

Conference Meeting November 10, 2014

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:32pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman John Chiaia, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond

Absent: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Arthur Rees

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

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 Kessler to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

The Mayor announced that there will be a ceremony in front of Borough Hall tomorrow morning in honor of Veteran's Day.

Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public.

Mr. Mussetti – 551 Mountain Ave. – He is speaking on behalf of his wife and himself. He has lived in North Caldwell for over 40 years. Mr. Mussetti would like to know who is responsible for the 40mph speed limit on Mountain Ave. Mr. Mussetti has spoken with the County who stated that the town sets the speed limit and they will provide the signage. Mr. Mussetti stated he is in fear of the current speed limit. Residents are afraid to go near the street for mail, putting recycling out, etc. They are also concerned for the children. He does not understand why the Borough is not doing something about this.

Chief Deuer stated that he has spoken with the Mussetti's. He has acquired a machine that will record the amount of cars and the speed which the cars are traveling on Mountain Avenue. Mr. Zichelli stated that the speed limit was set in 1979 by the Essex County Freeholders.

The Borough will review the survey and send it to the County for their review. The County will make the recommendation as to the speed of the road. Mr. Zichelli and Chief Deuer stated that they would like to run the machine over a spread of several days.

The Mayor stated to the residents that the Council will be looking into the speed survey results and will send it to the County for their input. It was stated again that the road is a County road and it is a cut through street.

No one else came forward.

Items for Discussion

- A. Best Practices Inventory – Mel stated that the Borough scored the same as last year and that we should be getting the same amount of

state aid as last year. A question was asked regarding what we need to do to increase our aid. The Mayor asked Mel to see what can be done to change the no's to yeses. John Chiaia asked to see what can be done by the departments to increase the percentage of aid to be received.

- B. Speed Limit on Mountain Avenue – The discussion took place during the Citizens to be heard.
- C. Filming Permit permission for a weekend – There was discussion as to the requirements of the ordinance. There was a unanimous decision that they can film on Saturday and Sunday.

Action to Be Taken

- A. Resolution R-164-14 - Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,400,345.94 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- B. Resolution R-165-14 – Tax Lien Redemption – Block 102, Lot 23 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution R-166-14 – Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Special Legal Services was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution R-167-14 - Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

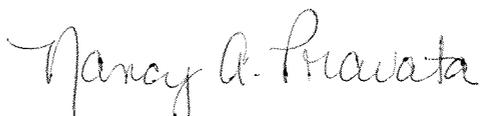
Executive Session

Resolution R-168-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: Potential Litigation – Anthony and Lauren Rainone vs. Borough of North Caldwell - Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property – Borough Rental Property Rental Price – 137 Gould Avenue – DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement - Personnel - DPW Employee – Recreation Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 8:11pm.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia that this meeting be adjourned at 8:13pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk