

**WORK SESSION
JANUARY 9, 2018**

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 7:36 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of representatives to the UC Transportation Advisory Board. Council agreed to re-appoint Councilman Robert Messler and Mike Disko, Jr. as alternate, for a one-year term. Zenon Moriak will also be re-appointed for a two-year term as representative to the UC Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of January 16, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding pool membership fees for 2018. The Recreation Committee proposed keeping the membership fees flat this year and providing two complimentary guest passes with early registration in order to increase membership. The Council agreed with the recommendation and the ordinance will be prepared for the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the annual July 4th fireworks display. Garden State Fireworks, Inc. provided a quote of \$15,000 and offers additional materials on contracts paid before January 31, 2018. Council agreed that the Borough should take advantage of this offer. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of January 16, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Human Services Division of Planning for a Municipal Drug Alliance Grant in the amount of \$15,743.00. The proper resolution authorizing the grant agreement will be prepared for the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a new law that requires municipalities to certify compliance with certain federal civil rights requirements before approved budgets can be submitted to the Division. Specifically, the governing body must certify that their municipal hiring practices comply with United States Equal Opportunity Commission. The proper resolution and affidavit will be prepared for the meeting of January 16, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for end of year budget transfers within 2017 reserve municipal budget. In accordance with State Statute, transfers can be made within certain budget appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year. It is requested that certain transfers be made within the 2017 municipal budget. The proper budget transfer resolution will be prepared for the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector for several tax sale redemptions. It is requested that the Finance Officer be authorized to issue checks to the lien holders for the redemption of these tax liens. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of January 16, 2018.

Discussion was held regarding a petition to enforce limited parking time on Mohawk Drive since the area has become overrun with commuters who can no longer park their cars on Hickory Lane. The Borough Attorney will amend the ordinance to limit parking on Mohawk Drive.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a 2018 F-250 for the DPW. The vehicle will be purchased through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for \$37,362.75. The proper resolution will be prepared for the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Elizabethtown Water Company upgrade work. The utility company proposes to undertake upgrades to a portion of their underground main system within the southeast section of the Borough of Mountainside impacting the following streets: Endor Lane, Little Court, Mountain Avenue, New Providence Road, Rodman Lane, Tanglewood Lane, Westover Court, Woodland Avenue and Wychwood Road. The Council suggested the Borough Engineer meet with the utility company's engineering representatives to discuss further.

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 9th day of January 2018, 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 \$79,666.56. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilman Turner.

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, contracts and litigation 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 8:02 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:30 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk