

Conference Meeting February 11, 2014

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:35 pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

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 Astorino 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 came forward.

Items for Discussion

- A. Recycling Bid Report – Mr. Frank Zichelli explained that we are out to bid for the recycling. He put out one-year, three-year and five-year bids, dual stream and single stream. Mr. Zichelli suggests that we continue with the dual stream over the three-year period. Mr. Zichelli thinks that the five-year contract is probably the way to go. The consensus is to go with the five-year contract with dual stream.
- B. Recycling Market Report – Mr. Frank Zichelli explained the difference between the marketing of recyclables for dual and single streams. He explained that the vendors do not see a market for single stream recyclables. Mr. Zichelli does not think the immediate future for single stream is good. We recycle for two reasons -- it is the law and we make some money on it. Mr. Paris is recusing himself from the discussion as he has represented Galaxy in the past. Councilman Chiaia is also recusing himself because he currently represents Galaxy. Both left the room. Proposals were received from five different vendors. Frank explained the spreadsheet that he prepared with all the proposals that he received. Mr. Zichelli recommendation is Galaxy for two years.
- C. Approval of Professional Service Contracts for Recreation Programs – Councilman Raymond spoke about proposals that come to the Council for programs for the town. There is no oversight, the Recreation Department may hire the counselors. Mr. Paris is concerned with the outside vendors that come in to run programs such as yoga, soccer, etc. as long as it is below the bid threshold. If that is the case, then a resolution can be prepared so that it is authorized. Mr. Paris stated that he will prepare a resolution.
- D. Traffic Signal Warrant Study, West Greenbrook Road and Jay L. Hand Drive – Mr. Zichelli spoke about the study certifying that a traffic signal at the High School entrance is warranted. There are nine reasons why a traffic light is warranted. This will be sent to the County and hopefully go out to bid. The Mayor thanked Councilman Chiaia for pushing this through.

E. Mayor's Ball, March 8, 2014 – The Mayor thanked you to Council President Santomauro and Councilman Raymond for their help. We have been meeting every week and will continue to meet until the ball. Ken Rosato from Channel 7 news will be the MC. Out of the monies so far collected, \$12,250.00 will go towards the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation; \$4,000.00 for the dinner. Former Mayor, Mel Levine, will be recognized as well as former Council President Campbell and Woody Walker. There will be a 50/50. The date is three weeks from Saturday on March 8, 2014

Action to Be Taken

- A. Resolution R-39-14 Resolution Authorizing Release of Bond was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- B. Resolution R-40-14 Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,359,387.35 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

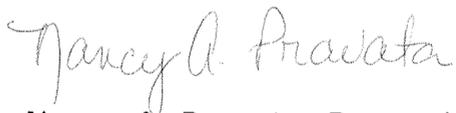
Executive Session

Resolution R-41-14 Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property – Personnel – (1) Recreation Department (2) Police Department was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Session was held. The meeting was reopened to Public Session at 8:44pm.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Rees that this meeting be adjourned at 8:45p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk