

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, May 27, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:44 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman 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 Mr. Paris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor talked about the Memorial Day Parade which took place yesterday. He stated that the memorial service at Borough Hall was very well attended. The Mayor stated that the Council was voted as the best dressed council.

The pool was very crowded this weekend and looked very nice. On May 31, there will be an Open House Pool Party for anyone in the town that would like to attend. There will also be a Boy Scouts 80th Anniversary celebration at the Community Center.

There will be a shredding service in the town parking lot from 3pm – 6pm on Friday, May 30. There is an electronic collection on Saturday, May 31 from 9am – 2pm.

The Volunteer Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 1 from 8am – 12noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Resolution R-92-14 - Resolution to Read Budget By Title was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Astorino moved to Open the Public Hearing regarding the 2014 Municipal Budget, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Seeing no one from the public to speak, Councilman Astorino moved to Close the Public Hearing regarding the 2014 Municipal Budget, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-93-14 - Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Alessi spoke regarding how the Finance Committee headed by Councilman Astorino worked very hard on the municipal budget. He congratulated Rich Mondelli on the hard work that was done. He thanked the entire Council for the hard work that was done.

Resolution R-94-14 - Establishing 2014 Employee Salaries was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-95-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,137,185.18. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Astorino offered the collector's report for the month of April 2014, of \$2,779,041.68 in taxes, \$84,132.22 for water and \$9,014.97 for the pool. Councilman Astorino moved that the collector's report be accepted and maintained and accept the reports for the record, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

County liason, DJ Salvante stated that there will be the Essex County Open House at Turtle Back Zoo this Saturday from 10am – 2pm.

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for 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 that this Ordinance would allow for spending on capital items paid for by North Caldwell with monies in their capital surplus. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, 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-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, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

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

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

Resident, Henry Forstenhauser, asked for more specific details pertaining to this Ordinance. Rich Mondelli, Borough CFO along with Council President Santomauro addressed his questions.

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

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

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-5-14 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Improvements and Purposes for the Swimming Pool Utility In and For the Borough of North Caldwell, In the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$60,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$57,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. Council President Santomauro moved to

pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance would be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014.

Resolution R-96-14 – Liquor License Renewal-Green Brook Country Club was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-97-14 - Liquor License Issuance- Dezi's Hospitality LLC was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-98-14 - Authorizing Appointment of Teresa E. King as Part-Time Office Clerk for The Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilwoman Santomauro. Said motion was Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Report for April, 2014 was read by Councilman Chiaia. There were 119 summons written for the month and 989 detective cases year-to-date. Councilman Chiaia read the letters that the Police Department received. One from the West Caldwell Police Department thanking North Caldwell for their assistance during a school lockdown and from Barbara Nash, who thanked the Department for honoring her father's passing with a police escort.

The Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call while participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

Resolution R-99-14 - Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council to Become a Member for the Period of June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Fost offered the Construction Report for April, 2014 announcing that there were 52 permits issued, with the cost of construction at \$787,650. Councilwoman Fost offered the Recycling Report for April, 2014.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the May/June 2014 Report. The Pool is open and off to a great start of the season. The Open House will be Saturday, May 31 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Councilman Raymond also mentioned Recreation is preparing for summer camp. Council Raymond stated that he, along with Councilman Chiaia and Councilwoman Fost, ran in the West Essex 5K Run. Mayor Alessi was there handing out trophies.

Resolution R-100-14 - Appointment of Kathleen Turnbull as Assistant Manager of the Borough of North Caldwell Municipal Pool for the 2014 Season was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-101-14 - Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2014- Municipal Pool was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-102-14 - Authorizing the Planting of a Tree in Honor of All Fathers to be Donated by the Nick Tanelli Children's Soccer Foundation on Property of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Raymond thanked our Business Administrator, Town Attorney and the Mayor for moving this resolution along.

Mayor Alessi spoke regarding the Tannelli Foundation. November 6, 2014 will be the second fundraiser for this foundation.

On May 7, 2014 there was the 48th Annual Valor Award presentation. The Mayor recognized Janice Stickles, a North Caldwell firefighter for receiving this award.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-103-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations 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 Chiaia that this meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk