

Conference Meeting June 13, 2017

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 5:39pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia

Absent: Councilman Raymond

Councilman Kessler and Councilman Rees arrived at 5:45pm.

Also, present were Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mark Deuer, Police Chief, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk

David M. Paris, Borough Attorney arrived at 5:55pm

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 Police Chief Deuer to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens to Be Heard

Carol Astin – 45 Deer Trail Road – Mrs. Astin explained that she was here to get a better understanding of how the renovations to the schools will affect her taxes as well as the senior residents in town. Mayor Alessi explained that the Borough's portion of the taxes that are paid is only \$.17 of the real estate tax dollar collected. He stated that the rest of the taxes are distributed to the North Caldwell and West Essex Board of Education and the County. He advised Mrs. Astin to attend the North Caldwell Board of Education meetings where they can explain the plans. He also stated that any improvements will be put to a referendum in March, 2018 for the community's approval.

Nancy Patrick – 17 Farmstead Road – Mrs. Patrick explained that she substitute teaches and having the classroom sizes smaller is better for the learning environment for the students.

Items for Discussion

Landscaping Licenses Requirements– Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, stated that this was an off shoot of the leaf blowing ordinance. Mr. Levine stated that he has heard from residents and feels that it should be added to the ordinance that the landscapers need to put cones and signs for the bigger trucks parked in the street so that the drivers can see them. The Council stated that is a Title 39 motor vehicle issue and not an issue for a Borough ordinance.

The Mayor & Council decided to have further discussion of this proposed ordinance at the July conference meeting.

NJDOT Grant Award for Pavement Improvements Winding Way & Highland Drive– Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer stated that we have received a grant from the NJDOT for the improvements to Winding Way & Highland Drive. He stated that he is working on the bid specifications.

Walker Property Subdivision – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that the plans are completed and are ready to be presented to the Planning Board. Mr. Zichelli asked who the Mayor and Council would like to represent the Borough to the Planning Board. Mayor Alessi stated that he would like Mr. Angelo Cifelli of Piro Zinna Cifelli Paris and Genitempo to handle the submission to the Planning Board. The plans can be presented in July or August to the Board.

Action to be Taken

Resolution R-123-17 Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,428,344.86 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-124-17 Liquor License Renewal – Green Brook Country Club was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-125-17 Establishing 2017 Employee Salaries was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-126-17 Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2017 – Summer Fun was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia with Councilman Astorino abstaining. Said motion was passed by a vote of four with one abstention.

Resolution R-127-17 Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2017 – Municipal Pool was tabled until after discussion in Executive Session.

Resolution R-128-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Donations to The Borough of North Caldwell from the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Resolution R-129-17 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgment (2) 137 Gould Avenue/Ms. Fox; B. Contract Negotiations – (1) Caldwell Sewer Utility (2) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement; C. Personnel (1) DPW Union Contract (2) Public Works (3) Recreation Seasonal Employees; D. Liquor License was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

The public meeting was reopened at 6:25pm.

Mayor Alessi left the meeting at 6:30pm to attend the graduation ceremony of the Gould School 6th graders.

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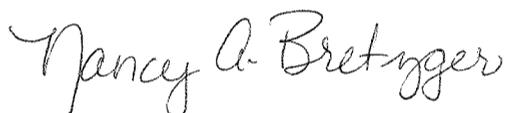
There was discussion amongst the Council of naming rights for the Borough fields. The Recreation Foundation has asked for the Council's input as to whether their group was a feasible way of raising money by selling the naming rights of the fields. David M. Paris, Borough Attorney will research as to whether there is any state statute as to if this allowed and what the steps are for doing this.

Resolution R-130-17 Authorization for Memorandum of Understanding with Anthony Romano was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-127-17 Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2017 – Municipal Pool was read with the increase to \$8.44/hour (minimum wage) for lifeguards that are making less than minimum wage. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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 Chiaia that this meeting be adjourned at 6:38pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk