

Conference Meeting October 13, 2015

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:30pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Joshua Raymond

Absent: Councilman Rees

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Police Chief Mark Deur and Teresa King, Administrative Assistant

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 Teresa King 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 from the public came forward.

Items for Discussion

Possibility of No Parking Signs During School Hours on Northwest Section of Gould Avenue – Mayor Alessi spoke regarding the safety of the school children on Gould Avenue. It was discussed that a sidewalk is not an option at this time as it would be costly. Chief Deur explained that some residents of Gould Avenue may not be on board with installing a sidewalk as they would then be responsible for shoveling during the winter months. A metal barrier, creating a hybrid sidewalk, was also discussed as an option. Chief Deur explained that it would narrow the street too much and interfere with the homes on Gould Avenue.

Councilman Raymond suggested the use of signs. Cones or horses being placed on the road were also discussed as a way of reminding drivers to be aware of the children.

It was decided that signs will be placed along Gould Avenue. Chief Deur said he will contact some of the residents to inform them signs along with cones or horses will be placed on the road. The issue is open to be readdressed in the future for the possibility of applying for a grant to install a sidewalk.

Lowering of Speed Limit on Mountain Avenue – Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli, spoke about the speed survey on Mountain Avenue. The data had been distributed to the Council and indicates that the majority of drivers are driving within, or in some cases, below the speed limit. As there have only been seven accidents in the last five years, four of which involved deer, it was decided to expand the test area. Frank suggested, and it was decided, to expand the test area from West Greenbrook Avenue to Elm Place. By doing this, it will provide the Borough with a better indication as to whether it warrants contacting the county on lowering the speed limit.

2015 Best Practices – Borough Administrator, Mel Levine, stated that the Best Practices was up three points from last year. Mel Levine stated that he called the state to inquire about receiving additional money. The Borough will be receiving the anticipated amount of \$457,000, the same amount as before.

Action to Be Taken

Resolution R-158-15 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,216,848.49 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-159-15 – A Resolution Approving An Amendment to the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement Regarding Affordable Action Litigation. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-160-15 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Inter-Municipal Agreement by and Between the Borough of North Caldwell, the Township of Little Falls and the Township of Cedar Grove Relative to Elkay Realty's Weaver Street Construction Project was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Resolution R-161-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Contract Negotiations (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility (3) Recycling Contract and Potential Litigation – Advance Recycling – Gaeta B. Personnel – (1) Public Defender C. Litigation – Galaxy and COAH Litigation Status and Issues. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:16pm

Resolution R-162-15 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Assignment and Assumption of Municipal Contract Between Advanced Recycling, Inc. and Get-A-Can, Inc. was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Raymond abstaining. 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 Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 9:20pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa King, Administrative Assistant