

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:35pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Absent: Councilman Rees

Also present were: Mr. David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mark Deuer, Police Chief and Nancy Bretzger, 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 the Councilman Chiaia to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi stated that the County is now in full swing of the Deer Management Program. They are finishing up the hunt at South Mountain Reservation now. He said that the hunt will be starting at the Hilltop Reservation January 31 and will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's for 2 weeks.

The Mayor stated that the Borough now owns the Walker Property and is working on doing the due diligence of the property. He wanted to thank Senator Pennacchio for his help with the DEP.

Mayor Alessi also wanted to wish the new President Good Luck.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Alessi closed this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 20, 2016, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Councilman Chiaia abstained. Said motion was passed.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2017, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Councilman Chiaia and Councilman Kessler abstained. Said motion was passed.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting and Executive Session of January 10, 2017, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Councilman Raymond introduced Ordinance O-1-17 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Councilman Raymond moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously. Councilman Raymond stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Raffle Application by Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation for a Tricky Tray Raffle to be held at Notre Dame Church on March 11, 2017 – A motion was made by Councilman Raymond to grant the raffle application to the Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle to be held at Notre Dame Church on March 11, 2017 – A motion was made by Councilman Raymond to grant the raffle application to the Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-27-17 –Authorizing Appointment of Anthony Romano, Jr. as Roadman in the Public Works Department of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of December 2016. Taxes collected year-to-date total \$38,215,415.78. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted with the exclusion of the water and pool accounts, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-28-17 – Approval to Pay Bills – Councilman Astorino made a motion for the approval to pay bills in the amount of \$1,030,349.48 was read, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia wanted to say that he has a lot of pride and happiness as he rides past Walker's Pond and sees the water falls again. He said that the property now has the love and care again. He thanked the DPW for the job that they have done cleaning up the area around the pond.

Councilman Chiaia read the Public Safety Report for the Police Department. He stated that in December there were 870 calls during the month, there were 27 tickets issued. Within the Detective Department there were 4 juvenile cases at the Middle School and High School as well as 24 medical assistants within the Borough. For the year, \$16,428.15 was spent on the maintenance of the 9 police vehicles.

Resolution R-35-17 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Council President Santomauro offered the December 2016 Construction Report. For the month of December, 31 permits were issued. Fees collected for permits issued for the month was \$18,280.00 bringing the yearly total to \$180,772.00.

Council President Santomauro offered the December Recycling Report. There were 51 tons of paper collected and 20 tons commingled, for a year-to-date total of 977 tons. Year to date total of solid waste collected was 3,728 tons. The recycling rate for the month of December was 24%.

Council President Santomauro gave the Animal Control Report for the month of December 2016 and stated that there were only 2 calls for dogs on the loose.

Resolution R-29-17 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Roosevelt Boulevard (Section 2) was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-30-17 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Winding Way and Highland Drive Project was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-31-17 Resolution Approving a Professional Services Contract By and Between the Borough of North Caldwell and Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-36-17 Authorization to Enter into a Side Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union 469 and PBA Local 81 Regarding Paul O'Neill was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RECREATION

Councilman Kessler reported on the January 2017 Recreation Report. He stated that he was happy to report that there are 400 participants in the Basketball program this year. He said that the Annual Mayor's Cup for basketball will begin the end of February – early March. He stated that there were 88 participants in the Ski Club, he said that 38 children take the bus up and that 50 children join them at the mountain. The next scheduled meeting for the Seniors is March 1, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Fireman's Community Center. Spring Track & Field registrations begin in February through the Fairfield Recreation Department. Recreation Baseball & Softball registration will begin February 1, 2017. A Date to remember is the Spring Spectacular & Egg Hunt is Wednesday, April 5 at Liberty Field 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Opening Day for Baseball-Softball is Saturday, April 22, 2017.

Resolution R-32-17 Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2016-2017 Basketball Season Scorekeepers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-33-17 Authorization to Hire 2017 K-2nd Grade Basketball Clinic Instructors was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-34-17 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes -A. Potential Litigation - (1) Hidden Ridge Pump Station Bond Default - B. Contract Negotiations - (1) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility (3) Engineering Firm for Subdivision of Walker's Property C. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgement D. Personnel -was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

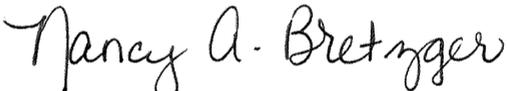
Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:03pm.

RESOLUTION

Resolution R-37-17 Authorization to Declare a Default in the Terms and Provisions of the Hidden Ridge at North Caldwell, LLC Developers Agreement and to Make Claim Against Performance Guaranty was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. 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 Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk