

Conference Meeting May 13, 2014

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:37pm.

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

Absent: Councilman Arthur Rees

Also, present were Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Chief Mark Deuer, and Nancy Pravata, Borough Clerk

David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, arrived at 8:15pm.

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 Ms. Megan Krause from The Progress to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

#### Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public.

Christine Mylod, 20 Cypress Ave - Resident has a problem with a neighbor that is using a vacant lot as a dumping ground. With all the brush fires that are happening in NJ, there is a chance of this happening here. The property is deeded to Robert Mariano, 243 Mountain Ave. With regard to any harassment that is a criminal complaint, the Council cannot comment on. On the property maintenance issue, Mel Levine has visited the property in question and will monitor the property. As of right now, there is nothing that can be done. The Mayor stated that the Council takes everything seriously.

#### Items for Discussion

- A. Houston Galveston Co-Op – Fire Chief John D’Ascensio – Fire Chief wants to thank the Council for the fire truck. He would like to purchase the truck through the Houston Galveston Co-Op. This would save us the bid process of purchasing the truck. Resolution to be presented at the next meeting to authorize joining the Co-Op.
- B. West Essex Senior Service Students - Mel Levine explained that there were several students that would like to work for the Borough as their senior service project. The Council agreed this would be a good idea.

#### Action to Be Taken

- A. Resolution R-87-14 - Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,255,295.99 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution R-88-14 - Appointment of Gregory Karol as Manager of the Borough of North Caldwell Municipal Pool for the 2014 Season was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution R-89-14 Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2014 – Municipal Pool was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution R-90-14 Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2014 – Summer Fun Program was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Chiaia, with Councilman Astorino abstaining. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mel Levine asked if a discussion could be had on Hillside Avenue regarding the parking. Hillside is located right passed Sofia's restaurant on Main Street. Several of the homeowners have had confrontations with people that are blocking the driveways. The residents are asking if there is something that the Borough can do for them. The Chief brought in calls from the last three years from the streets in that area. The problem is that the whole street is not entirely in North Caldwell, as well as not in the County. The Chief explained that he has been told that Little Falls is in the process of putting in No Parking signs in front of the restaurant. Suggestions have been made regarding decal parking.

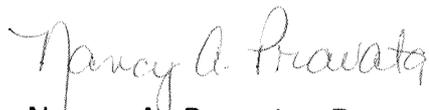
Mr. Chiaia brought up a discussion regarding a street between Spruce and Birch. There were two residents that live on either side of this property. Mr. Chiaia asked about vacating the road between the two homes. An Ordinance will be prepared for first reading at the next meeting.

#### Executive Session

Resolution R-91-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property – Personnel (1) Police Captain Salary Negotiations, (2) Part-time Office Clerk, (3) Assistant Pool Manager was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

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 Raymond that this meeting be adjourned at 8:45p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk