

**WORK SESSION
AUGUST 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, Councilman Dierkes, Councilwoman Fech-Caccamo, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Tax Assessor Mike Frangella and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilwoman Andre and Councilman Messler 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. The Tax Assessor will provide an analysis based on the Council's concerns.

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 August 16, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION 78-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1, may by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside DPW Department is in need of a new truck and by utilizing State contracts the Borough can receive competitive pricing, on a timely basis, without the expense and time involved in undertaking independent competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside intends to enter into a purchase contract with Beyer Ford, Morristown, NJ pursuant to State Contract # A88214 for the acquisition of a DPW vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the cost for a 2017 Ford F-450 Truck with options under the State Contract is \$48,490.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union State of New Jersey that the purchase of (1) one 2017 Ford F-450 Truck with options in the amount of \$48,490.00 under terms and provisions of State Contract # A88214 be and hereby is approved.

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

Discussion was held regarding authorization to renew membership with the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The Council agreed to continue their membership with the JIF effective January 1, 2017 through January 1, 2020. The proper resolution and agreement will be prepared for the meeting of August 16, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from Mountainside Education Foundation for a 50/50 on premise draw raffle, on premise draw raffle and casino night and from the Mountainside PTA for an on premise draw raffle. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve these licenses will take place at the meeting of August 16, 2016.

Discussion was held regarding the current recycling contract with F. Basso. Public Works Manager Ronald Romak recommends extending the contract for two additional years. The Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the August 16, 2016 meeting.

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 2nd day of August 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 \$123,429.18. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Dierkes, 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, personnel and litigation 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 8:04 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:28 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION 79-2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.21 may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under Cooperative Contract Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside Police Department has established a regular schedule for updating its police vehicles and that schedule requires two and 1/3 new squad cars each year and by utilizing the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) the Borough can receive competitive pricing, on a timely basis, without the expense and time involved in undertaking independent competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside intends to enter into a purchase contract with Beyer-Ford, Morristown, NJ pursuant to MCCPC Contract #15-A for the acquisition of a police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the cost for one (1) 2016 Police Interceptor SUV under Contract #15-A with options is \$27,706.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union State of New Jersey that the purchase of one (1) 2016 Police Interceptor SUV under terms and provisions of MCCPC Contract #15-A Item #5 be and hereby is approved.

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

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Turner, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk