

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:34p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, 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 the second grade girl's soccer team to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor congratulated the North Caldwell First and Second Grade Girl's Soccer Team, Spain. The Mayor and Council handed each girl a sports award for their outstanding performance this soccer season. The girl's went undefeated with a record of 10-0.

Essex County Surrogate, Theodore Stephens, II spoke regarding what is going on at the Surrogate's Court. The Surrogate's Office will now be offering extended hours until 6:30pm every other Wednesday. An appointment can be made to be seen and parking will be free.

They are also now offering, with great success, all forms on their website. The web address is www.essexsurrogate.com. All forms can be easily downloaded. In January 2015, a satellite office at The Cody Arena will open. The office will offer daytime hours.

MINUTES

- A. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia to accept the Executive Session minutes of October 9, 2012, seconded by Councilman Rees, said motion was passed 4-0 with Councilman Raymond and Councilman Kessler.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Resolution R-169-14 – Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Teamsters Local Unit #469 was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-10-14 – An Ordinance to Provide for Water Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and To Provide for the Funding Thereof. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this Ordinance would be held on Monday, December 29, 2014.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

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

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of October 2014 of \$2,653,959.76 in the general account for a year-to-date total of \$30,026,559.43. The water account collected \$172,009.54 for a year-to-date total of \$1,310,670.00 and \$6.75 was collected for the pool account. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-170-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$2,783,203.88. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia read the Public Safety Report for the month of October 2014 for the Police and Fire Departments. There were eleven borough ordinance and 68 motor vehicle violations. Year-to-date total is 1043 calls to dispatch. There were 490 hours of overtime for the month; with the Borough being reimbursed by third parties for 310.5 of those hours.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the Construction Report announcing that construction permits for the month of October 2014 was 60 for a total of \$16,697.00, which is a 22% decrease from last year. Permits issued year-to-date are 468 totaling \$176,843.00, which accounts for a 27% decrease from last year.

Councilman Kessler offered the Recycling Report for September 2014. Total recycling for the month is 42 tons with household waste at 211 tons and bulk waste at 18 tons, totaling 271 tons for the month. The monthly total is 484 tons, with a year-to date total of 2,491 tons.

Councilman Kessler offered the Animal Control Report for October 2014 with a total of twelve calls.

Resolution R-172-14 - Resolution Authorizing Traffic Signalization Cost Sharing Agreement Between the County of Essex and the Borough of North Caldwell for the Intersection of West Greenbrook Road and Jay L. Hand Drive was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-173-14 - Resolution Authorizing Traffic Signalization Cost Sharing Agreement Between the Borough of North Caldwell and the West Essex Regional School District for the Intersection of West Greenbrook Road and Jay L. Hand Drive was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the November/December 2014 Report. The soccer season was a great success. The department obtained six new goals which were used this season. The soccer season included professional trainers, new equipment and soccer festivities. Recreation basketball will be starting shortly with 400 participants. Due to the number of teams, after the regular season is over there

will be the first annual Mayor's Cup awarded in each age division. There are many other programs offered such as explore science, computer explorers, biddy basketball, hands-on art, stretch classes and more. The installation of the new water slide will be coming early in 2015. Joy, Peace and Good Will Holiday Event will be held on Sunday, December 7 between 4:30pm and 6:00pm.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Henry Faustenhausler, 188 Mountain Avenue, North Caldwell – Mr. Faustenhausler wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Maria Pariera, 707 Main Street, Little Falls – Ms. Pariera is the owner of this mixed-use property, which consists of three apartments and two commercial spaces. She provides parking spaces for the tenants of her building. Ms. Pariera stated she was not informed of the permit parking only signs on Hillside Ave. which she saw displayed today. It would be a financial hardship if she is unable to supply her tenants with a parking spot.

Melissa Mumez – Owner of Bath & Biscuit – Ms. Mumez is concerned these new parking restrictions will put her out of business. She stated she serves over 400 North Caldwell residents per month, and if her customers are not provided safe parking, she will lose them, thus putting her out of business. Ms. Mumez is requesting one safe drop off parking space next to the building for her customers and to have signage indicating such.

Police Chief Duerer offered, and it was decided, that he would assess the situation once again. The Council stated that they will discuss this situation further and see what will work going forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-171-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations –PBA Negotiations, Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property, Borough Rental Property – 137 Gould Avenue – Rental Price; Personnel – Recreation Employee Salaries, DPW Employee; Potential Litigation – Anthony & Lauren Rainone vs. Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 10:05pm

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 10:06pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk