

## Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting – January 7, 2020

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. The meeting began at 5:31pm at Borough Hall.

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 Mrs. Tilton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification of Results of November 5, 2019 General Election – Arthur Rees**

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti presented the Certification of Results of the November 5, 2019 General Election wherein it is stated that Arthur Rees was duly elected as Council Member to a three-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Borough Attorney David M. Paris administered the Oath of Office to Arthur Rees.

Councilman Rees thanked his wife, Judy, Mayor Alessi, the Council members, Ken Tilton and Mr. Paris for their support and for the Borough. He committed to working hard to meet the concerns facing the town such as development, drainage and impacts on the school system as well as the preservation of Walker's Pond and property.

### **Certification of Results of November 5, 2019 General Election – Kenneth Tilton**

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti presented the Certification of Results of the November 5, 2019 General Election wherein it is stated that Kenneth Tilton was duly elected as Council Member to a three-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Borough Attorney David M. Paris administered the Oath of Office to Kenneth Tilton.

Councilman Tilton thanked his wife, children, parents and brother for their support during the election as well as Mayor Alessi and the Council members. He expressed his desire to keep North Caldwell the way he remembers when growing up in the area.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Alessi, Councilwoman Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, and Councilman Tilton.

Also present were: Mr. David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney; Kevin O'Sullivan, Borough Administrator; Richard Mondelli, Chief Financial Officer; Mark Deuer, Police Chief; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

### **Mayor's Annual Address**

Mayor Alessi expressed support of Councilmen Rees and Tilton. He provided a summary of 2019 including the promotions in the Police Department including the appointment of the Borough's first female sergeant. He announced that Mr. Paris would not be seeking reappointment as Borough Attorney past the month of January. Mayor Alessi announced forthcoming projects such as a tree ordinance, a revitalization of Camp Wyanokie and the dedication of portion of Mountain Avenue to Mayor Emeritus Matarazzo.

Mayor Alessi welcomed newly appointed Fire Chief Tim Peterson. Chief Peterson stated that he started as a Junior Firefighter in North Caldwell and looks forward to serving as Chief and working with the Governing Body and former Chief D'Ascensio.

### **Election of Council President**

Councilman Chiaia stated that Councilwoman Santomauro is dedicated and deserving of the position of Council President. He made a motion to elect Councilwoman Cynthia Santomauro as Council President for the year 2020, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

### **Council Committee Designations by Council President**

Council President Santomauro noted the unique talents of each Council person and announced the following committee appointments:

**Legal Ordinance:** Council President Santomauro (Chair), Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Astorino

**Personnel:** Councilman Tilton (Chair), Council President Santomauro, Councilman Kessler

**Finance:** Councilman Astorino (Chair), Councilman Rees, Councilman Tilton

**Public Safety:** Councilman Chiaia (Chair), Councilman Kessler, Councilman Tilton

**Public Works:** Councilman Rees (Chair), Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino

**Recreation:** Councilman Kessler (Chair), Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Rees

### **Mayoral Appointments of Professional Services**

#### **Borough Attorney**

Resolution R-1-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Temporary Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell to David M. Paris, Esq. of Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris and Genitempo, LLC was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes. Mayor Alessi noted that the contract was granted on an hourly basis until the Borough finds other legal counsel. Mr. Paris read his letter of resignation to the Mayor and Council and thanked the Governing Body and Borough staff for their support and confidence. Mayor Alessi added that a Request for Qualifications would be issued in search of a new appointee.

#### **Borough Auditors**

Resolution R-2-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell to Joseph Faccone of Samuel Klein and Company was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Bond Counsel**

Resolution R-3-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell to John Draikiwicz, Esq. of Gibbons, P.C. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Special Counsel for Affordable Housing**

Resolution R-4-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Labor Attorney**

Resolution R-5-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell to M. Trevor Lyons, Esq. of Walsh, Pizzi, O'Reilly, Falanga, LLC was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Borough Planner**

Resolution R-6-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell to Burgis and Associates was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

### **Mayoral Appointments of Municipal Officials**

#### **Public Defender**

Resolution R-7-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Public Defender, James Pomaco, was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Borough Engineer**

Resolution R-8-20 A Resolution Appointing Borough Engineer, Paul Ferriero of Ferriero Engineering, Inc. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

#### **Water Superintendent/Water Operator**

Resolution R-9-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Water Superintendent and Water Operator – MGJ Services, LLC was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

**Stormwater Coordinator**

Resolution R-10-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Stormwater Coordinator, Kevin O’Sullivan was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

**Crossing Guards**

Resolution R-11-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Crossing Guards – Stephen Lerner and Anthony DiStasi was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

**Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board**

Mayor Alessi announced the Planning Board appointments as follows:

Class II Member – Kevin O’Sullivan – One-year term to expire December 31, 2020

Class IV 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Member – Sandra Nathans – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2021

**Mayoral Appointments with Council Consent**

**Camp Wyanokie Commission**

Mayor Alessi announced the North Caldwell appointees to the Camp Wyanokie Commission as follows:

John Chiaia - One year term to expire December 31, 2020

Anthony Prinzo - One year term to expire December 31, 2020

John Gakos – Alternate Member – One year term to expire December 31, 2020

**Historical Commission**

Mayor Alessi announced the Historical Commission appointments as follows:

Edith Jenkins – Two year term to expire December 31, 2021

Fred Jenkins – Two year term to expire December 31, 2021

Joyce Pisani – Two year term to expire December 31, 2021

Brant Braue – Two year term to expire December 31, 2021

**Council Appointments to Public Bodies**

**Planning Board**

Class III Regular Member – Art Rees – One-year term to expire December 31, 2020

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Regular Member: Ben Curcio – Four year term to expire December 31, 2023

First Alternate Member: Paul Sceppaguercio – Two year term to expire December 31, 2021

Second Alternate Member: Philip Rentzis – Two year term to expire December 31, 2021

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were moved as one motion by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion passed unanimously with six votes.

- A. Resolution R-13-20 A Resolution Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Year 2020
- B. Resolution R- 14-20 A Resolution Authorizing Banking Depositories for the Year 2020
- C. Resolution R- 15-20 A Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for the Year 2020
- D. Resolution R- 16-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the Year 2020
- E. Resolution R- 17-20 A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Year 2020
- F. Resolution R- 18-20 A Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Year 2020
- G. Resolution R- 19-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Fund Commissioner
- H. Resolution R-20-20 A Resolution Appointing a Representative to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)
- I. Resolution R- 21-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Officers and Officials for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Association for the Year 2020
- J. Resolution R- 22-20 A Resolution Appointing a Community Development Representative and Alternate for 2020
- K. Resolution R- 23-20 A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Assessments or Municipal Liens or Other Charges
- L. Resolution R- 24-20 A Resolution Authorizing Specific Payments That Can Be Made Outside of a Meeting
- M. Resolution R- 25-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Recreation Programs Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)

**Action to be Taken**

Resolution R-12-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Electrical Sub-Code Official was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-26-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Additional Part-Time Seasonal Employees for the 2019-2020 Recreation Basketball Season – Scorekeepers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-27-20 A Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Police Dispatcher Danielle Felten was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-28-20 A Resolution Approving the Payment of Bills was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

**Citizens To Be Heard**

Richard Verde – 8 Hickory Drive

Mr. Verde wished good luck to the newly appointed councilmen. He asked the Mayor and Council to properly vet candidates for appointments.

Councilman Chiaia wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated his anticipation for the upcoming year. He asked for all residents to keep the safety of the Police and Fire Department personnel in mind especially during the winter season.

Anthony Prinzo – 2 Hickory drive

Mr. Prinzo thanked the Governing Body for their support during the November election.

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 Kessler, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:28pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti  
Borough Clerk