

## Annual Re-Organization Meeting January 1, 2019

The 2019 Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and began at 12:02pm.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Santomauro, announcing that notice of the date, time and location were provided in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Council President Santomauro asked Mayor-elect Joseph H. Alessi to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification of Results of November 6, 2018 General Election**

Tami Michelotti, Acting Borough Clerk, presented the Certification of Results of the November 6, 2018 General Election wherein it is stated that Joseph H. Alessi was duly elected as Mayor to a four-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Superior Court Judge Linda Cavanaugh administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Alessi.

### **Annual Address by Mayor Alessi**

Mayor Alessi thanked his wife, daughters, Senator Pennacchio, Judge Cavanaugh, and the citizens of North Caldwell for their support. He noted that voting is a most precious asset and he pledged to do everything he can to help the residents of North Caldwell. He thanked each member of the Governing Body, noting Councilman Astorino and Councilman Kessler who were taking office that day, as well as the Borough staff for their hard work and dedication. He highlighted some accolades bestowed upon the Borough as well as the new projects which the Borough had recently completed and those that will soon be unveiled.

### **Certification of Results of November 6, 2018 General Election**

Tami Michelotti, Acting Borough Clerk, presented the Certification of Results of the November 6, 2018 General Election wherein it is stated Francis X. Astorino and Robert C. Kessler, Jr. were duly elected as Council Members to a three year term to expire December 31, 2021. Oaths of Office were administered by the Honorable Linda Cavanaugh, Superior Court Judge, to Councilman Francis X. Astorino and Councilman Robert C. Kessler, Jr.

Councilmen Astorino thanked Mayor Alessi, Judge Cavanaugh, and his family. He highlighted special moments in his last two terms and expressed appreciation to fulfill a third term and continue to work with the Council members.

Councilman Kessler wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Mayor and Council and the Borough Hall staff for their support and hard work. He thanked the voters for their confidence and for their encouragement for the future of the Borough.

### **Roll Call**

A roll call was conducted noting the following in attendance: Mayor Alessi, Councilwoman Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees. Also in attendance were Frank Zichelli, Borough Administrator/Engineer; David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney; Richard Mondelli, CFO; Mark Deuer, Police Chief; and Tami Michelotti, Acting Borough Clerk.

### **Election of Council President**

Councilman Chiaia congratulated Mayor Alessi on his re-election and stated his confidence in the Mayor. He added that Ms. Santomauro has provided dependable support, advice, and wisdom to the Council and therefore, made a motion to elect Councilwoman Cynthia Santomauro as Council President for the year 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Astorino. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Council President Santomauro noted the hard work of Mayor Alessi and credited him with dedication to the Borough. She stated her appreciation of his dedication and achievements.

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### **Council Committee Designations**

Council Committee Designations were announced by Council President Santomauro:

**Legal Ordinance:** Councilman Raymond – Chair, Councilman Astorino, Council President Santomauro

**Personnel:** Councilman Rees – Chair, Councilman Kessler, Council President Santomauro

**Finance:** Councilman Astorino – Chair, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees

**Public Safety:** Councilman Chiaia – Chair, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Raymond

**Public Works:** Council President Santomauro – Chair, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Rees

**Recreation:** Councilman Kessler – Chair, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Raymond

### **Professional Appointments**

#### **Appointment of Borough Attorney**

Resolution R-1-19 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – David M. Paris, Esq. of Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo, LLC was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes. Mr. Paris stated that the Borough had a challenging year and thanked Mayor Alessi and the Council for their confidence in him to continue on as Borough Attorney.

#### **Appointment of Borough Auditors**

Resolution R-2-19 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Joseph Faccione of Samuel Klein & Co. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Appointment of Bond Counsel**

Resolution R-3-19 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – John Draikiwicz of Gibbons, P.C. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Appointment of Special Counsel**

Resolution R-4-19 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Appointment of Labor Attorney**

Resolution R-5-19 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – M. Trevor Lyons, Esq. of Walsh, Pizzi, O'Reilly, Falanga, LLC. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Appointment of Borough Planner**

Resolution R-6-19 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Burgis Associates, Inc. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

### **Mayoral Appointments**

#### **Appointment of Municipal Court Judge**

Resolution R-7-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Municipal Court Judge, Honorable Donald L. O'Connor. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

The Honorable Linda Cavanaugh administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Donald L. O'Connor. Judge O'Connor thanked Mayor Alessi and Judge Cavanaugh and expressed his appreciation for the honor to serve the Borough and to continue working with the professionals in the Municipal Court.

#### **Appointment of Public Defender**

Resolution R-9-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Public Defender, James Pomaco. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

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### **Appointment of Water Superintendent/Water Operator**

Resolution R-10-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Water Superintendent and Water Operator, Frank Zichelli. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

### **Appointment of Stormwater Coordinator**

Resolution R-11-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Stormwater Coordinator, Frank Zichelli. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

### **Appointment of Crossing Guards**

Resolution R-12-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Crossing Guards, Michael Wrobel and Stephen Lerner. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

### **Planning Board**

Mayor Alessi appointed the following to the Planning Board of the Borough of North Caldwell:  
Class I Member, Joseph H. Alessi, was appointed to a four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2022.  
Class II Member, Frank Zichelli, was appointed to a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2019.  
Class IV 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Member, Joseph Barba, was appointed to a four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

### **Mayoral Appointments with Council Consent**

#### **Camp Wyanokie Commission**

John Gakos was appointed to a one (1) year term to expire 12/31/2019. Mayor Alessi noted that a replacement for George Press will be determined soon.

### **Council Appointments**

#### **Planning Board**

Class III Regular Member, Arthur Rees, was appointed to a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Steve Wangner and Anthony Michelotti were appointed to four (4) year terms to expire December 31, 2022 as Regular Members. An Alternate Member #2 was to be determined for a two (2) year term to expire December 31, 2020. Mayor Alessi accepted the resignation of Board Member John Ritter.

### **Resolutions**

Resolution R-13-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Stickles as Assistant DPW Director of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-14-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Anthony Romano to Public Works Foreman. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes. Mayor Alessi noted that Mr. Romano and the entire Department of Public Works are an asset to the Borough and that their efforts are appreciated.

Resolution R-15-19 was tabled for a future meeting.

### **Consent Agenda Resolutions**

The following items were moved by one motion as no member of the Governing Body requests that it be addressed separately. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-16-19 A Resolution Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Year 2019

Resolution R-17-19 A Resolution Authorizing Banking Depositories for the Year 2019

Resolution R-18-19 A Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for the Year 2019

Resolution R-19-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the Year 2019

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Resolution R-20-19 A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Year 2019

Resolution R-21-19 A Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Year 2019

Resolution R- 22-19 A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Assessments or Municipal Liens or Other Charges

Resolution R-23-19 A Resolution Authorizing Specific Payments That Can Be Made Outside of a Meeting

Resolution R-24-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Recreation Programs Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)

Resolution R-25-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Fund Commissioner

Resolution R-26-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Officers and Officials for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Association for the Year 2019

Resolution R-27-19 A Resolution Appointing a Community Development Representative and Alternate for 2019

### **Ordinances**

Councilman Rees introduced Ordinance O-1-19, An Ordinance of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey Amending the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell and was seconded by Councilman Kessler. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2019 at 7:30pm.

### **Citizens To Be Heard**

No one from the public came forward.

Mayor Alessi invited everyone to join him and Mrs. Alessi at The Falls for a New Year's reception immediately following the meeting.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler that the meeting be adjourned. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti  
Acting Borough Clerk