

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:37p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

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

Absent: Mayor Alessi, Councilman 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

Council President Santomauro called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Council President Santomauro asked Councilman Chiaia to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution R-161-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – Hidden Ridge. This resolution was tabled.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Council President Santomauro reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 4, 2014 is Election Day. Polls open at 6:00am and close at 8:00pm at Notre Dame Church on Central Avenue.

The Mayor, Council and staff will welcome new residents to town on Wednesday, November 5. It's a terrific opportunity for new residents to meet each other. Council President Santomauro thanked both the Historical Society and Recreation Department for making this night a success.

Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness was read by Council President Santomauro. The proclamation declares the month of November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of North Caldwell.

Discussion Regarding Filling Council Seat Vacancy – Council President Santomauro spoke regarding filling the Council Seat Vacancy. Councilman Chiaia spoke about the three candidates that the Republican Committee had submitted. Councilman Chiaia said that the Republican Committee in town has met and made a recommendation. All are excellent candidates who are outstanding citizens in this community. They are Robert Kessler, Anthony Iacullo, and Peter Schwartz. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Rees to appoint Robert Kessler to replace Patricia Fost who resigned effective September 30, 2014. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-163-14 - A Resolution Appointing Robert Kessler to the Council of the Borough of North Caldwell to Fill Unexpired Term was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### MINUTES

- A. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond to accept the Conference Meeting minutes of September 9, 2014, seconded by Council President Santomauro, with Councilman Chiaia abstaining. Said motion was passed.
- B. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia to accept the Executive Session minutes of October 8, 2014, seconded by Councilman Raymond, with Councilman Rees abstaining. Said motion was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-7-14 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of The Code of The Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue. Council President Santomauro motioned to Open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-7-14 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-7-14 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Require Permit Parking on Hillside Avenue, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-8-14 – An Ordinance Requiring the Installation of Key Lock Boxes for Rapid Entry of Fire Department and Public Safety Personnel. Council President Santomauro Council motioned to Open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-8-14 – An Ordinance Requiring the Installation of Key Lock Boxes for Rapid Entry of Fire Department and Public Safety Personnel seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-8-14 - An Ordinance Requiring the Installation of Key Lock Boxes for Rapid Entry of Fire Department and Public Safety Personnel, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-9-14 – An Ordinance Amending Article X (Municipal Court) of the Borough of North Caldwell to Provide for the Appointment of Municipal Court Judges. Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-9-14 – An Ordinance Amending Article X (Municipal Court) of the Borough of North Caldwell to Provide for the Appointment of Municipal Court Judges seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-9-14-An Ordinance Amending Article X (Municipal Court) of the Borough of North Caldwell to Provide for the Appointment of Municipal Court Judges, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-157-14 - Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 – June 2019 was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

County liaison, D. J. Salvante spoke regarding the Fall Activity Programming which was dropped off at The Borough outlining activities for the fall season.

He congratulated The Borough on being awarded a Local Aid Package Through Open Space in the amount of \$150,000 which will be used toward Walker's Pond.

Halloween at the Turtleback Zoo will take place from 4pm to 9pm this Friday. The County website has all the information regarding this event.

There is nothing official yet regarding deer management. Mr. Salvante will keep us updated when information becomes available.

Councilman Raymond thanked Mr. Salvante for all of his efforts at the County level and for coming every month to report on what is happening and keeping us informed.

Councilman Raymond also spoke about the New Jersey Bankruptcy Attorney's Association 5K Run which took place last month at South Mountain Arena. Mr. Salvante was instrumental in the success of this event. Councilman Raymond presented Mr. Salvante with a t-shirt to thank him for all his efforts.

#### 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 September 2014 in the amount of \$449,651.25. The water account collected \$166,659.84. A year-to-date total of \$129,429.40 has been collected for the pool account. Council President Santomauro moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-158-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$1,455,536.67. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia read the Public Safety Report for the month of September 2014 for the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department attended to two domestic violence matters, 12 motor vehicle accidents, 25 requests for assistance, 13 outside agency requests, four juvenile matters and 20 first aid matters. There was 74 hours in police overtime, third party overtime totaled 166 hours. There were 66 traffic tickets issued.

Resolution R-159-14 – A Resolution for a Fire Mutual Aid Agreement Between Participating Essex County Municipalities was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-160-14 – Resolution Approving Discharge of Fireworks was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Chiaia offered the Construction Report announcing that construction permits for the month of September 2014 was 40 for a total of \$14,835.00. Permits issued year-to-date are 409 totaling \$161,141.00.

Councilman Chiaia offered the Recycling Report for July and August 2014. Paper was 19.97 tons in July, August was 24.89 tons. Comingled was 26.97 tons for July and 26.48 tons for August.

Councilman Chiaia offered the Animal Control Report for September 2014 with a total of nine calls for the month.

#### RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the September/October 2014 Report. Recreation is winding down a successful soccer season. Bill Maranz did an excellent job. The speed and agility program continues through November. Basketball registration is underway along with other fall programs such as hands-on art, young inventors, adult, senior and biddy basketball and ski club.

Newcomer's night is scheduled for November 5 at 7pm at Town Hall. Trunk or Treat is October 31 in the pool parking lot from 6pm to 8pm.

Nick Tanelli Soccer Foundation is holding their annual fundraiser on November 13 at the Valley Regency. All proceeds support sports programs, field enrichment, scholarship programs and leadership organizations.

Chief Deuer spoke about the Pasta Dinner being held on November 15 for Robert Miscia. Robert is a 27-year employee of the town. The fundraiser is being held to help offset his medical expenses. The cost is \$20.00 per person and it is from 6pm to 9pm at the Fireman's Community Center.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-162-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations - Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property, Borough Rental Property - 137 Gould Avenue - Rental Price, Hidden Ridge; Personnel - Recreation Employee Salaries, DPW Employee was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 10:24pm

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 10:25pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk