

Conference Meeting June 9, 2015

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 8:07pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Council Members: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond, Councilman Arthur Rees

Mayor Alessi arrived at 8:09pm. Councilman John Chiaia arrived at 8:12pm.

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 Raymond to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Items for Discussion

- A. Hillside Avenue Parking – Drop-off/Pick-up Zone – Frank Zichelli stated that he pulled out a map of Hillside Avenue so that the Council can visualize the street. He explained the frontage of the building and the side of building and stated there is approximately 45 feet on the side in Little Falls. They will be able to have one spot for drop-off and one for pick-up. The Chief explained that you cannot park within ten feet of an intersection. It was decided the drop-off and pick-up sign be moved to the start of North Caldwell. It was also decided to contact Little Falls and see if they can designate their spot on the side of the street as the Pick-up and Drop-off Zone and use the two spots in North Caldwell for Public Parking.

Proclamations for Eagle Scouts -

The Mayor and Council members moved to Council Chambers. The Mayor stated that this interruption was being taken to move to Item 7 on the Agenda.

The Mayor read the Proclamations for Haraval Qureshi and Adam Rodgers, who both achieved the highest scouting honor of Eagle Scout. Haravel Qureshi thanked his parents and Adam Rodgers thanked all those who helped him along the way to achieve this honor. The Mayor & Council then took a few minutes to take pictures with the Scouts.

Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public.

Donald Meserlian, 264 Park Avenue – Mr. Meserlian spoke about the intersection of Rt. 23 and Mountain Avenue with Police Chief Deuer. Mayor

Alessi reminded Mr. Meserlian that this section is not a part of North Caldwell.

Mr. Meserlian also inquired about senior swim and the possibility of being able to bring an invited senior guest for free. Mayor Alessi stated that if you bring a guest to the pool, a pool pass needs to be purchased.

Items for Discussion (cont'd)

- B. Seniors Free Swim Day – Free Guest From Out of Town – Councilman Raymond stated that he spoke with the Recreation Director. On an average Wednesday, we have approximately ten seniors that use the free service. In order to bring a guest, you need to be a member. Councilman Rees does not see a problem with this. Councilman Astorino feels that we should consider this for next year at budget time and offer senior discount guest fees.
- C. Bids for Fuel – Frank Zichelli explained that every few years we advertise for a bid to fuel the Borough vehicles. We typically do not get any bids submitted. Once we have advertised twice and have not received any bids, we can then go and negotiate with a gas station for the fuel.
- D. Tennis Court Repair Bid Report – Frank Zichelli explained that there was only one bidder which came in at \$86,000. We budgeted \$66,000. Frank suggested bidding in the winter and have the work done in the early spring. He suggested that the DPW workers repair the cracks on the top 3 courts now so they will be able to be used this summer and fall. The Council agreed.
- E. Ground Space Lease (150 Mountain Ave) Bid Report – Frank Zichelli explained that Verizon had requested to install an antenna at this location. The Borough advertised with a minimum bid of \$1000 a month with a 4% increase annually. Verizon was the only bid and came in with \$700.00 a month and 2% increase annually. He feels that the Borough should reject the bid and rebid. He explained that Verizon had some other exceptions to the bid documents and that the Borough can rebid with those exceptions and keep the same numbers. He reminded the Council that Verizon has been pursuing the Borough for the space. The length of the lease was for five years with four additional five year lease options. There was discussion as to what the next step should be. It was decided to rebid as it was, except Mr. Paris is to review the exceptions and make changes he believes to be reasonable.
- F. Summer Fun Directors/Camp Counselors – Councilman Raymond stated that in the package there is a contract for two camp directors. One of the directors would be returning. The second director is a new person for this coming season. There will be resolutions at the next meeting.

Action to Be Taken

- A. Resolution R-96-15 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,901,129.23 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilwoman Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution R-97-15 – Resolution Authorizing Employment of, and Payment to, Police Captain William Texas for Security Services to be Rendered to the West Essex Regional School District was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution R-98-15 – Appointment of Anthony Romano to Senior Roadman III was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilwoman Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution R-99-15 – Appointment of Volunteer Fire Department Member – Matthew J. Rubino was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- E. Resolution R-100-15 – Resolution Confirming Appointment of Robert Bernard Bell as Part-Time Electrical Inspector of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- F. Resolution R-102-15 – 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.

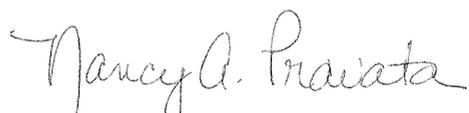
Executive Session

Resolution R-101-15 - 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 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 10:14pm.

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 Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 10:16pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk