

Mayor & Council Conference & Regular Meeting, July 14, 2015

The Conference & Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 6:42 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Raymond,

Absent: Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees

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

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 Mr. Joseph Stigliano to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi spoke about the wonderful Fireworks on July 4th that were held at Bonnel Field in West Caldwell. He explained that the surrounding towns all contributed to the night.

He also mentioned the Movies at the Pool that start this week on July 16, with the showing of BoxTrolls, next Thursday, July 23 will be Disney's Hero 6 and on July 30th will be Paddington. He welcomed all residents whether they are a member of the pool or not as everyone is welcomed. There will be swimming and popcorn, as well as give aways.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2015 Roadway Improvements Bid – Mr. Frank Zichelli explained that he had scheduled the bid for July 23rd. He asked if a special meeting can be scheduled for the week of the July 27th to make an award for this bid. He feels that if wait until the August meeting, the contractor will not be able to start the work until sometime late September. The Council agreed with him and a meeting will be set up for that week.

Fuel Bids – Mr. Zichelli explained that this is the same scenario as the Roadway Improvements Bid.

MINUTES

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of June 23, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-5-15 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding the Renewal Fee for Liquor Licenses was being held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. This was rescheduled due to the rescheduling of this meeting.

Resolution R-122-14 – Authorization to Execute Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Mayor stated that Councilman Rees was not here tonight and that there was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia deferred the Police Department Safety report until the August meeting.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of June, 2015 of \$401,086.54 in taxes, \$109,280.16 for water and \$55,475.58 for the pool. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-123-15 – Approval to Pay Bills was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-124-15 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell Directing the Undertaking of a Continuing Disclosure Review and Appointing a Third-Party Disclosure-Dissemination Agent was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-125-15 Tax Lien Redemption – Block 1004, Lot 5 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilman Chiaia stated that Councilman Kessler was not here tonight due to a business trip and he would defer the Animal Control Report to the August meeting.

Councilman Chiaia also congratulated Mr. Frank Zichelli and the DPW men for making the cover of the North Caldwell magazine in June.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond reported that the recreation youth soccer registration is underway for the fall. The tennis court repairs have been completed by the DPW and they will be reopened soon. There will be no charge for using the courts this year for any resident. Any resident that would like to use the courts will still have to register with Recreation in order to get the code for entrance to the courts.

Councilman Raymond also thanked the DPW for fixing the kiddy pool this past week. He said the two new slides at the pool are a big hit.

He stated that there are 202 children involved in the summer fun camp. The pool membership is up 5% this year from last year.

He met earlier today with the recreation department along with Mel Levine and Frank Zichelli to see how they can improve the department and the programs offered.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak. No one came forward.

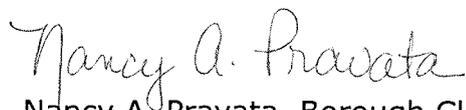
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-126-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – (1) Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property, (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility Potential Litigation – (1) Mr. & Mrs. A. Rainone vs Borough of North Caldwell, Personnel – DPW Promotion was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

The Public Meeting was re-opened at 7:26pm.

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 7:27p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk