

Conference Meeting January 14, 2014

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:34 pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Absent: Councilwoman Patricia Fost

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Chief Mark Deuer, 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 Councilman Rees to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

#### Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public. No one from the public came forward.

#### Items for Discussion

- A. David Black, Captain West Essex First Aid Squad – David came to thank the Mayor and Council and answer any questions the Mayor and Council have regarding the squad. He explained that the state used to train the new members. The squad is now paying for the new members. We are now applying for six new grants. Different town organizations have been very generous in donating to the squad so that they could utilize their facility as a charging station and warming station. He asked that towns continue to keep the volunteer rescue squad in the budget for the next five years to help with purchase of a new ambulance.
- B. Snow Removal on Private Streets – Fire Chief John D’Ascenscio said that he has a concern with private roads being plowed with snow removal. The biggest concern is Hidden Ridge. It will be unsafe if is not completed for the fire department to get up there if they have to get up there. David M. Paris suggested that a letter be written with the Borough’s concerns and expectations to Hidden Ridge, although he could not do it as he represents Hidden Ridge in non-North Caldwell matters.
- C. Recycling Collection Bid – Frank Zichelli said last year we went out for a combined bid. We did a five-year for trash and a one-year for recycling. One-year for recycling bid in February -- one option will be dual stream; second option, single stream every other Wednesday.
- D. Recycling Market RFP - Drop off of recyclables, there will be a drop in prices.
- E. Grass Cutting Bid – Will also include the tick repellent.
- F. Tabled Resolution R-20-14 - Authorization to Approve Professional Service Contracts for Recreation Program from Re-Org Meeting.

- G. Mayor's Ball – March 8, 2014 – Mayor Alessi explained that the Mayor's Ball will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fund raiser for the turf field. There is a 501c3 being created so donations will be tax deductible. Peter Schwarz band will play gratis.

Citizens To Be Heard

Jim Faloni, Essex Fells – He grew up in North Caldwell, said his partner and him are interested in bidding on the Liquor License. He stated that the hour of closing is a concern for them. They did some research on closing times in the area. Clover Leaf's last call is 11:30pm, Monday through Thursday.

Michael Desiderio – Pieces from different restaurants he worked at in NYC will be part of the restaurant. American Grill will be a family friendly restaurant. The price point will be out of the college market. John Chiaia asked why it would jeopardize your economic plan, since you are trying to keep it a family friendly restaurant. The answer was that for the amount of money that they were putting into the business, they need to be able to recoup their investment.

The chief does not see a problem with them being open later on the weekend.

The Council decided on the hours to be: Sunday through Thursday 11:00pm; Friday and Saturday 12:30am.

Action to Be Taken

- A. Resolution R-24-14 - Approval to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$3,148,453.12 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- B. Resolution R-25-14 - Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Distribution License Within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution R-26-14 - Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Consumption License Within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, with changes, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was passed with Councilman Chiaia and Councilman Rees abstaining.
- D. Resolution R-27-14 - Tax Lien Redemption, Block 1003, Lot 17 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

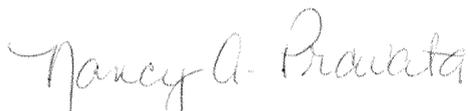
E. Resolution R-28-14 - Resolution Regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Resolution R-29-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property – Personnel – Police Department was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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 Rees that this meeting be adjourned at 9:03p.m. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk