

WORK SESSION
JULY 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 7:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Lane, Councilman Messler, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Kathryn Rockwood and Administrator Debbie. Also present were CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella, and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilman Dierkes was absent.

Discussion was held regarding canceling out a receivable balance that exist in the records of the Borough. The balance comes from the NJ Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$142,080.00. The grant should have paid for a new generator at the Mountainside Public Library. FEMA never reimbursed the Borough or surrounding towns due to the rigorous restrictions, regulations and red tape involved. Councilman Mortimer will research the matter further. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 21, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenue in the amount of \$45,000.00 into the 2015 municipal budget for the Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of July 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding authorization to apply for the 2015 Kids Recreation Trust Grant Program. Some of the improvements include bike racks, safety pads for field light poles, backboards, tennis court repairs and field improvements which will require matching funds. In other business, the pool managers will work an extra week this season and require a pay extension. The proper resolution authorizing borough officials to make application for the grant will be prepared for the July 21, 2015 meeting.

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 a zoning permit refund applied for in error. The proper resolutions will be prepared for the meeting of July 21, 2015.

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 2015-2016. The projects to be submitted for approval are the Senior Citizen Coordinator, Senior Van Driver, and Senior Handyman Program. The proper resolution will be prepared for the July 21, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the authorization to appoint Christopher Sileo 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 the new firefighter will be made at the meeting of July 21, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the recent backups which have resulted due to a change in the traffic light pattern across Route 22 from New Providence Road. The state project was intended to alleviate traffic along Route 22 and in turn has caused long delays at this particular intersection. Mayor Mirabelli suggested the Police Department conduct a traffic study and work with the NJ Department of Transportation to help alleviate the congestion.

Discussion was held regarding the TNR program addressing the cat population along Timberline Court. The 3 day program captured 22 kittens and 15 cats. The kittens will be spayed/neutered and put up for adoption. All except for 2 sick cats were treated and released. The program will continue to address the 6-8 cats that the agency could not trap.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Mountainside School District for right of way access to fire/call boxes owned by the Borough. Access to the fire/call boxes is required in order to install fiber optic lines. The Council agreed to allow them right of way access.

Discussion was held regarding the increasing court interpreter fees. Administrator Debbie advised the Council that the matter was addressed and the court will make scheduling changes and also research call-in interpreter services.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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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 July 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 \$80,379.14. (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Lane, Messler, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilman Lane, 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 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 7:57 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:06 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk