

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:41 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Joseph Alessi

Present: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Frank Astorino, , Councilman Arthur Raymond, Councilman Joshua Rees

Absent: Councilman John Chiaia, Councilwoman Patricia Foster

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 Councilman Astorino to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi stated that he was going to keep his Mayor's Report short. He mentioned that the town was going to be holding a Mayor's Ball on March 8, 2014 in order to raise funds for a turf field on Mountain Field. Invitations have been sent out.

Proclamation –

Mayor Alessi read the Proclamation recognizing the life-saving efforts of the police, school principal and North Caldwell resident.

Chief Deuer spoke about Mrs. Foti and Mr. Stefanelli in that it was their help which truly saved a man's life.

Officer Mike Mautone stated that this was a highlight of his career, and he also wanted to acknowledge Mrs. Foti and Mr. Stefanelli because if it wasn't for them this situation could have ended quite differently.

Mr. Desiderioscioli spoke that he had no idea what had happened to him before he came here tonight. He wanted to thank everyone for the efforts that were put into saving his life.

Mrs. Amy Foti said she is thankful that she learned CPR and glad that she was able to help. Mr. Stefanelli was glad that Mrs. Foti was there to help as well.

Pictures were taken

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Henry Forstenhauser, 188 Mountain Avenue. Inquired about a paper shredding truck to shred important documents of town residents. Said it may be a way for the town to make money. Frank Zichelli addressed the resident regarding paper shredding and electronic shredding.

Second issue was Ordinance regarding clearing sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. Wanted to know if private roadways could be incorporated into this Ordinance for safety reasons.

Robert C. Williams, Attorney from West Orange, was there on behalf of his clients to comment on R-31-14. Would like to have Council reconsider carry out meals and hours of operation for possible restaurant at the old Forum location.

County liason, D.J. Salvante – Deer Management Program will start at The Hilltop on February 4, running the first two Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month.

January 29 - Wounded Warriors event at Cody Arena beginning at 7:30pm.

Thursday at 3:00pm Job Fair and on Friday, Friday Night Fights at Codey Arena beginning at 6:00pm.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Resolution R-30-14 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Distribution License within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-31-14 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Consumption License within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino, Councilman Rees abstained. All others voted yes.

##### PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

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

##### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Rees stressed to the residents to make sure that their smoke detectors work. Make sure that you have a workable fire extinguisher, fire hydrant is cleared of the snow. Councilman Rees read the Police Report for the month of December, 2013. Councilman Rees also read the Fire Report for the month of January, 2013.

##### FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of December, 2013 in which \$926,031.9 was collected in taxes, for a yearly total of \$36,213,334.09; \$155,598.21 for water with a yearly total of \$1,381,550.36 and \$9.57 for the pool, with a yearly total of \$144,771.57. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted and maintained for the record, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-32-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$1,060,271.37. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said Motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-33-14 - 2013 Appropriation Reserves Transfers Approval was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

##### PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilman Rees then offered the construction report announcing that construction activity for the month was 32 new permits with a yearly total of 705 permits which brought in a yearly total of \$294,841.00.

Councilman Rees read the Animal Control Report for December, 2013.

Resolution R-34-14 – Essex County 2014 Open Space Local Aid Program Grant Application was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-38-14- Authorizing Appointment of Designee to Serve on the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was read. Appointment of Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer was made. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the January/February 2014 Report.

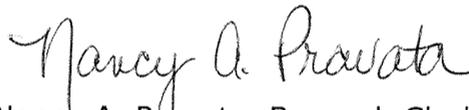
Resolution R-35-14 – Fixing Fees Pertaining to Recreation Programs was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-36-14 – Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2013-2014 Basketball Season Scorekeepers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-37-14 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes – Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property 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. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk