

**WORK SESSION
MARCH 3, 2015**

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 7:36 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 Police Chief Allan Attanasio, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Public Works Manager Ronald Romak and CFO Jill Goode.

Discussion was held regarding the annual recycling tonnage grant resolution. This resolution recognizes the Borough as a recycling community and appoints the recycling coordinator. The resolution must be submitted with the Borough's annual report to the State. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 17, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of the pool management staff for the 2015 season. It was recommended by Recreation Director Frank Masella that John Tosato be appointed as Pool Manager at a recommended salary of \$10,933.24, Scott Laudati (\$7,104.79) and Pat Mamrak (\$6,762.60) be appointed as Assistant Pool Managers. Council agreed and the proper resolution will be prepared for the March 17, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the pool concession stand contract with B&K. Councilman Turner informed Council that B&K Concessions would not be renewing the contract for the 2015 pool season. An advertisement to solicit quotes was published in the newspaper to find a new vendor.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for budget reserve transfers within the 2014 municipal budget in accordance with State Statute. The proper resolution will be prepared for the March 17, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Finance Officer to make additional appropriations to the 2015 temporary budget. Until the final 2015 municipal budget is formally adopted, temporary appropriations are made and approved by Council in order for the Borough to operate and meet their obligations. Due to the recent snow storms, an increase to the snow budget is required. The proper resolution will be prepared for additional appropriations to the 2015 temporary budget for the March 17, 2015 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 39-2015

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Highway Safety Fund 2014

SAFE CORRIDOR PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Council and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as HSF-2014-Mountainside Borough-00045 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Mountainside.

BE IT FURTHER SOLVED that the Mayor, Council and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Mountainside and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

Discussion was held regarding the police petty cash fund custodian. Due to the retirement of Chief Debbie, the Borough needs to authorize a new custodian of the petty cash fund. The Council agreed to authorize Chief Attanasio as the custodian of the police petty cash fund. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 17, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding amendments to the ordinances prohibiting the feeding of wild animals and procedures for licensing cats. Attorney Post will provide the Council with amendments to three Board of Health ordinances pertaining to the licensing and feeding of cats. These ordinances will become part of the borough code and regulates the feeding of outdoor cats and the requirements for licensing cats. The ordinances are expected to be introduced at the March 17, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding compensation for non-union employees. The A&E Committee recommended a 2% salary increase. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of March 17, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the 2015 municipal budget. Mayor Mirabelli highlighted the increases and decreases in the operating budget and anticipated revenues. The budget is expected to increase by 3% at a cost of \$82.27 per average assessed home. We are under the 2% budget CAP and the state aid remains flat. The budget will be introduced at the March 17, 2015 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 3rd day of March 2015, 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 \$405,564.16 (Copy of bill list attached).

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

Upon a motion by Councilman Dierkes and a second by Councilwoman Andre, 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 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 7:54 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:22 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk