

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:33p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Councilman Astorino, Councilman Kessler,
Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

Absent: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Chiaia

Also present were: David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mark Deuer, Police Chief, and Nancy Bretzger, 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 Raymond to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi congratulated the 5th and 6th Grade Girls Soccer Team, Revolution, for the WEYSA championship. The Mayor and Council handed out Sports Awards to the girls.

The Mayor asked for a recess at 7:45pm so that the parents and children could take pictures.

The Regular meeting resumed at 7:50pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Astorino moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2015, seconded by Councilman Raymond with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Astorino moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session Regular Meeting of October 27, 2015, seconded by Councilman Raymond with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Astorino moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting of November 10, 2015, seconded by Councilman Raymond with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Astorino moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session Conference Meeting of November 10, 2015, seconded by Councilman Raymond with Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Councilman Astorino introduced Ordinance O-9-15 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99-4 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Prohibit Parking on Portions of Gould Avenue During Certain Hours. Councilman Astorino moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said

motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Alessi stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-177-15 – Authorizing Appointment of Anna Crowell as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector’s Report for the month of October 2015 in the amount of \$2,994,805.74. The pool account collected \$11.29 and the water account collected \$201,318.77. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector’s Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-172-15 - Payment of Bills – Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,620,615.80 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-173-15 –2015 - Appropriation Reserves Transfers Approval was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Reports were deferred to next month’s meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the October Construction Report. There were 54 permits issued, three of which were updates. Year-to date total of permits issued is 423. Current month’s revenue for permits was \$13,802.00. The year-to-date total is \$124,893. At the same time last year, there were 60 permits issued with a year-to-date total of 468. The year-to-date revenue for permits was \$176,743.00.

Councilman Kessler read the Animal Control Report for the month of October 2015. There were 9 calls for the month. The animal control officer issued ten summonses and two warnings. There were two carcass removals for the month.

Councilman Kessler offered the Recycling Report for October 2015. Total household waste for October was 226 tons, of which 22 tons was paper and 48 tons were comingled. Year-to-date totals for recycling is 308.67 tons.

Resolution R-174-15 - For Inter-Local Service Agreement Between the Borough of North Caldwell and the Borough of Lincoln Park for a 2007 GMC 5500 Dump Truck was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RECREATION

Before speaking about the Recreation Report, Councilman Raymond thanked Henry Forstenhausler and Beverly Salerno for always attending the council meetings. Councilman Raymond congratulated Beverly on completing the 2015 New York City Marathon.

Councilman Raymond offered the November/December 2015 Recreation Report. There has been tremendous participation in recreation basketball. There are a total of 23 teams for grades 3 through 8. It is the highest turnout of any West Essex

town. Travel basketball has selected eight teams for boys and girls in the competitive suburban league.

Winter youth programs have been scheduled for Hands on Arts and Crafts, Explore Science, Fun and Games and a new program Indoor Lacrosse Squirts.

Ski club registration has just concluded with 36 participants. The program runs from January 5 through February 9.

The senior men's basketball team began their regular season. Their first game was on November 9. Games are every Tuesday with the season ending in March. Senior Bingo is the first Tuesday of every month; attendance continues to grow. The senior holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 2 at Firemen's Hall at 1:00pm. Fall senior fitness concludes at the end of November.

The Holiday Toy Drive will begin on November 25. All toys can be dropped off at the recreation office or delivered to the Joy, Peace and Goodwill Holiday Event on December 5 at Borough Hall.

Resolution R-175-15 - A Resolution Authorizing Recreation Committee to Review and Approve Applications for Financial Hardship Waiver for Recreation Program Participation was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Henry Forstenhausler, 188 Mountain Avenue – Henry wished everyone happy holidays. Police Chief Mark Deuer stated that this marks the fifteenth year since Henry's incident at Notre Dame Church. He is glad to see that Henry is here at the meeting.

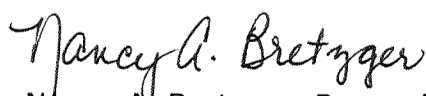
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-176-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property; (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility; (3) Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC; B. Litigation – (1) COAH – Update on status of Declaratory Judgement Action was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino seconded by Council Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 8:46pm

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 8:48pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk