

Capital Budget Meeting March 22, 2016

The Special Capital Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 6:19pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Santomauro, Councilman John Chiaia, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond, Councilman Arthur Rees

Absent: Councilman Astorino

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Chief Mark Deuer, Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk and Richard Mondelli, CFO.

Mayor Alessi called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter, 231, P.L. 1975.

Mayor Alessi asked Chief Deuer to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

### **Citizens to Be Heard**

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public. No one came forward

### **Items for Discussion**

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming in early for this meeting to finalize the capital budget for 2016.

2016 Capital Budget – Mel Levine asked if everyone reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Levine explained that at the last meeting, Police Chief Deuer stated that he needed the Police Vehicle 4x4 Chevy Tahoe this year but would do without the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor men's bathroom being refurbished and the rifles.

Mr. Levine stated that all of Court items were approved at the last meeting.

Mr. Levine went through the Fire Department items as to the Turn Out Gear, Mr. Mondelli stated that there was \$12,000 left from a previous Capital Budget that would cover that purchase. The Council said to put the request for Fireground Technologies (Firefighter Rescue Bailout System and Training) and Repair of Engine 5 into the Capital Budget but they would like to see more information on these requests before they are purchased. The Council removed the nozzle and the upgrade of lighting for Engine 6 from the request. The replacement of the roof for the Community Center was agreed to be completed this year.

The Mayor & Council decided that it was not necessary this year to purchase the message boards for OEM as they were discussing the new Message Board for Borough Hall.

Mr. Levine stated that at the last meeting it was decided that the Office Supplies for Administration would be moved to the Operating Budget.

Mr. Michael Credico explained that he did a survey of the surrounding towns of public WIFI at their pools and community parks. Caldwell-West Caldwell, Cedar Grove and Verona all have it at their pools as well as their community parks whereas Caldwell has it as their Community Center and Borough Buildings. He also stated that eliminating the Conference Room Media out of the Technology Budget and the Channel 77 Overhaul brought down the total. The Mayor & Council decided to go with the new total for the Technology capital.

Mr. Levine asked Mr. Zichelli to explain the requests for the Public Works Department. Mr. Zichelli stated that he has requested the roads that need the most work and that the cost of the traffic signal at the high school is included in this request. He also stated he has requested fencing for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Liberty Field to help curb the deer feces on the fields. He is removing the new gas line at Fireman's Community Center as much as that would be a nice item but it is not needed at this time. The 4WD Dump Truck with Snowplow and Sander would bring the department up to the count to where they can maintain the roads during the storms without any problems. The radios are needed. The landscape rake and leaf blower were discussed at the last meeting and can be removed. The air jack is needed to maintain the equipment and trucks in house. The Salter and Brine Truck can be purchased with funds left over from last year's capital budget. He also stated that he has two items for his department to do maintenance on the pool. The Mayor and Council approved those items.

Councilman Raymond explained that the Splash Park came in at a much higher estimate than what was put in the Capital Budget, so they were removing that from their requests. They would like to replace the baby pool after this season and requested \$30,000 for that to be added to the \$18,000 remaining from past pool capital budgets. The Council discussed this and decided to increase the amount so that there was a total of \$60,000 to replace the baby pool including the \$18,000.

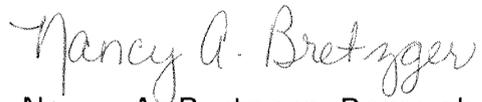
The request for the fencing, gate & locks around the tennis courts was approved. The Mountain Avenue Field repair of the stairs and rock retaining wall repairs will be addressed by DPW. The fencing for Liberty Field was addressed in Public Works. Councilman Raymond explained that since the winter was mild, the DPW was able to work on Fireman's Field so he would like to change that budget request to Liberty Field. Frank Zichelli stated that DPW can work on Liberty Field and do the work for a little less than what is budgeted for. The Mayor & Council agreed to this.

The Mayor & Council then discussed the Electronic Signage for Borough Hall. Chief Deuer and Michael Credico explained that they have spoken to a company about the sign and it has been recommended that the sign be relocated for better vision by passersby' to closer to the front of the building. It was asked to have a drawing of where the placement of the sign would go and how the front of the building would look. It was decided to budget \$60,000.00 for the purchase of the sign, installation and reconfiguration of the front of Borough Hall.

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There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman that this meeting be adjourned at 6:59p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Bretzger".

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk