

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman, Councilman Chiaia, Councilwoman Fost, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

Absent: Councilman Frank Astorino

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 Chief Deuer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution R-77-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes Personnel – Police Department - Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property, was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Convened regular session at 7:35pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Fire Chief John D'Ascensio introduced John Antola from FM Global Fire Service. The fire chief applied for a Grant for fire prevention. Mr. Antola presented the chief with a check for \$1,700. Pictures were taken.

The Mayor congratulated Henry Forstenhauser on his picture in the North Caldwell magazine.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for former Councilman, Mr. Robert Nash, who passed away earlier this month. Mr. Nash was the longest serving councilman in the history of North Caldwell.

The Borough paper shredding day is scheduled for May 30th.

The Mayor spoke of the liquor license that was granted to a new restaurant opening in North Caldwell. He acknowledged that it was former Councilman Campbell who brought attention to this and that everyone is looking forward to the new restaurant opening.

The Mayor thanked Frank Zichelli for his hard work in obtaining the \$150,000 Open Space Grant.

DJ Salvante, the County Liason, spoke about Essex County Events for the upcoming months. There will be hazardous waste collection on May 3rd. On May 17th there will computer and electronics collection. The County Cares Program will be sponsoring events at county parks during the spring and summer. The walkway around the Orange Reservoir opens May 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for 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) seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for 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), seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt 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), seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-2-14 – Ordinance to Fix the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-2-14 – Ordinance to Fix the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-2-14 – Ordinance to Fix the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-3-14 – An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof. Council President Santomauro explained this Ordinance was to pay for the capital items with Borough capital funds. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance would be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-4-14 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Improvements in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,175,500 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,116,725 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. Council President Santomauro explained this ordinance was to go out for bonds or notes to cover the cost of capital items. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance would be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Resolution R-85-14 – Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% CAP on Interest Arbitration Awards (Governor's Conditionally Vetoed) was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-78-14 - Resolution Re-Adopting the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Report for March, 2014 will be read at the next meeting.

Resolution R-86-14 - Appointment of Junior Volunteer Fire Department Member – Henry David Mead was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

FINANCE

Council President Santomauro offered the Collector's Report for the month of March, 2014 of \$5,433,127.57 in taxes, \$92,996.89 for water and \$989.27 for the pool. Council President Santomauro motioned that the Collector's Report be accepted and maintained for the record, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-79-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$1,721,745.47. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-80-14 - Tax Lien Redemption #11-03-Block 606, Lot 7 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro stated that the Budget Hearing was being postponed to the Tuesday, May 27, 2014 Meeting.

Resolution R-81-14 - Resolution to Amend Budget was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-82-14 - Approving the Borough of North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department Certified LOSAP List for the Year 2013 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-83-14 - Approving the West Essex First Aid Squad Certified LOSAP List for the Year 2013 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Fost offered the Construction Report for March, 2014. Alterations for the month were \$1,180,680 with twenty-eight permits issued. Construction activity for the month of March, 2014 brought in \$35,000.00.

Councilwoman Fost read the Animal Control Report for March, 2014. There were nine animal calls. Five deceased animals were picked up, one quarantine and 57 warnings were issued.

Councilwoman Fost then offered the Recycling Report for March, 2014. Paper was slightly down for the month, while ahead on commingled.

Resolution R-84-14 - Hidden Ridge Performance Bond/Cash Reductions was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Fost commended the DPW on their professionalism and dedication to the town.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the April/May 2014 Report. He thanked the DPW for all their work in preparing the fields for opening day festivities. He said the fields are in great shape.

He thanked, Jamie, Chris and Bill, of the recreation department, for the successful transition of the baseball and softball leagues to the recreation department. He also appreciated all their hard work on the opening day festivities, which was a greatly attended event.

Councilman Raymond mentioned the pool will officially be open on May 24th and tennis courts on May 1st. The Pool Open House is scheduled for May 31st and Summer Fun will commence on June 25th and run through August 1st.

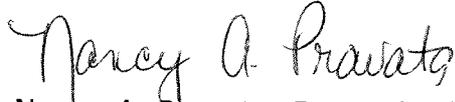
CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one came forward.

Council returned to closed session at 8:15pm.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Raymond that this meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Pravata".

Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk