

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:45p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Present: Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

Absent: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino

Also present were: David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer and Nancy Pravata, Borough Clerk

Councilman Chiaia called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Councilman Chiaia asked former mayor, Mel Levine, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

DJ Salvante, county liaison, stated that today is the last day of the deer management program. There will be a press conference at a later date stating the results of the program.

DJ also stated that County Executive, Joseph DiVincenzo, gave his county address this past Monday night. He spoke about the giraffes that will be coming this year to the Turtle Back Zoo. Construction will begin in the spring and finish in the fall, at which time the zoo will be welcoming three giraffes. Demolition of the United Health Center in Newark will begin to make way for a campus which will house all three vocational schools.

MINUTES

- A. Councilman Raymond moved to accept the minutes from the Conference and Regular Meeting of August 18, 2014, seconded by Councilman Rees with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion was passed with all others voting yes.
- B. Councilman Raymond moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2014, seconded by Councilman Rees with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion passed with all others voting yes.
- C. Councilman Raymond moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting of October 8, 2014, seconded by Councilman Rees with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion passed with all others voting yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Resolution R-41-15 – Liquor License-Social Affair Permit for Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex was read. A motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-42-15 – Authorization to Execute Interlocal Agreement with the Township of West Caldwell for Board of Health Services was read. A motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by West Essex First Aid Squad for a Tricky Tray – A motion was made by Councilman Kessler to grant the raffle application to West Essex First Aid

Squad for April 25, 2015 for a Tricky Tray, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for a 50/50 Raffle – A motion was made by Councilman Kessler to grant the raffle application to Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for April 11, 2015 for a 50/50 Raffle, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for a Tricky Tray – A motion was made by Councilman Kessler to grant the Raffle application to Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for April 11, 2015 for a Tricky Tray, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE

Councilman Chiaia offered the Collector's Report for the month of January 2015 in the amount of \$2,931,424.88. Councilman Chiaia moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-43-15 - Payment of Bills – Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,075,011.48 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-44-15 – Tax Lien Redemption, Block 1802, Lot 16 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Report for January 2015 was read. There were 1,037 calls to dispatch for the month. Total summons issued were 92. There were 22 Fire Department responses for the month.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the Construction Report announcing that construction permits for the month of January 2015 were 25 for a total cost of \$7,821. In comparison, total permits issued the same time last year were 28 for a total cost of \$11,143.

Councilman Kessler offered the Animal Control Report for January 2015 with a total of one animal control issue involving an injured hawk.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond gave the Recreation Report for February/March 2015. He spoke about the meeting with the representatives from the North Caldwell Baseball and Softball Association. A discussion took place regarding the funds to be contributed to the Borough for the purposes of making improvements to Liberty Field, the fields relating to baseball as well as the batting cages, which they hope to have up and running this season. Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli, will be working with the Baseball and Softball Association to make improvements to Liberty Field as well as the fencing. Representatives from the recreation department and police

department met with the Liberman family regarding the upcoming Color Run. This is a 5k race where runners will have colored corn starch thrown at them during the race. This will take place sometime during September.

Outstanding fees owed to recreation are \$4,833; \$2,304 of which is from this past winter. Recreation basketball is coming to a close. Nine out of the fifteen teams will be participating in the playoffs. The 7th grade boys travel team will host the first round of playoffs.

Baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse and track and field registration is underway.

The recreation department is continuing with their "We need friends on Facebook" campaign. The campaign resulted in an 8% increase in followers during the month of February. Important upcoming dates are March 3, baseball/softball registration ends; March 19, summer camp registration begins; April 2, Easter Egg Hunt at 3:30 pm at Liberty Field; April 25 is opening day for baseball; and May 23, the pool opens.

Mayor Alessi arrived at 7:59pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

When the Mayor arrived, he spoke about Council President Santomauro's absence from the meeting due to knee surgery. He wished her well and a speedy recovery.

The Mayor also spoke regarding the recent Mayor's Conference in Trenton, which he attended. There were discussions on budget, pension, COAH, etc. The Mayor stated he finds this conference to be very worthwhile and rewarding. While there, he met and spoke with Freeholder President Timberlake. They discussed the turf field on Mountain Avenue and Walker's Pond. The Mayor relayed the story to Freeholder President Timberlake regarding the recent snow storm where Robert Miscia came in to work because his scheduled surgery was cancelled due to the weather. The Mayor stated she was very impressed and made note of his name. The Mayor believes there will be a Freeholder Resolution regarding this.

The Mayor spoke regarding the recent State of the County speech. He was unable to attend as he is President of another organization and had a trustee meeting at the same time, but heard that the speech went well.

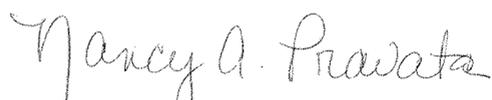
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-40-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations - (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property; (2) Verizon Small Cell Tower; Personnel - DPW Employee; Potential Litigation - (1) Anthony & Lauren Rainone vs. Borough of North Caldwell (2) Building Audit was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 9:15pm

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 9:17pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk