

Conference Meeting February 10, 2015

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:39pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Council Members: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman John Chiaia, Councilman Joshua Raymond, Councilman Arthur Rees

Absent: Mayor Alessi

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

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

Council President Santomauro asked Councilman Chiaia to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens To Be Heard

Council President Santomauro opened the floor to the public. No one came forward.

Items for Discussion

- A. Turf Field – Councilman Chiaia stated that it has been a few years that we have been talking about installing a turf field. There has been talk about bonding the entire field. Councilman Chiaia has asked the CFO, Richard Mondelli, to comment on our bond issue. Our last bond payment for the 1999 bond was made last year. We do not have to go out for bond this year. We can wait to see what is going on with Walker’s property and at that time borrow the money for both the Walker property and the turf field. Councilman Raymond stated that he has some concerns about a turf field as to whether that it is a “need” and not just a “want” for the community at this time. He stated that maybe the Borough should be looking into building a community center instead of the turf field.
- B. Pool Membership – Councilman Raymond stated that a memo was circulated by Bill Maranz and that Bill was trying to think outside of the box by marketing to Roseland residents. He would also like to start a rebate program for members of the pool who refer out-of-town pool memberships. The Council agreed this would be a good incentive plan.
- C. Recreation Spring/Summer Programs – Councilman Raymond stated that recreation would like to run a camp between the end of school and summer camp starts for 4-hours a day. North Caldwell would receive \$35.00 per participant.
- D. Mountain Avenue Traffic Study - Frank Zichelli explained that he is not confident with the weather conditions on the roads lately. He would like to wait until the weather is a little better to get better readings. The Council agreed.

- E. Board of Health Contract with West Caldwell – Mel Levine stated that there is no increase in 2015, one percent increase in 2016. It will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.
- F. Galaxy Recycling – Frank Zichelli stated that he attended the County Waste Meeting today. He also explained that Galaxy recycling has filed for bankruptcy, he is not aware of which chapter they have filed for. David Paris stated that he has represented Galaxy in the past but has not represented them recently. Frank Zichelli explained to the Council that they are our recycling market, that they buy the recycled materials from us. He stated that we may be in jeopardy for one or two months of payment.
- G. Lighttower Right of Way Use Agreement – Frank Zichelli explained that he did a little research on this. He will look into this a little further. This appears to be technology related.
- H. Update on traffic light at W. Greenbrook Road & Jay L. Hand Drive– Frank Zichelli stated that recent conversations with the county is that they will pay for the installation of the traffic light and we will reimburse them. The light has to be designed to their standards. There will be a new agreement done.

Action to Be Taken

- A. Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-1-15 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue Council President Santomauro motioned to Open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-1-15 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-1-15-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Raffle Application by North Caldwell Partnership for Education (NCPE) for a 50/50 – Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the Raffle application to North Caldwell Partnership for Education (NCPE) for March 6, 2015 for a 50/50 Raffle, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.
- C. Resolution R-35-15 - Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,238,640.80 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution R-36-15 – Appointment of Volunteer Fire Department Member – John L. Collito was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- E. Resolution R-38-15 – Resolution Confirming Appointment of Jamie Cannon as Program Director of the Borough of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Resolution R-37-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: Potential Litigation – Anthony and Lauren Rainone v. Borough of North Caldwell - Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:35pm.

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 8:37pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk