

**WORK SESSION**  
**JUNE 5, 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 7:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilwoman Fecch-Caccamo, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney John Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Lt. Joseph Giannuzzi, Borough Engineer Mike Disko and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak.

Discussion was held regarding proposed 2018 Elizabethtown Gas Company upgrade work. The following permit conditions were offered: Curb to curb pavement restoration at Little Court, Rodman Lane and Woodland Avenue. Milling and pavement restoration from the curb to past the furthest gas main on all other streets. Install a loop main on Westover Court and possibly fully mill and repave the cul-de-sac. Coordinating full curb to curb resurfacing of the remaining streets with the borough contributing a portion of the funding. Council approved the permit conditions.

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Discussion was held regarding the annual renewal of liquor licenses. The Borough Clerk has received all of the renewal applications along with the proper fees. The resolution to approve the liquor license renewals will be prepared for the meeting of June 19, 2018.

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Discussion was held regarding department refunds. The refunds include a police outside duty pay overage and pool membership cancellation. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the June 19, 2018 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the bid recommendations for Contract 2018-3 Manhole Rehabilitation at Various Locations and Contract 2018-4 TV Inspections of Various Sanitary Sewers. The Borough Engineer recommends the base bid for Contract 2018-3 be awarded to Denbar Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$48,012.40. Also recommended was to reject all bids for Contract 2018-4 due to the lowest bid substantially exceeding the estimated cost of the project. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of June 19, 2018.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include special item of revenues into the 2018 municipal budget for the Union County History Grant \$1,200, Watts Foundation Operation Blue Angel Grant \$2,102 and Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant \$50,000. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 19, 2018 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the approval to appoint Brian Garcia, Richard Leonardis and Michael Perrorra as new volunteer firefighters. The background checks has been cleared through the Police Department. Fire Chief Anthony Pecorelli recommends the appointments. A motion to approve the new firefighters will take place at the meeting of June 19, 2018.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to increase the Municipal Clerk's Office petty cash fund from \$25 to \$75. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 19, 2018 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to issue estimated tax bills. The Tax Collector recommends estimated bills be issued in case there is a delay with the state budget adoption. The Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of June 19, 2018.

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Discussion was held regarding authorization to enter into the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Agreement. NJDEP awarded the fire department a grant in the amount of \$3,171.60. The proper resolution will be prepared for the June 19, 2018 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding generator quotes for a Generac 22Kw generator at the Rescue Squad Building. The lowest quote is from Kobe Electric for \$13,950. The borough may pay a portion of the cost after the engineer reviews the quotes.

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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 June 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 \$241,303.46 (Copy of bill list attached.)

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

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#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Andre thanked the community for making the Memorial Day festivities a success.

Mayor Mirabelli made a statement regarding the Police Department Lawsuit.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Anjali Mehrotra, 215 Queens Lane, asked about the time frame for the Elizabethtown Gas Company Upgrade Project and why the TV Inspection bid was rejected. Engineer Mike Disko assumes it will take a few months to complete the project and the TV Inspection bids were rejected because the cost exceeded the project amount.

JCPL Representative Robert Walton was available for any questions regarding the March storm damage and restoration efforts.

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Carlos Santos, 1103 Mountain Avenue, asked for a copy of the proposed Elizabethtown Gas Company Upgrade Project.

Susan Houston, 1399 Birch Hill Road, was concerned about the costs of the Police Department Lawsuit and how it would affect the taxpayers. Mayor Mirabelli stated the borough was insured.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Mirabelli closed the meeting to the public.  
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Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Martha Lopez, RMC  
Borough Clerk