

The 2014 Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 and began at 12:35pm.

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 Max and Haley Raymond 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 5, 2013 General Election wherein it is stated that the following were duly elected:

Arthur J. Rees, Council Member – 3-year term
Joshua H. Raymond, Council Member – 3-year term

Mayor Joseph H. Alessi administered the Oath of Office to Arthur J. Rees.

Richard D. Trenk, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Joshua H. Raymond.

Councilman Rees and Councilman Raymond thanked everyone for their support and pledged to do their best for North Caldwell.

A Roll Call was conducted with the following in attendance:

Mayor Alessi
Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilwoman Fost, 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

Mayor's Annual Address

The Mayor said he is looking forward to working for another three years with Councilman Rees, as he is very dedicated and selfless. He also said he is looking forward to working with Councilman Raymond as well. The Mayor said that Councilman Raymond is very hardworking and selfless.

The Mayor also spoke about North Caldwell being the Number 3 town to live in out of 514 in New Jersey, as well as being Number 1 in Essex County. He also stated that there was no tax rate increase, deer management continues, and working on the liquor license which would have never been accomplished without former Council President Campbell. The Mayor said we are working very diligently on Walker's Pond, which was the crown jewel at one time in our community. Also, after twenty years we have settled Council of Affordable Housing litigation thanks to Borough Attorney David Paris and the Council.

Election of Council President

A motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Astorino to elect Councilwoman Cynthia Santomauro as Council President for the year 2014. This motion was carried unanimously.

Council Committee Designations

Due to her laryngitis, Council President Santomauro requested Councilman Chiaia announce the following 2014 Committee Assignments:

Legal & Ordinance: Chair: Council President Santomauro, Members: Councilman Astorino, Councilwoman Fost

Personnel: Chair: Councilman Rees, Members: Councilman Raymond, Council President Santomauro

Public Safety: Chair: Councilman Chiaia, Members: Councilman Rees, Councilman Astorino

Finance: Chair: Councilman Astorino, Members: Councilman Chiaia, Council President Santomauro

DPW: Chair: Councilwoman Fost, Members: Councilman Rees, Councilman Chiaia

Recreation: Chair: Councilman Raymond, Members: Councilman Astorino, Councilwoman Fost

Resolution R-1-14 - 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 Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-2-14 - Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Joseph Faccone of Samuel Klein & Co., auditor, was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-3-14 - Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – John Draikiwicz, Esq., of Gibbons, P.C., Bond Counsel, was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-4-14 - Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Burgis Associates, Inc. was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-5-14 - Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC, Special COAH Counsel, was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Alessi Appointed the following Borough Officials:

R-6-14 - Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics – Nancy Pravata

R-7-14 - Appointment of Public Defender – Damian Conforti, Esq.

R-8-14 - Appointment of Water Superintendent and Water Operator – Frank Zichelli, P.E.

R-9-14 - Appointment of Recreation Program Director- Jamie Cannon

R-10-14 - Appointment of Recreation Athletic Director – William Maranz

R-11-14 - Appointment of Crossing Guards- Thomas Towne, Michael Wrobel, and Raymond Smith

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

The following are Mayoral Appointments, with no confirmation required.

Planning Board:

Class IV, Regular Member – Joseph Brower – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2017

Class IV, Regular Member – James Campbell – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2017

Class IV, Alternate #2 - Sandra Calvert-Nathans - 2-year term to expire 12/31/2015

Class II, Regular Member - Mel Levine - 1-year term to expire 12/31/2014

Mayor Appointments with Council Consent:

Camp Wyanokie Commission:

John Gakos – 1-year term

George Press – 1-year term

Historic Preservation Commission:

Edith Jenkins – 4-year term

Joyce Pisani – 4-year term

Planning Board (Council Appointment):

Motion by Councilman Chiaia, 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 Peter Schwartz – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2017

Regular Member Edith Jenkins – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2017

Regular Member James McDonald – 4-year term to expire 12/31/2017

Alternate Member #1 John Ritter - 2-year term to expire 12/31/2015

Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, 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, Councilman Chiaia moved to adopt all of the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

R-12-14 2014 - Annual Schedule of Meetings

R-13-14 2014 - Depositories Authorization

R-14-14 2014 - Official Newspapers Designations

R-15-14 2014 - Petty Cash Funds Authorization

R-16-14 2014 - Temporary Budget Adoption

R-17-14 - Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

R-18-14 - 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 and Assessments

R-19-14 - Authorizing Specific Payments that can be made Outside of a Meeting

R-20-14 - Tabled

R-21-13 - Authorizing Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner

R-22-14 - 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-23-14 - Authorizing Appointment of 2014 Officers for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department

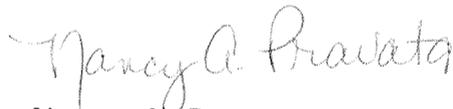
Citizens to Be Heard

Father Anthony Randazzo from Notre Dame Church gave the Benediction.

Mayor Alessi stated the Mayor's Ball will take place on March 8, 2014. All proceeds raised will go for a turf field. The tickets will be under \$100.00 with Peter Schwartz's band supplying the music free of charge.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Council President Santomauro that the meeting be adjourned was carried unanimously at 1:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata
Borough Clerk