

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

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes (arrived at 7:47 P.M.), Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Police Chief Allan Attanasio and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak.

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

RESOLUTION 72-2016

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside to appoint a Probationary Police Officer to the Borough of Mountainside Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee interviewed several qualified candidates for the position of Probationary Police Officer for the Borough of Mountainside Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has recommended the appointment of Eric D. Pastore as Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Eric D. Pastore shall enroll in a police training course, and shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay during the period of the police training course; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Eric D. Pastore be appointed as a Probationary Police Officer for the Borough of Mountainside Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment shall be effective July 6, 2016 with the probationary period ending one-year following graduation from said academy at a probationary period salary of \$41,512.33.

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

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends paid participants receive refunds due to program and pool membership cancellations. Borough Engineer Mike Disko requested refunds for temporary signs and road opening permits. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of July 19, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program. In order to participate in the CDBG Program, a resolution must be adopted to enter an annual shared services agreement to cover the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The projects to be submitted for approval are the Senior Citizen Social Services and Senior Citizen Handyman Programs. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 19, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding state tax appeal refunds. The tax court judgements will lower the 2015 assessments of two properties known as Block 4.C Lot 4 and Block 4.C Lot 27.F. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of July 19, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the authorization to appoint Christopher Rentoulis and Saverio Zipeto as new volunteer firefighters. The applicants' background checks have been cleared through the police department. Fire Chief Gary Cantagallo recommends their appointments. A motion to approve the new firefighters will be made at the meeting of July 19, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the 2016 Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program. The proper resolution authorizing borough officials to make application for the grant will be prepared before the August deadline.

Discussion was held regarding when to conduct a tax reassessment as a result of recent towns being mandated to perform reassessments by the NJ Division of Taxation. The Mayor suggested further discussion to include the tax assessor and tax collector at an upcoming meeting.

Discussion was held regarding proclamations for the next meeting and authorization to participate in the Seniors in Motion Initiative.

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 5th day of July 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 \$89,651.74. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Fech-Caccamo, 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 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 7:45 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 7:50 P.M.

Discussion was held regarding the NJLOM conference in November.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk