

Organization Meeting January 1, 2015

The 2015 Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Thursday, January 1, 2015 and began at 12:41pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph H. Alessi, announcing that notice of the date, time and location was provided in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Mayor Alessi asked his daughters to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rabbi Silverstein of Congregation Agudath Israel gave the invocation.

Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk, presented the Certification of Results of the November 4, 2014 General Election wherein it is stated that the following were duly elected:

Joseph H. Alessi, Mayor – 4-year term  
Cynthia Santomauro, Council Member – 3-year term  
John Chiaia, Council Member – 3-year term

Honorable Linda Lordi-Cavanaugh, J.S.C. administered the Oath of Office to Joseph H. Alessi.

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Honorable Linda Lordi-Cavanaugh, J.S.C. administered the Oath of Office to John Chiaia.

Council President Santomauro spoke of the Council successfully doing a juggling act by keeping taxes low, services not being affected and having a wonderful police and fire department. She said the Council tries to deal with each issue compassionately and with personal attention. She is looking forward to her fifth term on the Council and hopes the trust you have placed in them is warranted.

Councilman John Chiaia thanked the voters along with Mayor Alessi and the Republican County Committee for helping him get re-elected and putting their trust in him. He thanked his family for being supportive and understanding of the hours he devotes to the Council. He also thanked his parents for raising him in such a great town and all their encouragement throughout the years. He spoke of his colleagues on the Council saying that it is elevating to serve with them. And lastly, he thanked the Borough employees saying working with them makes it so much easier to serve on the Council.

A roll call was conducted with the following in attendance:

Mayor Alessi  
Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees, Councilwoman Santomauro

Also in attendance David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Mark Deuer, Police Chief, Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk

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Mayor Alessi thanked Senator Joe Pennachio, former Councilwoman Anita Johnson, Joe Piscopo and his mother, Edith, for being here. He thanked his good friend Judge Cavanaugh who took time out of her busy schedule to swear him in. He

stated that anyone he may have forgotten is the most important person. He thanked his wife and two daughters as well as the Council he serves with and Borough employees who help make his job much easier. He said he truly loves this job and thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve for the next four years.

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Chiaia to elect Councilwoman Cynthia Santomauro as Council President for the year 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino. This motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-1-15 Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – David M. Paris, Esq. of Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo, LLC, Borough Legal Counsel was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-2-15 Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Joseph Faccone of Samuel, Klein & Co., Borough Auditor was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-3-15 Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – John Draikiwicz of Gibbons, PC, Bond Counsel was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomaro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-4-15 Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Jeffrey R. Surrenian & Associates, LLC, Special COAH Counsel was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Alessi appointed the following Borough Officials:

R-5-15 Appointment of Public Defender – Damian Conforti  
R-6-14 Appointment of Water Superintendent and Water Operator – Frank Zichelli  
R-7-14 Appointment of Crossing Guards – Thomas Towne, Michael Wrobel, Raymond Smith

A motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, for the above resolutions, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

The following are Mayoral Appointments, with no confirmation required.

#### Planning Board:

Class IV, Regular Member – Scott Fishbone – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2018

Class IV, Alternate #1 – Joseph Barba – 2-year term to expire 12/31/2016

Class II, Regular Member – Mel Levine – 1-year term to expire 12/31/2015

Mayor Appointments with Council Consent:

#### Camp Wyanokie Commission:

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John Gakos – 1-year term to expire 12/31/2015  
George Press – 1-year term to expire 12/31/2015

Historic Preservation Commission:

Bryant Braue – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2018  
Fred Jenkins – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2018

Planning Board (Council Appointment):

Arthur Rees

Motion by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino to appoint Arthur Rees to serve as Class III Member of the Planning Board. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Board of Adjustment (Council Appointment):

Regular Member Steven Wangner – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2018  
Alternate Member #1; Beth Tanelli, 2-year term to expire 12/31/2016  
Alternate Member #2; Herschel Salan, 2-year term to expire 12/31/2016

Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond to appoint members of the Board of Adjustment as listed above. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Alessi read the following Resolutions, which are on a consent agenda. Hearing no objection to move by one motion, Council President Santomauro moved to adopt all of the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

R-8-15 2015 Annual Schedule of Meetings  
R-9-15 2015 Depositories Authorization  
R-10-15 2015 Official Newspapers Designations  
R-11-15 2015 Petty Cash Funds Authorization  
R-12-15 2015 Temporary Budget Adoption  
R-13-15 Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)  
R-14-15 Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes of Assessments  
R-15-15 Authorizing Specific Payments that can be Made Outside of a Meeting  
R-16-15 Authorization to Approve Professional Service Contracts for Recreation Programs  
R-17-15 Authorizing Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner  
R-18-15 Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell Waiving the Appointment of a Risk Management Consultant and Indemnifying and Holding Harmless the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund as a Result of any Claims Arising from said Action  
R-19-15 Authorizing Appointment of 2015 Officers for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Seeing no one coming forward, The Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

Father Anthony Randazzo from Notre Dame Church gave the Benediction.

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There being no other matters to be addressed by the Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia that the meeting be adjourned was carried unanimously at 1:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy A. Pravata". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nancy A. Pravata  
Borough Clerk