

Conference Meeting May 12, 2015

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, May 12, 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 Frank Astorino, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond, Councilman Arthur Rees

Absent: Councilman John Chiaia

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

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 Henry Foustehausler to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public.

Henry Foustehausler - 188 Mountain Avenue – Mr. Foustehausler suggested possibly testing the busing with Caldwell/West Caldwell for one year and see how that works. Borough Administrator, Mel Levine said that it is a possibility to share the service with other towns but it could get costly as the driver, insurance and maintenance costs would be shared. Mayor Alessi said it would be looked into as an option.

Items for Discussion

- A. Wi-Fi at the Pool – Mayor Alessi stated that he met with Nick Tammaro from QuikTek in regards to a technology assessment of Borough Hall. He explained that Mr. Tammaro's initial thought would be that it would cost \$20,000.00 to bring wi-fi down to the pool. Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli, thought this estimate was high. He suggested speaking with Jamie Cannon from the Recreation Department and possibly expanding on what was offered last year at the pool. The Mayor asked Mr. Zichelli to look into this further.
- B. Remyndr App –Notification of Recycling Collection – Councilman Raymond explained that he had been contacted by Tom Cherry, the founder of this app. The app is designed to notify residents of their recycling, comingled, garbage, and bulk pick-up. It is free of charge to residents and would be a yearly fee of \$2,125.00 to the Borough. Councilman Raymond mentioned we do have a mailer that goes out to inform the residents of the schedule for recycling, garbage and bulk. Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli stated that Verona is going on-line with this app at the end of the month. Both Councilman Raymond and Frank Zichelli recommend we should see how it works for Verona and then possibly revisit the issue at a later date.
- C. Request for Proposals – 50 Unit Affordable Housing Project – Borough Attorney, David M. Paris, reported that we are ready to send out

proposals for the project on Hilltop. He stated that the Borough needs to keep the process moving.

- D. Tennis Courts – Mel Levine stated that it is in the budget to resurface the tennis courts. He explained that another look was taken at the courts and decided to close the courts, because they are unsafe at this time. There was discussion as to the cost of the repair of the courts. There are six tennis courts, the Recreation Director has recommended that only three courts be repaired at this time. Councilman Raymond stated that Recreation Director has suggested that the bottom three courts be turned into a turf field. Frank Zichelli suggested that all six courts be repaired at this time since it has been budgeted for. He feels if we do not repair the bottom three courts and remove the nets, weeds and grass will grow and make the courts look worse than they do now. There was discussion on the tennis courts and the asset that it is to the town. The bid notice in the paper will be on May 21, with the winning bid being awarded at the June 9, 2015 Mayor & Council Meeting. The approximate cost is \$66,000.00, which has been budgeted for in the capital budget. It was agreed that all six courts would be done at this time.
- E. Swim School Coach – New Position – Councilman Raymond explained the concept of the Swim School. A returning lifeguard would provide small group swim lessons. The program would run five days a week for five weeks, with a maximum of five children. The cost would be \$50.00 per one-week session. The council discussed this and decided that it was a good idea.
- F. New Beginnings – Pool Usage – Mel Levine explained that he sent out an email to the Council explaining what New Beginnings would like to use the pool for. They are interested in using the pool four days a week for one and one-half hours prior to the pool opening. They will pay a minimum of \$325.00 per session. If there are over 60 children, they will pay \$5.75 per additional child. The Borough will pay the lifeguards that will be on duty. Borough Attorney, David M. Paris, reminded everyone that whatever terms are agreed upon, it be applied consistently in the event another group seeks to use the pool in the same manner. New Beginnings will supply the Borough with their insurance, hold harmless agreement and complete the field usage forms.

Action to Be Taken

- A. Resolution R-76-15 – Resolution to Read Budget by Title
Resolution R-76-15 Resolution to Read Budget by Title was read by Borough Clerk Nancy Pravata. Councilman Frank Astorino moved to pass Resolution R-76-15, seconded by Council President Cynthia Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Alessi asked for a motion to Open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget. Councilman Frank Astorino moved to Open the Public Hearing, seconded by Council President Cynthia Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Borough Clerk Nancy Pravata stated "Mayor Alessi, this is the time fixed for the public hearing on the Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution for 2015. The Budget was approved by the Governing Body on March 26, 2015, was advertised as required by law on April 2, 2015, together with notice of hearing for this time. Printed copies have been made available to the public during the past week and a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy."

The Mayor seeing no one coming forward, asks for a motion to Close the Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget. Councilman Frank Astorino moved to Close the Public Hearing, seconded by Council President Cynthia Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Frank Astorino stated that he had Resolution R-77-15 Resolution to Amend the 2015 Municipal Budget. Resolution R-77-15 was read by Borough Clerk Nancy Pravata. Councilman Frank Astorino moved to pass Resolution R-77-15, seconded by Council President Cynthia Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Frank Astorino asked the Borough Clerk to read Section 2, Adopting Resolution for the 2015 Budget. Borough Clerk Nancy Pravata read Resolution R-78-15 Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Frank Astorino moved to pass Resolution R-78-15, seconded by Council President Cynthia Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution R-79-15 - Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,860,177.03 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution R-80-15 – A Resolution Regarding Janitorial Services for the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution R-81-15 – Bid Acceptance & Lease Award – 137 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ Rental Property was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- E. Resolution R-82-15 – A Resolution Authorizing Filing of a Petition of Cross Appeal in the Matter LaSerra Farms v. Borough of North Caldwell (Appeal #15-1500003x)(Block 310/Lot20) was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- F. Resolution R-83-15 – A Resolution Authorizing Filing of a Petition of Cross Appeal in the Matter LaSerra Farms v. Borough of North Caldwell (Appeal #15-1500002x)(Block 310/Lot19) was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- G. Resolution R-84-15 – Resolution Authorization Receipt of Donation to the Borough of North Caldwell from Robert Belli was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- H. Resolution R-85-15 – Fixing Fees Pertaining to Recreation Programs – Adult Cardio Tennis was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- I. Resolution R-86-15 – Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2015 – Municipal Pool was read. Motion was made by Councilman

Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

- J. Resolution R-87-15 - Appointment of Kathleen Turnbull as Assistant Manager of the Borough of North Caldwell Municipal Pool for the 2015 Season was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- K. Resolution R-88-15 - Appointment of Gregory Karol as Manager of the Borough of North Caldwell Municipal Pool for the 2015 Season was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- L. Resolution R-90-15 - A Resolution to Execute a Developer's Agreement with Falcon Custom Homes, LLC was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously, with noted amendment by David M. Paris, Borough Attorney.

Executive Session

Resolution R-89-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Contract Negotiations (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility B. Potential Litigation (1) Mr. and Mrs. A. Rainone v Borough of North Caldwell (2) 707 Main Street – Hillside Avenue Parking C. Litigation – Hilltop Development D. Personnel – DPW Employees was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:14pm.

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 9:16pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk