

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, 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

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 Council President Santomauro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi stated that the DPW guys received a poster with letters from the 5th graders thanking them for all the work that they have done with snow removal and the water main breaks that the town has had.

The Mayor stated he received an email that the Boy Scouts, DPW and fire department were plowing out the fire hydrants. He mentioned they worked very hard as well as this being testament to what this community of North Caldwell is about.

The Mayor's Ball will be held on March 8, 2014. There are approximately 200 people planning to attend. The Mayor thanked the Committee for all their help. He announced that the North Caldwell Education Foundation, which raises money for local schools, is holding their Gala on March 14, 2014 at Montclair State University.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Fost offered the Recycling Report for December, 2013 showing a decline in paper and an increase in commingled.

Councilwoman Fost then offered the Construction Report announcing that construction activity for the month of January, 2014 brought in \$500,000.

Councilwoman Fost read the Animal Control Report for January, 2014. Councilwoman Fost mentioned that Animal Control Officers, Messrs. Romano and Stickles, were instrumental in finding The Borough salt when our supply was running low.

Resolution R-48-14 - Authorizing the Award of Contract for Recyclable Material Collection and Delivery Service was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-49-14 - Contract Award – Recycling Market was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Resolution R-42-14 – Authorizing the Award of Professional Service Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – M. Trevor Lyons, Esq. as labor counsel, of Connell,

Foley, LLC was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-43-14 – Authorization to Award Contracts for Recreation Programs Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro moved to grant a Raffle license to the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for a 50/50 and Tricky Tray Raffle on March 29, 2014, seconded by Councilman Astorino.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-44-14 - Authorizing Appointment of Ashley D. Nolen as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-45-14 - Acceptance of Resignation of Police Department Dispatcher – Dean Sauchelli was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-52-14 - Authorizing Employment of Thomas Fernicola as Police Department Dispatcher was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Report for January, 2014 was read by Councilman Chiaia. Councilman Chiaia spoke regarding the Police Chief responding on his own time to a fire call, which happened to be at his home. He also spoke about how the police department borrowed equipment from the West Essex High School and had cleaned and polished the floors in the police department so that they can save money.

He also thanked the fire department for what they did to save his house and his son that was in the house at the time of the fire. Councilman Chiaia also spoke of the importance of smoke alarms.

There were two thank you letters received by the police department.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of January, 2014, of \$2,809,406.33 in taxes, \$122,197.96 for water and \$7.97 for the pool. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted for the record, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-46-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,094,770.36. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said Motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-47-14 - Tax Lien Redemption – Block 2200, Lot 2 C0109 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the February/March 2014 Report.

He reported that the recreation department has been working on the upcoming baseball season. They are working on an Open House for the second week of the pool season. March 20th summer camp registration will begin.

Resolution R-50-14 – Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2013-2014 Basketball Season was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

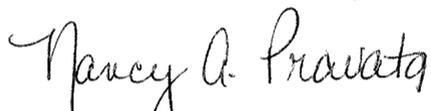
CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No residents came forward.

The Mayor did inquire as to Mr. Henry Forstenhauser's recent health issue. Mrs. Beverly Salerno said he is recovering and should be returning home soon.

Resolution R-51-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property and Negotiation Regarding Fairfield's Request for Use of Court Room was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk