

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:38p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

Absent: Councilman Kessler

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

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 Henry Forstenhausler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor spoke about the pool now being opened full-time and the special guest speaker at the 6th grade Gould School graduation, which was Council President Cynthia Santomauro.

The Mayor spoke about the current cover of North Caldwell Magazine that has the Department of Public Works on its cover. The Mayor complimented Frank and his department saying you can never say enough good things about them.

Due to the efforts of Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli, North Caldwell received a grant from the state of New Jersey for \$550,000. The Mayor said we are very thankful to Frank for his hard work as well as for receiving the grant.

Movies at the pool will be starting in July 16 and runs the following two Thursday's, July 23 and July 30.

He wished everyone a belated Happy Father's Day and hoped all had a nice day.

Lastly, the Mayor spoke about the Borough of North Caldwell being voted the 14th best place in New Jersey to raise a family. There were over 11,000 suburbs graded nationally and 3000 made the rankings. The Mayor said we should all be very proud of this.

Proclamation for Henry and Marion Forstenhausler - Mayor Alessi read the proclamation in honor of Henry and Marion Forstenhausler's 60th Wedding Anniversary. The Mayor congratulated Henry on this special event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting of May 12, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of May 26, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting of June 9, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of June 9, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-5-15 – Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding the Renewal Fee of Liquor Licenses. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

Resolution R-103-15 – Liquor License – Social Affair Permit – North Caldwell Fire Company #1 was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-119-15 – Liquor License Renewal – Green Brook Country Club was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-120-15 – Liquor License Renewal – Dezi’s Hospitality, LLC was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-104-15 – Acceptance of Resignation of Electrical Sub Code Official was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-105-15 – Acceptance of Resignation of Municipal Court Administrator was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-106-15 – Acceptance of Resignation of Police Dispatcher was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-107-15 – Authorizing Employment of Nicholas J. Macaluso as Police Department Dispatcher was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-121-15 Authorizing Temporary Employment of Leanne O’Hern as Temporary Deputy Court Administrator was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of May 2015 in the amount of \$6,683,969.17, with the water account collecting \$74,323.68 and pool account \$45,205.16. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-108-15 - Payment of Bills – Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$945,833.82 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-109-15 – Estimated Tax Billing Authorization, 2015 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-110-15 – Appropriations Cancellations – 2013 and 2014 Grant Budget Appropriations was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia gave the May Public Safety Report. There were a total of 1,254 dispatch calls for the month. The detective bureau reported a missing ladder, fights at West Essex High School, an IRS phone scam, neighbor arguments, classmates making harassing phone calls, etc. This included two domestic matters, seven juvenile matters and three arrests. The Police Department is currently running seven vehicles with year-to-date repairs and maintenance of \$10,501.40

The Fire Report for the month was 37 calls, which represent 317 volunteer man hours.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Chiaia offered the May Construction Report in Councilman Kessler's absence. There were 49 permits issued and five updates totaling \$410,375 in new construction, alterations or demolition. Current month's revenue for permits was \$12,079. The year-to-date total is \$46,620.

Animal Control for May had 18 animal responses, including five carcass removals, one additional removal for a deer and ten other complaints. There were two violations for unlicensed animals.

Resolution R-111-15 – Resolution Rejecting Bid for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a 90 Foot Wooden Communications Pole and Related Ground Support Facilities at 150 Mountain Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, A/K/A Block 204, Lot 4 and Authorizing Re-Advertisement for Bids was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-112-15 – Resolution Rejecting Bid for 2015 Tennis Court Rehabilitation and Authorizing Re-Advertisement for Bids was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Additionally, there was a memo from Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli stating bids were sought for furnishing unleaded motor fuel and diesel fuel. No bid documents were distributed; therefore, none were received. A re-bid is scheduled for July 9, 2015.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond offered the June 2015 Recreation Report. The baseball/softball pool party was held on June 8. There was a DJ and free food. Over 500 residents attended. Thank you to Forte's Pizza, Premio Foods and Gelotti's for their contributions.

The pool open house held on May 30 was a great success and the pool is now open every day for the summer season. Currently, there are 286 pool memberships.

Multi-sport Camp started June 22. This camp runs between the last week of school and Summer Fun. Summer Fun begins June 29 and runs until August 5; Kiddie Camp begins June 30. To date, enrollment for Summer Fun and Kiddie Camp exceeded the number of registrations from last year. Summer Fun – 4% increase; Kiddie Camp – 16% increase. July 4 fireworks will be celebrated at Bonnell Field in West Caldwell starting at 7pm with a rain date of July 5.

Lastly, thanks to Councilmen Astorino and Chiaia a donation from Unico for North Caldwell's Recreation Department was received in the amount of \$275.

Resolution R-113-15 – Appointment of Samantha Benanti as Co-head Director of the 2015 Summer Fun and Kiddy Camp Season was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-114-15 – Appointment of Victoria Zizzo as Co-head Director of the 2015 Summer Fun and Kiddy Camp Session was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-115-15 – Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2015 – Summer Fun was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-116-15 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Rebates In Connection With Pool Membership Referral Program was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-117-15 – Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2015 – Municipal Pool was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Henry Forstenhausler, 188 Mountain Avenue - Henry thanked the Mayor and Council and said he truly appreciated the proclamation that was read in recognition of his wedding anniversary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-118-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property; (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility; Potential Litigation (1) Mr. and Mrs. A. Rainone vs. Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 8:36pm

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 Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 8:38pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Pravata". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk