

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:48p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees, with Councilman Astorino arriving at 8:04pm.

Absent: Councilwoman Fost

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

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 resident Beverly Salerno to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor spoke about Soccerfest which took place on September 20, 2014. He thanked Councilman Raymond, Bill Maranz and Jamie Cannon as well as DPW for a job well done. The event was well attended and it was a perfect example of what a great place North Caldwell is.

Tax bills will be mailed out this week with a due date of November 1, 2014. It will include the first and second quarter taxes for 2015. The tax rate increased by 1.9%. The Borough's percentage of this overall tax was 17.38%, which includes police as well as DPW.

October is the month for household hazardous waste and computer and electronics recycling in Essex County. These events will take place October 5 and October 18, respectively.

The Mayor and Council would like to wish all residents observing Rosh Hashanah a happy and healthy new year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Organization Meeting of January 1, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of Conference Meeting of January 14, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of Conference Meeting of March 11, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Conference Meeting of April 8, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 16, 2014 seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia and Councilman Rees abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- F. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Conference Meeting of May 13, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Rees abstaining. Said motion was passed.

- G. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Conference Meeting of June 10, 2014, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session August 18, 2014, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session October 23, 2012, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- J. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session November 27, 2012, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- K. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session May 14, 2013, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia and Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- L. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session June 11, 2013, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Chiaia and Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- M. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session January 15, 2013, seconded by Councilman Astorino, with Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- N. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session March 12, 2013, seconded by Councilman Chiaia, with Councilman Astorino and Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- O. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Executive Session May 28, 2013, seconded by Councilman Chiaia, with Councilman Astorino and Councilman Raymond abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- P. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro to accept the minutes of the Conference Meeting of February 11, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino. 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. 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 would be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-8-14 – An Ordinance Requiring the Installation of Key Lock Boxes for Rapid Entry of Fire Department and Public Safety Personnel. Councilwoman Santomauro stated that this Ordinance will become part of Article III, Chapter 44 of The Code of The Borough of North Caldwell. 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 would be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Council President Santomauro explained why this Ordinance was being introduced. There has been discussion as to The Borough having one Municipal Court Judge, as there needs to be continuity of the Courts, it was desirable to appoint someone as ancillary judge. The appointee would be

someone who would back-up our Judge. The original Ordinance has to be tweaked. This is open for discussion with the Council. Borough Attorney, David M. Paris, stated that this gives the Mayor the option to appoint another judge. It does not mean that he will appoint another judge.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-9-14 – An Ordinance Amending Article X (Municipal Court) of the Borough of North Caldwell to Provide for the Appointment of Municipal Court Judges. Council President Santomauro moved to introduce the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Chiaia, with Councilman Astorino abstaining. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing and final reading for this Ordinance would be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Rees stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of August 2014 of \$6,075,600.96 in the general account for a year-to-date total of \$26,922,948.42. The water account collected \$98,128.68 and \$6,422.12 for the pool account. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-142-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$976,659.26. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-143-14 – Cancellation of Capital Appropriation Balances Approval was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia read the Public Safety Report for the month of August 2014 for the Police and Fire Departments.

Two letters of appreciation were received by the North Caldwell Police Department. One letter was from a North Caldwell resident, the other from the Essex Fells Police Chief.

The Fire Department responded to four carbon monoxide alarms, two smoke alarms, 13 fire alarms and two reports of gas odor. The Fire Department continues the Jr. Fire Department Program.

Fire Chief, John D'Ascensio spoke about the new fire truck The Borough will be purchasing. He explained there is a committee of both seasoned firefighters as well and new members whose input is used in the purchasing of the truck. The Fire Chief went on to explain that the new piece of equipment has jaws and a larger water tank. The truck we are trading in will be stripped of whatever we may need and placed on the new one. The truck will be ordered through Pierce Manufacturing. Councilman Chiaia added that The Borough's current truck was not designed to be a fire truck, but this new one will be.

Resolution R-144-14 – A Resolution Authorizing the Upgrade of Enforsys Police Systems, Inc. Polisy SE Standard Edition Software to Polisy EE Enterprise Edition RMS and Mobile Software License and Maintenance Agreement for the Borough of North Caldwell Police Department was read. This resolution was tabled.

Resolution R-145-14 – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an Enforcer Pumper Truck for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro with Councilman Rees abstaining. Said motion was passed.

Resolution R-151-14 – Appointment of Junior Volunteer Fire Department Member – John Rogacki was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Chiaia stated that Chief Deuer, Mayor Alessi, himself as well as Borough Administrator, Mel Levine, have been working on negotiations with the PBA.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Rees offered the Construction Report announcing that construction permits for the month of August 2014 was 50 for a total of \$13,568.00. Permits issued year-to-date are 369 totaling \$146,306.00.

There was no Recycling Report available for the month of August.

Councilman Rees offered the Animal Control Report for August 2014 with a total of seven calls for the month. There were five deceased animals picked up during the month.

Resolution R-146-14 – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the White Oak Drive Project was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-147-14 – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Willowbrook Drive Project was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the September/October 2014 Report.

Councilman Raymond spoke about Soccerfest and thanked the recreation staff for a job well done. Soccerfest has expanded its festivities with a pizza tailgate the night before the West Essex High School home game.

All fall recreation sports along with the hands-on arts and crafts program are up and running.

Councilman Raymond thanked the DPW workers for all their assistance during Soccerfest.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Henry Forstenhausler, 188 Mountain Ave. – Mr. Forstenhausler stated that he talked to some seniors in town to see if a senior busing service can be available in town. The Mayor stated that he is looking into the cost of the busing from other towns. The Mayor asked how many seniors are interested in the busing. What is the amount of use? Business Administrator, Mel Levine stated that he has been in contact with Caldwell/West Caldwell and they are willing to share services with North Caldwell. He said we are going to need an accurate as possible number of residents interested as the cost will be shared percentage wise. With regard to

transportation services provided by Essex County, we will follow up with our County liaison, D.J. Salvante.

Mr. Faustenhausler stated that North Caldwell does not do much for their Seniors. The only service they provide is the use of Fireman's Hall for their monthly meetings.

Mr. Faustenhausler also spoke regarding iron in the water that is causing stains in his toilet. Mr. Zichelli stated that it could be caused by hard water, but he will get a most recent water reading from Essex Fells.

Beverly Salerno, 192 Mountain Ave. There is a part on Mountain Ave by the Mountain Field without sidewalks. Is there any way to put in a sidewalk, as she expressed it is unsafe. It was asked if there was any way to get grant monies for this. Mr. Zichelli stated there is nothing currently that we could apply for. Occasionally, there is the Safe to School Grant, but this area would not qualify as it is not near a school. The Mayor stated we will look into this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-148-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations - Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property, Borough Rental Property - 137 Gould Avenue - Rental Price; Personnel - Recreation Employee Salaries, DPW Employee was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

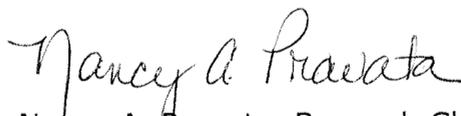
Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 10:05pm

Resolution R-149-14 - Authorizing Increase of Jamie Cannon Salary as Recreation Program Director of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. This Resolution was tabled.

Resolution R-150-14 - Authorizing Increase of Bill Maranz Salary as Recreation Athletic Director of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. This Resolution was tabled.

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 Raymond that this meeting be adjourned at 10:06pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk