

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Absent: Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia

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 Captain Texas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution R-107-14 - Authorization to Execute Contract with William Texas, Captain of the North Caldwell Police Department was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-108-14 - Confirmation of Appointment, William Texas, Police Captain was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Chief Deuer spoke regarding the Captain. He thanked his men on the force for doing a good job for the last four years. Chief Deuer told several stories of when he started working for the police department and Sgt. Texas was his superior. He spoke about Sgt. Texas being the next officer in charge as well as all of the jobs that Sgt. Texas handles within the department. Chief Deuer acknowledged Sgt. Texas as one of the instrumental officers in starting the Police Foundation. He thanked Sgt. Texas, Mr. Hollander, Ms. Fine and Detective Credico for all the hard work that they have done for the Foundation. Chief Deuer congratulated Sgt. Texas and said that he is looking forward to working with him.

Mayor Alessi spoke about Sgt. Texas, mentioning the work that Captain Texas did during Hurricane Sandy and the work that he does with IT for the Borough.

Mr. Paris stated that he is very honored to be asked to do the swearing in of Captain Texas. He said that he was one of the first people that he met when he moved to North Caldwell. He also mentioned that Captain Texas used a statement that he now keeps on his desk "Moral Stamina".

David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney, administered the Oath of Allegiance to William Texas along with his wife, Dawn, and sons, Zachary and Tyler.

Captain Texas thanked the Mayor and Council for this opportunity. Mrs. Texas spoke about her husband and his dedication to the Borough. She stated that she is very proud of him and knows that he will live up to the job.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor congratulated the Elementary School graduates as well as the West Essex Regional School graduates. He wish them good luck and success in the future. The Mayor took the opportunity to mention the dealing with the children is one of the happiest parts of his job as Mayor.

He stated that it was nice to meet and greet the residents at the recent Pool Open House on May 31, 2014. He encouraged residents to join the pool. He spoke about the Movies at the Pool on July 10, 17 and 24, sponsored by the North Caldwell Municipal Alliance. It is free to the public and you do not have to be a member of the pool to attend.

The Mayor called up Marion O'Neill, the Deputy Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newark this year. The Mayor read the Proclamation for Marion and presented it to her.

Marion thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

In Councilman Chiaia's absence, the Mayor said the Public Safety Report is the fine state the police department is in and getting better.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilwoman Fost offered the Construction Report announcing that total construction costs for the month of May 2014 was \$362,791.00.

Councilwoman Fost offered the Recycling Report announcing a rise in paper due to the shredding event held on May 30th. Due to the event, totals were up for the month. Year-to-date totals are status quo. On May 31, 2014 there were ten cubic yards of electronics.

Councilwoman Fost offered the Animal Control Report with a total of nine calls for the month. There were no quarantines, complaints, warnings or summons for the month. There were eight dog licenses issued.

Resolution R-113-14 - Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres, Enabling Resolution was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-114-14 - Bid Acceptance and Contract Award 2014 Roadway Improvements was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fost, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

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

FINANCE

Council President Santomauro offered the Collector's Report for the month of May 2014 of \$5,749,370.12 in taxes, \$81,255.71 for water and \$37,191.61 for the pool. Council President Santomauro moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-109-14 - Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$2,040,049.91. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said Motion was unanimously carried.

Council President Santomauro stated that the next 3 resolutions would be done by Consent Agenda:

Resolution R-110-14 - Tax Lien Redemption, Block 400, Lot 14 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-111-14 -Tax Lien Redemption, Block 100, Lot 3 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution R-112-14 -Tax Lien Redemption, Block 400, Lot 10 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the June/July 2014 Report. He stated there has been a successful spring season. The public works dept. did an excellent job of maintaining the fields. Bill Maranz was in charge of the new baseball/softball program this year since it was just taken over from a private organization and did an excellent job.

The pool is open and the memberships are coming in. Family memberships are up from last year. There is a decline in senior and couple memberships. It appears this is due to the free swim for seniors on Wednesdays.

Councilman Raymond said there were many events recently held at the pool. It looks great and ready for summer fun to begin.

The Mayor stated that since most seniors are on a fixed income and still able to use the pool on Wednesday's and with family memberships on the rise, it's a great combination.

Resolution R-115-14 - Authorizing Increase of Christine Basile Salary as Recreation Assistant of the Borough of North Caldwell Recreation Department was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilwoman Fost. Said motion was unanimously carried.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

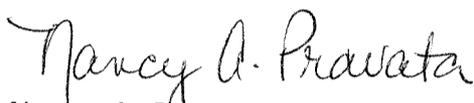
Henry Forstenhauser asked if the old tension wires were going to stay. The answer was yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-116-14 Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property. This resolution 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 at 8:25 p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk