

**WORK SESSION
MARCH 1, 2016**

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 7:34 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding the annual recycling tonnage grant resolution. This resolution recognizes the Borough as a recycling community and appoints the recycling coordinator. The resolution must be submitted with the Borough's annual report to the State. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 15, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the pool management staff for the 2016 season. It was recommended by Recreation Director Frank Masella that last year's pool managers be re-hired as they did an outstanding job. Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the March 15, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to make additional appropriations to the 2016 temporary budget. Until the final 2016 municipal budget is formally adopted, temporary appropriations are made and approved by Council in order for the Borough to operate and meet their obligations. The proper resolution will be for the March 15, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from the following organizations: OL of Lourdes Church, Children's Specialized Hospital, MEF, and Mountainside Restoration Committee. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve these applications will take place at the meeting of March 15, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding a recreation department refund due to a pending credit. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 15, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the bid recommendation for Contract 2016-1 – Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Manholes. The Borough Engineer recommends that the bid be awarded to SWERP, Inc. to include alternate #1 and #2 at a total cost of \$62,375. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 15, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize refunds for tax overpayments due to duplicate bank payments. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 15, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the introduction of a bond ordinance to fund the resurfacing of all of Wood Valley Road from New Providence to Central Avenue. The proper ordinance will be prepared for the March 15, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the need to hire new police officers. Councilman Turner requested approval to hire one or two new police officer to replace retiring officers. The Council agreed to seek one new police officer at this time.

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 municipal budget. Mayor Mirabelli highlighted the increases and decreases in the operating budget and anticipated revenues. The budget is expected to increase by 1% at a cost of \$24.72 per average assessed home. The budget will be introduced at the meeting of March 15, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JCPL Representative provided a brief update.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilwoman Andre:

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 1st day of March 2016, 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 \$85,107.01 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk