

**WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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 7:32 PM.

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

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. The requests are from the Construction Official for a smoke detector inspection made in error and from the Recreation Director for a program cancellation. The proper resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding appropriating funds for the resurfacing of Charles Street. An ordinance will allow for an account to be created and funds to be expended. The ordinance will be prepared for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the appointments of an OEM Committee and OEM Coordinator. The Council Committee shall include Paul Mirabelli, Rene Dierkes and Valerie Wass. OEM Coordinator Keith Turner will be re-appointed for another three-year term along with a Fire Department Deputy. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding amending Resolution 10-2025. The 2025 Professional Services contract with Post, Polak, P.A. has exceeded the threshold of \$275,000. The new not to exceed threshold must be increased to \$307,515. The proper resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 37-2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000 to carry out a project to replace and expand the children's picnic area at the Mountainside Community Pool.

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED,

- 1) that the Borough of Mountainside does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully

executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Mountainside and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli and Administrator Glenn Mortimer are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

CERTIFICATION

I, Martha Lopez, the Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Mountainside hereby certify that at a meeting held on the 3rd day of February, 2026 the above resolution was duly adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here set my hand and the official seal of the governing body this 3rd day of February, 2026.

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

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 February 2026, 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 \$102,164.83 (Copy of bill list attached)

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk