

WORK SESSION
MAY 3, 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 7:35 P.M.

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

Discussion was held regarding whether to conduct a tax reassessment as a result of recent towns being mandated to perform reassessments by the NJ Division of Taxation. Tax Assessor Mike Frangella made a detailed presentation on the pros and cons of performing a revaluation.

Discussion was held regarding authorizing the CFO to pay statutory bills through electronic funds transfer between scheduled meetings in order to comply with deadlines. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of May 17, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include special items of revenue into the 2016 municipal budget for Infrastructure & Municipal Aid Grant \$50,000 and Safe Corridor Grant \$20,087.26. The proper resolution will be prepared for the May 17, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding recreation refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends several refunds due to program cancellations. The Council approved the refund requests. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of May 17, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the 2016 summer playground staff. Luke Mirabelli will be appointed playground supervisor overseeing four playground assistants. The proper resolution authorizing the hiring of seasonal playground staff will be prepared for the May 17, 2016 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 56-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside has granted permission to close Mountain Avenue from New Providence Road to Mountainview Drive on Sunday June 19, 2016 from 10:00 to 6:00 PM for the purpose of a PAL Cancer Fundraising Event; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will request permission from the Union County Freeholders to close these county roads including permission for the PAL to erect and remove a banner on said street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that approval is granted to the PAL for a street closing and request the same from the County of Union.

Roll Call: Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0

Discussion was held regarding the approval to appoint Saverio Zipeto as a new volunteer firefighter. The applicant's background check has been cleared through the Police Department. Fire Chief Gary Cantagallo recommends the appointment. A motion to approve Mr. Zipeto will take place at the meeting of May 17, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the Engineer's status report on several infrastructure improvement plans. He also reported the borough's compliance with NJDEP's rigorous storm water regulations.

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 3rd day of May 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 \$66,173.36 (Copy of bill list attached.)

Roll Call: Dierkes, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner, 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 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 8:12 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 9:03 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk