
Assistant Pool Manager	18.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Pool Secretary (P/T)	14.00 -	20.00
Swim Instructors	14.00 -	22.00
Head Life Guards	17.00-	24.00
Life Guards	15.00 -	22.00
Main Gate Control	14.00 -	20.00
Maintenance Foreman	14.00 -	20.00
Maintenance Personnel	14.00 -	20.00
Swim Coach	1,750 -	4,500
Assistant Swim Coach	200 -	2,500
Diving Coach	1,400 -	3,000
Assistant Pool Tech	2,000 -	5,000
Fitness/Sports Instructor (per person, per class)	2.00 -	70.00
Tennis Lesson Instructor (per person, per session)	10.00 -	150.00
Art/Crafts Instructor (per person, per class)	2.00 -	40.00
Sports Supervisor (per session)	25.00 -	90.00
Sports Supervisor	15.00-	18.00 Hourly
Youth Tennis Team Coach (per season)	350.00 -	1,500
Men's Softball Supervisor (per season)		500.00
Activity Supervisor (per session)	10.00 -	75.00
Sports Official (per session)	10.00 -	180.00
Assignor (per game)	2.00 -	12.00
Summer Playground Supervisor	17.00 -	28.00 Hourly
Summer Playground Assistant Supervisor	15.00 -	22.00 Hourly
Sports Coach	1,500 -	3,500
Middle School Team Coach (per season)	350 -	4,500
Rutgers Safety Clinician	50.00-	65.00 Hourly
Sports Scorekeeper	15.00-	22.00 Hourly
Sports Trainer	25.00-	50.00 Hourly

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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

It was moved by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Van Deusen that this ordinance be passed on second and final reading and advertised by title only.

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

ORDINANCE 1336-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BOROUGH GENERATOR

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside is desirous to begin the generator capital project; and

WHEREAS, additional funds up to the amount of \$75,000.00 beyond the funds heretofore appropriated may be needed to fund the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the sum of \$75,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for the above project.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in the event funds are received from alternate funding sources to implement this project then such funds shall be used to reimburse the funds appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for said project.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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

It was moved by Councilwoman Wass and seconded by Councilman Van Deusen that this ordinance be passed on second and final reading and advertised by title only.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

RESOLUTION 145-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:34-6.2(b)(3), the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside has authorized the use of Sourcewell Co-Op, to contract with various vendors for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) permits the award of a contract without the necessity of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Building is in need of a generator; and

WHEREAS, Air Group, LLC is an authorized Generac Power Systems Inc's vendor under Sourcewell Co-Op #092222-GNR; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Engineer Fred Chen recommends award of this contract to Air Group, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$499,000 (Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds in the amount of \$499,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, that a contract for the purchase and installation of a generator is hereby awarded to Air Group, LLC, One Prince Road, Whippany, NJ under Sourcewell Co-Op #092222-GNR effective after publication.

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

MOTION:

The following motion was unanimously approved:

1. Approve raffle applications from OLL Church for an off premise 50/50 draw raffle and from PTO Mountainside for an on premise 50/50 draw raffle
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BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 17th day of December 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 \$397,369.18 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Merry Christmas to all.

The Mayor thanked everyone for making the tree lighting a great success. He invited residents to the Menorah Lighting and announced receiving a grant for roads in the amount of \$218,674.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jerry Cohen, Fanwood, NJ asked the Council to support a ban on puppy mills in other states from exporting puppies, born and raised in cruel captivity, into our state. The topic will be discussed at our next work session meeting.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Pacifico and a second by Councilman Matejek, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk