

**WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

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 8:01 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Lane, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Lt. Allan Attanasio, and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak.

Discussion was held regarding the bid recommendation for Contract 2014-8 – Paving Improvements on Sunny Slope Drive. Four bids were received on August 28, 2014. Borough Engineer Michael Disko recommends that the bid be awarded to Midwest Construction with a Base Bid of \$367,925.66 and Alternate #1 in the amount of \$22,050 for a total cost of \$389,975.66. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of September 16, 2014.

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Discussion was held regarding the Borough of Mountainside participating in the Union County Leaf Disposal Program using their Conservation Center. A Memorandum of Understanding and an Indemnification Agreement must be signed and forwarded to the County in order for the Borough to participate in this program. The proper resolution authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the agreement will be prepared for the September 16, 2014 meeting.

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Discussion regarding authorization to apply for the Safe Corridor Grant was tabled.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize refunds for tax overpayments due to overbilling, tax appeals and duplicate payments. The proper resolution will be prepared for the September 16, 2014 meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding canceling out a receivable balance that exist in the records of the Borough. The balance comes from the Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$1,009.31. The proper resolution will be prepared for the September 16, 2014.

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Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from the Mountainside PTA. They are requesting a 50/50 on premise draw raffle and two (2) on premise draw raffles. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. Another raffle application was submitted by the Mountainside Restoration Committee for an off premise draw raffle. A motion to approve these applications will take place at the meeting of September 16, 2014.

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Discussion was held regarding police vehicle maintenance. The maintenance costs of two vehicles has risen to \$8,000 because budget constraints have not allowed the department to following the replacement schedule accordingly. Therefore, the Police Committee recommends the replacement of two new vehicles. Councilman Turner also suggested the purchase of an additional automatic license plate reader (ALPR), which is used to identify vehicles or persons whose plates are connected to a possible crime. The production from use of the reader is substantially higher than not using one. Further discussion is required to determine funding for an additional plate reader (\$16,000) and two new vehicles.

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Discussion was held regarding proposed changes to the floor area ratio (FAR). At last month's meeting the Council considered combining any increase in the allowable FAR with an increase in the required side-yard setbacks. The ordinance proposes a standard floor area ratio for the R-1 Zone shall remain at 0.225. However, new construction or major renovations of existing homes would be allowed an increase no greater than 0.24. The Mayor suggested the introduction of the proposed ordinance at the next meeting to allow the votes to determine the outcome since the full Council was not in agreement.

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Discussion was held regarding proposed revisions to the fire department regulations. Councilman Lane attended a fire committee meeting to discuss extending the term appointment for the fire chief from one to three years and eliminating the automatic appointment of the deputy fire chief to an elected position. The fire committee will propose the amendments to their department and follow up with Councilman Lane.

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**BILLS & CLAIMS:**

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2014, 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 \$154,984.25. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Lane, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.  
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Upon motion by Councilman Lane second by Councilman Mortimer, the meeting was unanimously adjourned to public session. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk