

**WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 2, 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 7:33 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 Police Chief Allan Attanasio, Public Works Director Ronald Romak, CFO Jill Goode, and Borough Engineer Mike Disko.

Discussion was held regarding the annual Borough donation to the Governor Livingston High School Project Graduation. The proper resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to issue a check for the donation of \$300 will be prepared for the meeting of February 16, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding a new agency to administer the 2016 Animal Control Services Contract. Animal Control Solutions, LLC provides a certified Animal Control Officer who can enforce violations and conduct an annual pet census with a cost savings to the borough. The proper resolution will be prepared for the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a person-to-person liquor license transfer. L’Affaire 22 Inc. sold their catering hall and liquor license to Stage House Tavern 3, LLC. The required documents were submitted along with an approved police investigation. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of February 16, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding building department refunds. Refund requests were submitted for a road opening permit and permit cancellation. The proper refund resolution will be prepared for the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request by the Tax Collector for the tax sale redemption of Block 24.D Lot 6.G, Qualifier C0007. It is requested that the Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check plus premium to the lien holder for the redemption of this tax lien. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of February 16, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from the Mountainside Restoration Committee. They are requesting an off premise draw raffle. The application is in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve the application will take place at the February 16, 2016 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 30-2016

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Forest Fire Protection Agency provides funding to organize, train and equip fire departments in rural communities through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program (VFA); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside desires to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief will prepare the application for the VFA grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Mountainside formally approves the grant application effective on January 29, 2016.

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

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

RESOLUTION 31-2016

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders established the “2016 Infrastructure & Municipal Aid” Grant Program designed to stimulate the development of public projects to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside wishes to apply to Union County for the 2016 Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the proper Borough officials are hereby authorized to file an application with the County of Union for the 2016 “Infrastructure & Municipal Aid” Grant Program for the following project:

ROAD WORK ON WOOD VALLEY ROAD AND BRIAR PATCH

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

Discussion was held regarding a proclamation for the volunteer firefighters who stayed overnight at the firehouse during the blizzard.

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 2nd day of February 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 \$50,047.39. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Nick Barbera, 1466 Force Drive, commented on the snow removal during the blizzard.

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

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 litigation and contracts 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 7:51 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:26 P.M.

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

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk