REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2026

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 7:31 P.M.

INVOCATION: Councilman Rinaldo
SALUTE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilman Dierkes, Council President Matejek, Councilwoman Pacifico Councilman Rinaldo, Councilman Van Deusen (by phone), Councilwoman Wass, Administrator Mortimer and Attorney Post. Also present were Senior Coordinator Kim Moriak, DPW Director Matthew DeAnna, Recreation Director Frank Masella and Police Chief Joseph Giannuzzi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Councilman Matejek and a second by Councilwoman Wass, the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held on September 15, 2026 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Pacifico and a second by Councilwoman Wass, the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 29, 2026 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Wass and a second by Councilwoman Pacifico, the minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on October 6, 2026 were approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

OATH OF OFFICE: Police Officer James Greaney

PROCLAMATIONS:

Red Ribbon Week

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide event dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of making healthy choices and living drug-free; and

WHEREAS, this annual observance began in 1985 as a tribute to the life of Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who lost his life while fighting against drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle against substance abuse and its impact on our communities, families, and youth; and

WHEREAS, the commitment to educate our children about the dangers of drug use and to encourage healthy alternatives is essential for fostering a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, schools, families, and community organizations play a vital role in promoting awareness, support, and prevention efforts throughout this week and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul N. Mirabelli, Mayor of the Borough of Mountainside do hereby proclaim October 23 through October 31, 2026 as Red Ribbon Week in the Borough of Mountainside, and urge all residents to join in recognizing this important event by participating in activities that promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

National First Responders Day

WHEREAS, first responders—including public works professionals, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, 911 operators, paramedics, and other emergency personnel—stand on the front lines of our communities, selflessly serving and protecting the citizens of Borough of Mountainside in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, first responders respond swiftly and courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether in natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or public health and safety threats; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Borough of Mountainside to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and other first responder efforts in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, as of 2019 the US Senate has included language recognizing public works alongside fellow/other first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Paul N. Mirabelli, Mayor of the Borough of Mountainside, on behalf of the Borough Council, do hereby designate October 28, 2026, as National First Responders Day. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies paying tribute to our public works first responders alongside law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, 911 operators, and other emergency personnel, to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing the quality of life for all.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

RESOLUTION 127-2026

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue the following refunds:

Applicant	For	Amount
Greg Lifton 1214 Foothill Way Mountainside, NJ 07092	T-Ball Clinic	$191.00
Stephanie Friedman 1577 Grouse Lane Mountainside, NJ 07092	T-Ball Clinic	$191.00
Victoria Tortora 4 Goldstar Way Mountainside, NJ 07092	T-Ball Clinics	$382.00

Lauren Stafford 1366 Outlook Drive Mountainside, NJ 07092	T-Ball Clinic	$191.00
Kate Vanderheyden 598 West Court Scotch Plains, NJ 07076	Pickleball	$148.00
Danielle Gubitosi 996 Chimney Ridge Drive Mountainside, NJ 07092	T-Ball Clinic	$191.00
Josh Donovan 115 Hill Hollow Road Watchung, NJ 07069	Cheer/Dance	$185.00
Jose Lopez 593 Woodland Ave Mountainside, NJ 07092	Robotics	$230.00
Stacey Schell 1451 Dunn Parkway Mountainside, NJ 07092	Robotics	$230.00
Joseph Imbriani 237 Apple Tree Lane Mountainside, NJ 07092	Road Opening Bond	$2,000.00

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Wass and seconded by Councilwoman Pacifico.

RESOLUTION 128-2026

SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE YEAR 53 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside advertised a public notice for and will conduct a public hearing on, October 20, 2026, to consider proposals for the Union County Year 53 Community Block Development Grant Program ("CDBG"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside hereby expresses its support of the Union County Year 53 CDBG Program submission presented to the Governing Body as set forth in the grant application received, for the following program:

1. Senior Citizens Social Services Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the County of Union along with all applications required for CDBG program submission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilman Rinaldo.

RESOLUTION 129-2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under cooperative pricing system contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Police Department are in need of pursuit vehicles and by utilizing Co-Op contracts the Borough can receive competitive pricing, on a timely basis, without the expense and time involved in undertaking independent competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside intends to enter into a purchase contract with All American Ford of Paramus, NJ pursuant to Bergen County Co-Op contract #CK04 for the acquisition of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the cost for a 2026 Ford Interceptor AWD with options is $50,765.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union State of New Jersey that the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Interceptors with options in the amount of $101,530.00 under terms and provisions of contract #CK04 be and hereby are approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

RESOLUTION 130-2026

WHEREAS, the A&E Committee has recommended a one-time bonus to the following Municipal Employee:

Matthew DeAnna $10,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing bonus compensation be implemented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Pacifico and seconded by Councilman Matejek.

RESOLUTION 131-2026

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli hereby authorizes the following appointments and unexpired terms:

Library Board of Trustees:
Richard Worth 10/21/2026 – 12/31/2027

Board of Health:
Michele Worth 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2029

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES: First Reading (Introduction)

ORDINANCE 1361-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1346-2025 FIXING SALARY RANGESFOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Ordinance 1346-2025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A&E			
Borough Administrator	$ 25,000 -	$135,000	
Administrator Assistant	15,000 -	40,000	
Borough Clerk/Registrar/QPA/Board of Health Secretary	70,000 -	165,000	
Deputy Borough Clerk/Deputy Registrar	30,000 -	75,000	
Mayor	2,500 -	8,000	
Council Member	1,200 -	6,000	
Finance			
Chief Finance Officer/Tax Collector	70,000 -	165,000	
Finance Assistant	40,000 -	75,000	
Assistant CFO	60,000 -	100,000	
Assistant Tax Collector	15.00 -	45.00	Hourly
CFO Mentor	50.00 -	75.00	Hourly
Police			
Chief of Police/Deputy OEM	100,000 -	240,000	
Administrative Assistant/Payroll Clerk/ Planning Board Recording Secretary	30,000 -	80,000	
Records Clerk	15.00 -	30.00	Hourly
Communications Officers	35,000 -	80,000	
Crossing Guard	15.00 -	30.00	Hourly
Class II Special Officer	25.00 -	50.00	Hourly
Per Diem Communications Officer	25.00 -	45.00	Hourly
Building			
Construction Official/Building Subcode Official/ Building Inspector	10,000 -	60,000	
Construction Secretary	20,000 -	70,000	
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	40,000 -	80,000	
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (PT)	25.00 -	50.00	Hourly
Secretary: DPW/Zoning/Assessing	30,000 -	70,000	
Secretary: DPW/Engineer/Zoning/Tax Assessor	20.00 -	50.00	Hourly
Planning Board Secretary	25.00 -	40.00	Hourly
Recording Secretary Planning Board (per meeting)	300 -	400	
Inspectors: (Plumbing/Building/Electrical)	35.00 -	60.00	Hourly
Fire Prevention/Fire Subcode Official	35.00 -	60.00	Hourly
Zoning Officer	35.00 -	75.00	Hourly
Public Works Director/Deputy OEM	70,000 -	165,000	
Public Works Employees	40,000 -	80,000	
Public Works Foreman	40,000 -	85,000	
Engineer	35,000 -	100,000	

Tax Assessor	15,000 -	40,000
Assistant to Assessor	3,000 -	10,000
Certified Wastewater & Treatment Operator	2,000 -	5,000
Sub Construction Official/Inspector	35.00-	60.00 Hourly
Court Administrator	40,000 -	110,000
Deputy Court Administrator	30,000 -	70,000
Violations Clerk	15.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Court Temporary Staffing	23.00 -	35.00 Hourly
Court Temporary Staffing (per call)	80.00 -	150.00
Municipal Judge	15,000 -	45,000
Municipal Prosecutor	15,000 -	40,000
Public Defender	3,600 -	8,000
Miscellaneous		
Handyman	15.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Drug Alliance Coordinator	3,000 -	5,000
Cable TV Coordinator	15.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Cable TV	15.00 -	25.00 Hourly
Website Coordinator	1,000 -	5,000
Board of Health Secretary	3,000 -	7,000
Senior Citizen Coordinator	15,000 -	85,000
Senior Van Driver	15.00 -	40.00 Hourly
OEM Director	5,000 -	20,000
OEM Deputy Director	2,500 -	15,000
Temporary Staffing	15.00 -	75.00 Hourly
Administrative Secretary	1,000-	5,000
Administrative Secretary	20.00 -	65.00 Hourly
Grant Coordinator	1,000-	10,000
Recreation		
Recreation Program Coordinator	20,000 -	70,000
Recreation Director/Pool Administrator/Pool Technician	40,000 -	150,000
Recreation Dept Secretary/Pool Bookkeeper	20,000 -	70,000
Assistant Recreation Director	30,000 -	75,000
Recreation Assistant	30,000-	70,000
Recreation Assistant (P/T)	20.00-	25.00
Pool Manager	6,000 -	17,000
Pool Manager	18.00-	35.00 Hourly
Assistant Pool Manager	4,000 -	11,000
Assistant Pool Manager	18.00 -	30.00 Hourly
Pool Secretary (P/T)	14.00 -	20.00
Swim Instructors	14.00 -	22.00
Head Life Guards	17.00-	24.00
Life Guards	15.00 -	22.00
Main Gate Control	14.00 -	20.00
Maintenance Foreman	14.00 -	20.00
Maintenance Personnel	14.00 -	20.00
Swim Coach	1,750 -	4,500
Assistant Swim Coach	200 -	2,500
Diving Coach	1,400 -	3,500
Assistant Pool Tech	2,000 -	5,000
Fitness/Sports Instructor (per person, per hour, per class)	2.00 -	70.00
Tennis Lesson Instructor (per person, per hour, per session)	10.00 -	150.00
Art/Crafts Instructor (per person, per class)	2.00 -	40.00
Sports Supervisor (per session)	25.00 -	90.00
Sports Supervisor	15.00-	18.00 Hourly
Youth Tennis Team Coach (per season)	350.00 -	1,500
Men's Softball Supervisor (per season)	100.00 -	500.00
Activity Supervisor (per session)	10.00 -	75.00

Sports Official (per session)	10.00 -	180.00	
Assignor (per game)	2.00 -	12.00	
Summer Playground Supervisor	17.00 -	28.00	Hourly
Summer Playground Assistant Counselor	15.00 -	22.00	Hourly
Sports Coach	1,500 -	3,500	
Middle School Team Coach (per season)	350 -	4,500	
Rutgers Safety Clinician	50.00-	65.00	Hourly
Sports Scorekeeper	15.00-	22.00	Hourly
Sports Trainer	25.00-	50.00	Hourly

This ordinance shall be effective upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

It was moved by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilwoman Wass that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in full for a public hearing on November 24, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0

First Reading (Introduction)

ORDINANCE 1362-2026

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($100,000.00) FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO FUND THE EMERGENCY AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 89-2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL POOL UTILITY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Resolution No. 89-2026, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside authorized an emergency appropriation for electrical repairs at the Municipal Pool Utility.

SECTION 2. The sum of $100,000.00 is appropriated to fund the emergency as adopted by Resolution No. 89-2026.

SECTION 3. The appropriation authorized by this Ordinance shall be fully funded from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of $100,000.00

SECTION 4. This ordinance is intended to provide permanent funding for the emergency expenditure authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 89-2026.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

It was moved by Councilman Matejek and seconded by Councilwoman Wass that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in full for a public hearing on November 24, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilwoman Wass.

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 20th day of October 2026, 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 $660,396.61 (Copy of bill list attached).

Roll Call: Ayes: Dierkes, Matejek, Pacifico, Rinaldo, Van Deusen, Wass. Nays: 0

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Rinaldo thanked the officers of the Police Department who assisted with my father's funeral procession.

Councilman Matejek announced Halloween on Old Tote and the need for candy donations.

Councilwoman Wass praised the Rescue Squad Spooky Trail and announced upcoming senior programs.

Mayor Mirabelli mentioned candy donations for Halloween and the Elks Trivia Night. The Mayor presented a grant check received in the amount of $365,000 for the Emergency Operations Center.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Alyssa Rivoto, 1507 Fox Trail, raised questions regarding high-density housing in Mountainside, specifically asking which areas of the community are suitable for development. It was noted that Mountainside was required to designate an overlay zone for multifamily housing, including areas along Echo Lake, the movie theater, and a property near Route 22. The designated areas allow for a density of 12 unites per acre, with a 20% set-aside requirement. Ms. Rivoto also asked whether members of the Council receive compensation and how much additional time they devote to their responsibilities. In response, it was explained that Council members receive a small stipend and contribute additional time by serving on various committees and attending numerous community events. Additionally, Ms. Rivoto inquired about the possibility of campaign debates being held in the future.

Tom Ronckovitz, Bridle Path, shared that, following a disruptive incident at his home, he has finally returned home. He expressed his gratitude to his friends and neighbors for their support and assistance during this difficult time, specifically recognizing the Mirabelli family for their help.

Upon a motion by Councilman Matejek and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

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Martha Lopez, RMC
Borough Clerk