

The Conference & Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 6:47 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Councilman Astorino, Councilwoman Fost, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

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

Councilman Chiaia arrived at 6:55pm. Council President Santomauro arrived at 7:10pm.

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 Mr. Joseph Stigliano to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor spoke about the Ice Bucket Challenge for the Mayor, Council and Borough employees to benefit ALS. The Mayor said the date is tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2014 to take place during the town picnic.

The Mayor stated that News Channel 5 interviewed Chief Deuer regarding the Township's deer management. The Mayor stated the program will run from September 15, 2014 through February 28, 2015 and that the program is working.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

D.J. Salvante, County Liaison, stated that the County is still developing their culling for this year. He also stated the new playground is now open.

Bunny Jenkins said the Walker family is very interested in the town purchasing the property and was sorry things are progressing so slowly. The Mayor thanked Bunny for going above and beyond on this project.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Hillside Avenue Parking – Discussion tabled until next meeting.
- B. Speed & Agility Training - Recreation – There will be a five-week program running from September to October. There will be 25 – 30 children per group. Cost will be \$120.
- C. Deer Management Program – Councilman Chiaia had been in contact with the DEP and is planning an upcoming meeting. Councilman Chiaia spoke regarding different areas of culling for 2014 – 2015.
- D. Possible New Revenue for Municipal Pool – Business Administrator, Mel Levine, spoke about a special needs school in Fairfield that may be interested in utilizing the town pool for their students. It would be scheduled after summer camp and swim team. There would be approximately 90 children using the pool for two hours twice a week. Will do research to see if this is possible for next year.
- E. Mutual Aid Agreement for Essex County (Fire Dept.) – Fire Chief D'Ascensio has been asked to sign an agreement for all Essex County towns. The

agreement will make it easier to receive aid from the government for disasters.

- F. Hidden Ridge – Knox Box Ordinance. Borough Attorney, David M. Paris will work on a Knox Box Ordinance for the next meeting.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Conference & Regular Meeting of July 22, 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of July 22, 2014 Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of January 28, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Fost, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion passed with all others voting yes.

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of April 28, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Raymond, with Councilman Astorino abstaining. Said motion passed with all others voting yes.

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-7-14 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue. This Ordinance was tabled.

Resolution R-127-14 - A Resolution Authorizing Inclusion in the Essex County Urban Community Development Program for Program Years 2015-2017 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Montclair NJ Chapter SPEBSQSA (Dapper Dan's) – Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the Raffle license to Montclair NJ Chapter SPEBSQSA (Dapper Dan's) for Raffle of a TV on November 22, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by North Caldwell Baseball/Softball Association – Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the Raffle License to North Caldwell Baseball/Softball Association for 50/50 Raffle on September 6, 2014, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-128-14 - Authorizing Re-appointment of Leonard Mendola as the Construction Code Official, Building Sub-Code Official, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia read the Public Safety Report for July, 2014. There were 116 violations issued by the Police Department and 21 issues addressed by the Detective Bureau.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of July, 2014 of \$2,878,951.08 in taxes, \$114,122.89 for water and \$15,132.98 for the pool. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-129-14 - Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$2,209,435.35. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-130-14 Tax Lien Redemption - Block 600, Lot 2 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Fost offered the Construction Report for July, 2014. There were 62 permits issued for a total of \$15,739. Year-to-date total is down by approximately \$40,000.

Councilwoman Fost offered the Recycling Report for June, 2014. Totals for this year are 343.92 tons, which is slightly lower than the same time last year.

Councilwoman Fost offered the Animal Control Report for July, 2014. There were a total of 12 calls for the month. There were two quarantines, two warnings, two complaints and no summons issued.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the August/September 2014 Report. Councilman Raymond stated practicing for 2014 football season has started. Summer Fun had a successful season. The pool closes on September 1. The town picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 with the 5K run starting at 9:30am. Councilman Raymond also spoke about receiving online payments with credit cards.

Resolution R131-13 - Fixing Fees Pertaining to Recreation Programs - Speed and Agility Training was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-132-14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Water Slides for the North Caldwell Municipal Pool from Superior Recreational Products was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-133-14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Removal of Two (2) Existing Water Slides from the North Caldwell Municipal Pool by Giordano Contracting, LLC was read. This Resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution R-134-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property, Personnel, Retail Distribution Liquor License, Birch Avenue Property Sale Negotiations was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-135-14 - Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Distribution License Within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-136-14 - Resolution Authorizing the Use of the North Caldwell Municipal Tennis Courts by Caldwell University from August – October, 2014 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro that this meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk