

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman John Chiaia, Councilwoman Patricia Fost, Councilman Joshua Raymond, Councilman Aurthur 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 DJ Salvante to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

County liason, DJ Salvante stated that he has a flyer listing spring activities from the Park's Department. Cherry Blossom Festival is set for Saturday, April 5 along with Bike Race and Sunday, April 6 is the 5K Run.

Marian O'Neill, who will be honored at a later meeting date, was the Deputy Grand Marshall in the 79th St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newark on March 14, 2014.

The Mayor thanked all who worked on the Mayor's Ball, which was held on March 8, 2014. The event raised over \$80,000.00 with proceeds being put towards the turf field.

Proclamation –

Mayor Alessi read the Proclamation recognizing the dedication and hard work of both players and coaches of the 7th and 8th Grade Spurs Boys Basketball Team. The team was the 2014 Season Champions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-1-14 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Council President Santomauro explained that this is required by law. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance would be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-2-14 – An Ordinance to Fix the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell. Council President Santomauro explained this ordinance was to fix the salaries of the employees as to the range that they fall in. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance would be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Resolution R-57-14 – Authorization to Execute an Agreement Between the Borough of North Caldwell and the Township of Fairfield Relating to the Municipal Court was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor stated that we have a great relationship with Fairfield and we are happy to help them.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

There was no report by Councilman Rees.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Report for February, 2014 was read by Councilman Chiaia. Fire Department received a total of 13 calls. Two grants were received, one for \$1733 and \$1000 for 150 fire safety kits and a new hose nozzle, respectively.

Police Department reported a total of 73 various violations. Detective Bureau had a total of ten items for the month of February.

Chief Deuer reported that the North Caldwell Police Department, in conjunction with Passaic County, conducted a five month, multi-jurisdictional drug investigation. The investigation resulted with the arrest of 13 people, two from North Caldwell. Marijuana was being sold out of a home in North Caldwell.

Resolution R-68-14 - Appointment of Volunteer Fire Department Member – Leonard Mendola, Jr. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of February, 2014, of \$5,433,127.57 in taxes, \$84,122.27 for water and \$6.20 for the pool. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted and maintained for the record, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-58-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$880,057.87. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-59-14 - 2013 Appropriation Reserves Transfers Approval was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-60-14 - 2014 Municipal Budget Introduction was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-61-14 - Deferred Local District School Tax was read. Tax levy for 2013 was \$11,932,354. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-62-14 - Deferred Regional High School Tax was read. School tax levy for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 is \$7,645,165. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-63-14- Resolution Computing 2014 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2) was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-64-14 - Resolution for Self-Examination of Budget was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Fost offered the Recycling Report for February, 2014 showing a decline in paper and an increase in commingle.

Councilwoman Fost then offered the Construction Report announcing that construction activity for the month of February, 2014 brought in revenues of \$35,000.00. There were 41 permits issued with a total cost estimate of construction for the month at \$500,000.

Councilwoman Fost read the Animal Control Report for February, 2014 and reminded residents to register their pets.

Resolution R-65-14 - Authorizing the Award of Contract for Mowing & Trimming of Municipal Facilities was read. The contract was awarded to LTI, Inc. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond mentioned what a wonderful event that the Mayor's Ball was. He thanked Beth Tanelli for her donation of the centerpieces and picture frames for the silent auction. He also thanked our Borough Clerk, Nancy Pravata for all her help along with Jamie Cannon and Bill Maranz from the Recreation Department.

Councilman Raymond read the March/April 2014 Report. He stated you can register for Summer Fun and the Pool. There will be an Open House at the Pool the second weekend in April to encourage membership. Baseball Opening Day is April 26, 2014. Spring Egg Roll is April 11, 2014.

Resolution R-66-14 - Fixing Fees Pertaining to Recreation Programs Baseball-Hip Hop Classes-Spring Break Tennis Camp-Basketball-Summer Tennis-Skiing was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost, Council President Santomauro abstained, Councilmen Astorino and Chiaia voted yes, while Councilment Rees' vote was no.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

John Chiaia thanked the mayor as a resident for putting his name out there, as the Mayor's Ball was not about the Mayor.

Resolution R-67-14 - 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 Councilman Rees, seconded by Council President Santomauro that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk