

Conference Meeting September 1, 2015

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:41pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Absent: Councilman Robert Kessler

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, 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.

Mr. Roger Musseti, 551 Mountain Avenue; He stated that he wanted to speak about the rate of speed on Mountain Avenue outside of his home. He brought in a video of the sound of the cars going by his home on a daily basis. He stated that he needs to keep his windows closed in order to watch TV. He would like to have the police monitor the road. He watches the cars and they are speeding up and down the road. He stated that his wife and himself are afraid to go out to get their mail, put the recycling out or to even go take a walk because of the speeding on the road.

Chief Deuer stated they have been collecting the data on Mountain Avenue for several months now. The data does not show that speed is a problem on the road. He is not making light of Mr. Musseti's concerns but the Borough has to present to the county data to backup lowering the speed on the roadway.

There was discussion regarding the speed and what constitutes lowering the speed on Mountain Avenue. Mr. Zichelli and Chief Deuer will put together the data and see if it warrants the county lowering the speed on that section of Mountain Avenue. The Chief also stated that he will have the area patrolled at different times of the day.

### **Items for Discussion**

West Greenbrook Road and Jay L. Hand Dr. Traffic Signal – Frank Zichelli explained that he has received preliminary drawings and that he is trying to set up a meeting with the County. Once he has some dates he will let the Mayor and Council know so that if they would like to attend they may.

Vehicles Blocking Access to Fire Department Apron – Chief Deuer explained that most of the town picks up their children after school and they block the apron of the firehouse. The Chief has explained that they have addressed the pick-up and drop off with the school several times. It was decided that there will be 2 portable signs put up in the driveway.

Large Pool Closing August 26 & 27, 2015 – Josh Raymond stated that for a day and a half last week the large pool was closed due to the motor to the pump not working. The baby pool did remain open. Frank Zichelli is getting a price to rebuild the old motor. For some reason we are getting a short in the voltage to the motor house. Mr. Zichelli is working on having a new line put in so that the pump would run on its own.

### **Action to Be Taken**

Resolution R-142-15 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$199,635.18 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-143-15 – Authorization to Enter Into An Interlocal Service Agreement With the Township of Fairfield for the Composting of Leaves was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-144-15 – Allen Road Developers, LLC Performance Guaranty Performance Reduction was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-145-15 – Resolution Authorizing Refund of Liquor License Fee to Desi's Hospitality LLC was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond with Councilman Chiaia recusing himself. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-146-15 – Resolution Authorizing Refund of Liquor License Fee to Green Brook Country Club was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-148-15 – Authorizing Appointment of Ashley Nolen as Municipal Court Administrator of the Municipal Court of the Borough of North Caldwell & Essex Fells was read with amendments made by David M. Paris, Esq.. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

Resolution R-147-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Contract Negotiations (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility B. Personnel – Municipal Prosecutor was read by Council President Santomauro stating that the Personnel – Municipal Prosecutor item will not be discussed in Executive Session and will be tabled until further notice. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:28pm.

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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 8:29pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Pravata".

Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk