

**WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

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, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilwoman Pater, Council President Turner, Administrator Debbie and Attorney Post. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Lt. Joseph Giannuzzi, Recreation Director Frank Masella and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilwoman Andre was absent.

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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 19, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding approval of a temporary capital budget. Due to the time constraints imposed by the terms of the borough's bonds, the council agreed to adopt a temporary capital budget in order to proceed with various infrastructure improvements, computer upgrades and facility improvements. The proper ordinance will be prepared for the February 19, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the pool membership regulations. Recreation Director Frank Masella mentioned that the Berkeley Heights pool has been purchased by the YMCA. As a result, the pool will be closed for the 2019 season. In order to boost the pool membership, the Recreation Committee recommends offering the Berkeley Heights community the resident member rate, to waive the member sponsorship requirement, and possibly rent the pool facility to the Westfield Y's swim team for practices.

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Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from the PTO Benjamin Franklin School. They have requested approval of an on 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 meeting of February 19, 2019.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize tax overpayment refunds due to duplicate payments. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of February 19, 2019 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. The matching grant reimburses purchases made within a calendar year. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of February 19, 2019.

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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019, 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 \$50,044.67. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

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

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 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 7:50 P.M.

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The meeting was recalled to public session.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilman Mortimer, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk