

WORK SESSION
APRIL 7, 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 7:34 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Lane, Councilman Mortimer, Council President Turner, Attorney John Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Police Chief Allan Attanasio and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilman Messler was absent.

Discussion was held regarding proposed renovations to the Veterans Memorial located at Constitution Plaza. VFW Post Commander Timothy McLaughlin presented the Council with their plans to redesign the Memorial site. The project entails a redesign to expand, create a meeting place, provide permanent seating, incorporate a new monument design, erect (5) military flags, with new landscaping and a sidewalk. In the future, they plan to incorporate service memorial plaques. A grant application was submitted to the Watts Foundation to fund the \$30,000 project. The Watts Foundation decided not to fund the total project and asked the Veterans to attend the May meeting. The Post requested the support of the Council to reinstate electrical power at the site, provide engineering services and approve the installation of a sidewalk. The Council supports the project and will assist with possible grant opportunities and provided donation information to the local newspaper.

Discussion was held regarding two pool party waiver requests. The Mountainside PTA and Mountainside Youth Baseball have requested the use of the facilities at the Mountainside Community Pool on June 3, 2015 and June 10, 2015. They have requested that the fee of \$400 normally charged be waived. The proper resolution will be prepared for the April 21, 2015 meeting to grant permission for use of the pool and to waive the \$400 fee.

Discussion was held regarding department refunds. The Recreation Department submitted three refund requests resulting from class cancellations. The Building Department requested a permit refund of \$104 to Jayson Company after being replaced by another contractor. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of April 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of two new employees. The Police Department recommends Anthony P. DeLuca Jr. as the new Communication Officer at an annual salary of \$37,571.83. Public Works requests the hiring of Edward Parin at an annual salary of \$34,680. Council approved the recommendations. The appointing resolutions will be prepared for the April 21, 2014 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer to purchase gift checks for Deerfield School Graduation Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Council approved two gift checks in the amount of \$300 and \$200. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of April 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding a contribution request from TREND at Governor Livingston High School to sponsor a Day of Realization Program. Council agreed to contribute \$250.00 to support the program. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of April 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the review of the 2014 annual audit. It is the sixth consecutive year in which the financial statements had been approved by the auditors without any recommendations. The proper resolutions regarding the 2014 annual audit will be prepared for the meeting of April 21, 2015.

Discussion regarding the sale of a surplus ambulance from the Rescue Squad was moved to executive session.

Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from Friends of American Cancer Society of NJ for a 50/50 on premise raffle and an on premise draw raffle. The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve these applications will take place at the meeting of April 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the 2015 Pool Concession contract. The Recreation Committee recommends the contract be awarded to Samantha Grindlinger for the sum of \$10,000. Samantha Grindlinger was the only vendor to submit a proposal and has extensive experience in the food industry including her partnership with B&K Concessions for the last 4 years. The Council agreed with the recommendation as well as adjustments to the payment schedule. The proper resolution will be prepared for the April 21, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the approval to appoint Cassandra Lee Kinney 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 Ms. Kinney will take place at the meeting of April 21, 2015.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Mortimer and seconded by Councilwoman Andre:

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 7th day of April 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 \$138,381.84 (Copy of bill list attached.)

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

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer 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 8:16 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk