WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 1, 2015

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

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for end of year budget transfers. In accordance with state statute, transfers can be made within certain budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year. It is requested that certain transfers be made within the 2015 municipal budget. The proper budget transfer resolution will be prepared for the December 29, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the canceling of certain tax account balances. In accordance with State Statute, balances in the amount of $5.00 or less, whether owed to the Borough or owed by the Borough, may be cancelled with the authorization of the Governing Body. The proper resolution to authorize the cancellation of $5.00 balances on various tax and sewer accounts will be prepared for the December 29, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize refunds for tax overpayments due to duplicate payments and veteran/senior deduction allowances. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of December 29, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding canceling a receivable balance that exist in the records of the Borough. The balance comes from the Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of $5,133.53. The proper resolution will be prepared for the December 29, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding several recreation department refunds due to cancellations. The building department is also requesting a refund for a road opening permit. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the December 29, 2015 meeting.

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 1st day of December 2015, 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 $128,869.42. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Lane, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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

Upon motion by Councilwoman Andre and a second by Councilman Mortimer, 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 contracts, litigation and 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 7:38 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:25 P.M.

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

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Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk