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AGENDA
September 19, 2023
Council Conference Meeting
7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATION

BIDS

RESOLUTIONS

Finance Policy Committee

1. Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund Recreation Department Fees
2. Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to draw warrant for overpaid taxes in 2023
3. Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to draw warrant for Risk Management Consultant Fee

Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee

1. Resolution to award contract for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras for the Police Department

Code Review & Town Property Committee

1. Resolution to approve Children's Amusement Device License
2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement for leaf collection Service with the Township of Scotch Plains

Public Works Committee

ORDINANCES

GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS

EXECUTIVE SESSION



**TOWN OF WESTFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
8:00 PM
PROPOSED AGENDA**

This agenda is prepared for the information of the public. It is the order of the meeting; however, if changes in order, deletions or additions are made, they will be noted at the time.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation
3. Salute to the flag
4. Appointments
5. Presentations
6. Advertised Hearings
 1. GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMERICAN LEGION REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
7. Approval of Minutes from Town Council Conference Session held September 5, 2023
Approval of Minutes from Town Council Regular Meeting held September 5, 2023
8. Petitions and Communications
9. Open discussion by citizens
10. Bills and Claims in the amount of \$1,172,108.77
11. Reports of Standing Committees

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMERICAN LEGION
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas designated by the municipality as being in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the Westfield Town Council (the “**Governing Body**”) passed Resolution 225-2020, declaring that the entirety of the Town of Westfield (the “**Town**”) met the statutory criteria for designation as an area in need of rehabilitation pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, and designating all parcels within the Town as areas in need of rehabilitation (the “**Rehabilitation Area**”); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body determined that the use of the redevelopment powers granted to municipalities under the Redevelopment Law would be the most effective approach to revitalize the parcels contained in the Rehabilitation Area; and

WHEREAS, included within the Redevelopment Area is Block 2603, Lot 3.01, as shown on the official tax maps of the Town, and known commonly as 1003 North Avenue, West (the “**Property**”); and

WHEREAS, the Town retained the professional planning services of Topology which has prepared a redevelopment plan for the Property, dated July 6, 2023, entitled the “*American Legion Redevelopment Plan*,” a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”); and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan is part of an effort by the Town to promote the rehabilitation of underutilized and vacant properties in and around the Town’s core and, to advance this objective, this Redevelopment Plan sets forth a vision and standards for the use of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined it to be in the best interests of the Town, the Property, and the Rehabilitation Area to adopt the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, immediately following the introduction of this Ordinance, the Town Clerk was directed to refer this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan to the Town of Westfield Planning Board (the “**Planning Board**”) for its review and

recommendations pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, which review shall take place within forty-five (45) days of the referral.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield as follows:

1. The American Legion Redevelopment Plan, dated July 6, 2023, a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted in its entirety, and referred to the Planning Board for review and recommendations pursuant to the Redevelopment Law.

2. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.

3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as required by law.

4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption passage and publication as required by law.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO.

FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

September 19, 2023

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual via credit card:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Itay Michaeli	Withdrew	Ultimate Camp/Session 2 Jacob Michaeli	\$147.25 Credit Card
Mary T Nowak	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Almost Session 1 / Fall 2023	\$104.50 Credi Card
Maria Johnson	Withdrew	Brightwood Kids Nature Class Eleni Johnson / September 21	\$5.00 Credit Card
Amy Casiere	Class Canceled	Safe Sitters Babysitting Class Sept 9 / Joseph Casiere	\$125.00 Credit Card
Angela LaVigne	Class Canceled	Safe Sitters Babysitting Class Sept 9 / Sophia LaVigne Class	\$125.00 Credit Card
Elisabeth Gordon	Withdrew	Field Hockey Fall Clinics Elyssa Gordon	\$123.00 Credit Card
Timothy Marinakis	Class Canceled	Zumbini w/Alli – Fall Class Claire Marinakis	\$220.00 Credit Card
Henrietta Pikovski	Class Canceled	Zumbini w/Alli – Fall Class Leah Pikovski	\$220.00 Credit Card
Ishita Soni	Class Canceled	Zumbini w/Alli – Fall Class Shyra Soni	\$220.00 Credit Card
Trudy Cederqvist	Withdrew	Ultimate / Middle School Kurt Cederqvist	\$359.10 Credit Card
Susana Hodge	Withdrew	2023 Memorial Pool Membership Non-Resident Family of 4 or Less	\$755.25 Credit Card
Nicholas Tysk	Withdrew	Performance Speed & Agility David Tysk	\$60.00 Credit Card
Patricia Greeley	Discount/Employee	Lifeguard Certification Class Patrick Greeley	\$55.00 Credit Card

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO.

FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be, and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, these amounts being overpaid for 2023:

<u>Block/Lot/Qualifier</u>		<u>Quarter/Year</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
104/6	130 Madison Avenue West	2 nd /2023
CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS		\$3,090.96
PO Box 9202		
Coppell, TX 75019-9760		
1103/20	257 Sylvania Place	3 rd /2023
LERETA, LLC		\$7,364.25
Attn: Central Refunds		
901 Corporate Center Dr.		
Pomona, CA 91768		
1903/12	219 Lynn Lane	2 nd /2023
CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS		\$4,509.54
PO Box 9202		
Coppell, TX 75019-9760		

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO.

FINANCE POLICY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has resolved to join both the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, following a detailed analysis and has been a member since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said funds require that each municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield solicited requests for proposals for such services in accordance with G.O. 1753 of the Town of Westfield; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that the commission rate shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the Member's Annual Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Brown and Brown, 56 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068 submitted a proposal to perform such services outlined for two percent (2%) of annual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the aforesaid Fund require that in such case the municipality will make payment for such professional services directly to the Risk Management Consultant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Westfield be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to draw warrant to the order of Brown and Brown, 56 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068, in the sum of \$12,747.00 representing the second half of the annual assessment.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in 2019, by Resolution 158-219, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield authorized the purchase of a mobile video recording system for each Westfield Police Department police vehicle (primarily used for traffic stops) and for body worn cameras (for uniformed police officers engaging in patrol activities) under State Contract T0106, to comply with the everchanging needs and best practices of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, pursuant to an act of the state legislature, body worn cameras became mandated for use by every uniformed police officer who engages in patrol activities; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Police Department is now seeking to enter into a new Agreement with Axon Enterprise that shall allow it to purchase: 1) an upgraded mobile video recording system for each police vehicle primarily used for traffic stops that includes automatic license plate reader capability; and 2) an upgraded body worn camera for each and every officer, this to include detectives and plainclothes officers, this through the approval of a new Agreement with Axon Enterprise, the total costs of which shall be extended over a new 5-year time period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise, the projected costs to date for Year 1 shall be approximately \$237,287.00; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise of P.O. Box 29661, Department 2018, Phoenix, AZ 85038 was awarded State Contract T0106, under the Department of Purchase and Property's NJStart eProcurement Solution, purchase order 17-FLEET-00738, Category 14 for Police Body Camera Solution and 14A for installation, consulting services, hardware/software configuration, training, and hourly repair services rates; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Police Department has been awarded \$124,318.00 in grant monies from the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, this specifically for the purchase of body worn cameras and which may be applied to the costs of this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Police Department has received authorization from the Union County Prosecutor to apply \$48,316.59 of its Municipal Law Enforcement Trust Fund monies towards the costs of this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the upgraded mobile video recording systems with automatic license plate reader capability and upgraded body worn cameras proposed for purchase in this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise and the servicing of same shall be sufficient to meet the operational needs of the Westfield Police Department and statutory requirements of the State of New Jersey, this as determined by the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, acting in the greatest interest of the safety and security of the community it serves, does hereby authorize the Westfield Police Department to enter into this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of adequate funds for the payment of costs of this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. now due and which are to be charged as follows, under

Purchase Order No.23-03258 which has been prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-1.10:

Reserve for County Law Enforcement Trust Account	T-05-600-021	\$48,316.59
NJ Attorney General Body Worn Camera Grant	3-01-55-900-250	124,318.00
Special Ordinance (S.O.) 2221	C-07-21-222-1B1	21,814.56
Accounts Payable (2021)	3-01-55-900-211	7,763.19
Police Budget	3-01-130-216	<u>35,074.66</u>
Total		\$237,287.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield does hereby authorize the Westfield Police Department to enter into this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Town Officials be and are hereby authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution and discharge of this new Agreement with Axon Enterprise of P.O. Box 29661, Department 2018, Phoenix, AZ85038-9661.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. –2023

CODE REVIEW & TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

RESOLVED that the following application for children’s amusement devices be approved:

Funster Entertainment
306 16th Street
Union City, NJ 07087

500 Block Edgar Road Block Party
September 30, 2023
500 Block Edgar Road
Westfield, NJ 07090

500 Block Edgar Road
September 30, 2023
500 Block Edgar Road
Westfield, NJ 07090

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WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO.

CODE REVIEW & TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and appropriate town officials are hereby authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Leaf Collection Services between the Township of Scotch Plains and the Town of Westfield.