

**WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 CFO Jill Goode, Recreation Director Frank Masella, Police Chief Allan Attanasio, and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak.

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 15, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a recreation refund. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends refunding a non-resident pool membership to Naomi Yablonsky who was unable to attend the pool due to medical reasons. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of September 15, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding raffle applications from the following organizations:

Community Access Unlimited, Inc.	50/50 off premise draw raffle On premise draw raffle
Mountainside PTA	50/50 on premise draw raffle On premise draw raffles (2)
NJ Association of Twins Mothers' Club	50/50 off premise draw raffle
Mountainside Education Foundation	50/50 on premise draw raffle 50/50 off premise draw raffle On premise draw raffle Casino night

The applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. A motion to approve these applications will take place at the September 15, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Tax Collector to authorize refunds for tax overpayments due to duplicate payments. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of September 15, 2015.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Ashley Osieja as Finance Clerk at an annual salary of \$34,500. The proper resolution will be prepared for the September 15, 2015 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed employee parking lot in front of borough hall. The employee parking lot will provide 19 additional parking spaces and allow the rental of more permit parking spaces to provide revenue to the borough. The Borough Engineer estimated the project cost to be \$40,000. The Mayor requested a diagram to assure the parking lot is aesthetically acceptable. The Mayor proposed funding the project from next year's capital budget.

Discussion was held regarding a County grant from confiscated funds for police body cameras. The County recently approved Mountainside's application to receive a grant of \$27,000 to purchase 18 body cameras to be used by the officers on patrol. All costs for the first year are covered by the grant. The annual cost to the Borough for years two through five will be \$13,554. The costs include licensing, docking, software, warranty, and cloud storage. The State of New Jersey recently mandated cameras for all new police vehicle purchases and it is likely that within the next few years the use of body worn cameras will also become mandatory

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

RESOLUTION 90-2015

WHEREAS, the Union County Prosecutor's Office sponsored a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Pilot Program which is now available to the County's municipal departments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside is interested in participating in the BWC Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the BWC Pilot Program allows the Borough of Mountainside to enter into a five-year agreement with Taser International for the purchase and storage of 18 body-worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the BWC Pilot Program, the Borough will receive \$27,687.30 for the purchase and storage of 18 body-worn cameras during the first year of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the remaining four years of the agreement will be funded by the Borough of Mountainside at an annual cost of \$13,554.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the Mountainside Police Department is authorized to participate in the Union County Prosecutor's Office Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program.

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

Discussion was held regarding a new youth community relations program spearheaded by the Mountainside Police Department. Students who collect the most Mountainside Police Department Trading Cards from the different members of the department will win various prizes. The program will be for children up to 12 years old. Parents will receive guidelines to follow in order to promote a safe environment when collecting the trading cards. The objective of this community outreach program is to foster relationships between the youth of our community and the members of the police department.

Discussion was held regarding status of the traffic issues on Route 22 and New Providence Road. Borough officials have expressed to NJDOT their concerns regarding the retimed traffic lights that have caused significant backups. The NJDOT is investigating the situation and possible solutions. Some changes may include reversing the traffic pattern and extending the gap timing from two seconds to four seconds. The NJDOT will continue to survey the situation.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

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

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 1st day of September 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 \$78,779.69. (Copy of bill list attached)

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

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer second by Councilman Messler, the meeting was unanimously adjourned to public session. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk