

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:42p.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, 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 Council President Santomauro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor thanked the DPW for the wonderful job that was done on the streets during the recent storm. He said he received many compliments on how well the roads were cleaned.

He also spoke about the recent rabies clinic that was held in January. It was hugely successful as more than 50 cats and dogs were vaccinated.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session Regular Meeting of December 22, 2015, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session Conference Meeting of January 3, 2016, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **LEGAL AND ORDINANCE**

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-1-16 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of a Pick-Up Truck with Plow in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$41,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$38,950 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, seconded by Councilman Astorino. 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-1-16 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of a Pick Up Truck with Plow in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$41,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$38,950 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-1-16-Bond Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of a Pick-Up Truck with Plow in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$41,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$38,950 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-2-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding Fees for Liquor Licenses. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Resolution R-29-16 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Distribution License Within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3. – A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Laning Avenue School & Community Association for a Tricky Tray at Greenbrook Country Club on March 16, 2016 – A motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the raffle application to the Laning Avenue School & Community Association for a Tricky Tray at Greenbrook Country Club on March 16, 2016, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Laning Avenue School & Community Association for a 50/50 Raffle at Greenbrook Country Club on March 16, 2016 – A motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the raffle application to the Laning Avenue School & Community Association for a 50/50 raffle at Greenbrook Country Club on March 16, 2016, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Rees stated he has nothing to report at this time.

#### FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of December 2015 in the amount of \$500,283.67. The water account collected \$221,733.78 and the pool account collected \$1,764.99. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-30-16 – 2015 Appropriation Reserves Transfers Approval in the amount of \$17,400.00 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-31-16 – Approval to Pay Bills – Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,802,072.52 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia read the Fire Department report for the month of January 2016. There were 15 calls for the month. Calls included fire alarm and carbon monoxide alarms.

Councilman Chiaia read the Police Department report for the month of December 2015. There were 833 calls to Police dispatch. There was one domestic violence issue, 5 juvenile matters, 2 DRE call outs and one arrest. There was 142 hours of overtime of which 9 hours will be reimbursed.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the December Construction Report. There were 46 permits issued, which were six more issued the same time last year. For 2015 there were a total 530 permits issued, which was slightly less than the yearly total for 2014 as 564 permits were issued. Current month's revenue for permits was \$23,067. For 2015, revenue for permits issued totaled \$168,296 compared to 2014 which was \$211,282.

Councilman Kessler read the Animal Control Report for the month of December 2015. There were 3 calls during the month. One call was for a dog at large, which was returned to the owner. There were two carcass removals for the month. There were 5 summonses issued in December.

Councilman Kessler offered the Recycling Report for December 2015. Total household waste for December was 341 tons, of which 241 tons was household waste and 80 tons was recycling. As there were challenges with recycling this year, there is not an accurate yearly total.

Councilman Kessler spoke about a summons that was issued to the lessee of property on Smull and Mountain Avenue for not removing snow from a section of the sidewalk within 24 hours. The Borough, once again, relied on the Department of Public Works to remove the snow. Hopefully, with the summons this issue can be resolved going forward.

#### RECREATION

Councilman Raymond offered the January/February 2016 Recreation Report. There are currently 84 children enrolled in the K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball clinic. There are 20 participants in the Explore Science youth program which is a 20% increase from last fall. There are 50 participants in the ski club from games 4 through 6 which began on January 6 Recreation basketball has been busy scheduling travel and recreation games. There are new security measures in place per the North Caldwell BOE as to keep siblings and other children in the gymnasium during games.

Senior men's basketball is underway now for two months. Games are every Tuesday at 8pm. There is a 40 and over open gym program every Wednesday night. The next senior bingo will take place on March 2 at 1:00pm. Senior bingo is the first Wednesday of the month. Refreshments are served. Spring track and field registration begins in February. Recreation baseball and softball registration begins February 3.

The Second Annual Mayor's Cup for basketball will take place at the end of February or the beginning of March. Competition will be all recreation teams playing in a tournament format.

There was discussion on a request from the boy scouts who would like to purchase a shed. They presently use the basement at the Gould school and access to the school is not convenient. They would like to locate the shed and place it on town property between fireman field and liberty field. There's a baseball shed there right now. It would be located in that vicinity. Councilman Rees asked for the size of the shed and how it would look. Councilman Raymond stated that he would get a picture of the shed for the next meeting.

There was discussion on the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball clinic instructors. Councilman Raymond explained that there would be a resolution at the next meeting to pay the instructors for the basketball clinic for the k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He explained that this

program in the past was run by the NJ Basketball Academy but is now run through the Recreation Department.

Resolution R-32-16 – Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2015-2016 Basketball Season Scorekeepers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Raymond spoke about Detective Credico who has been instrumental and working hard to obtain a vendor for online bill pay. Last week he met with CFO, Rich Mondelli and the vendor to see if the software was compatible. This project is moving forward.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Henry Forstenhausler - 188 Mountain Ave. - Mr. Forstenhausler suggested if the boys scouts install a shed it should be placed where there is light as they store a great deal of equipment. If it's place in a lit area, it will make for easier access. He also stated the PA system in the Court Room needs to be replaced or fixed because when no one can be heard when they are speaking. He also spoke about the drop box, in town hall, which is still not taken care of. A letter can be taken out of the box. Frank stated that he will address it.

Richard Verde – 8 Hickory Drive - Mr. Verde spoke about Henry Forstenhausler who was the court officer when he started here as prosecutor. He's a great resident for always attending the meetings. He stated the picture of the Council is outdated and should be updated. The picture does not have the new Council people that are here now.

Mr. Verde spoke about the condition of Elm Road. The Mayor stated he spoke to Caldwell's Mayor and the repairs will be done. The Mayor suggested Richard speak directly with Caldwell's Mayor if he would like.

Mr. Verde asked if deer permits are legally issued to kill the deer in town. Chief Deuer stated that certain credentials are required. If the requirements are met, they are issued a permit for hunting by bow and arrow only. North Caldwell is in a legal hunting section of New Jersey. The County is allowed to hunt by gun. There is a set of rules of how and when you are allowed to hunt.

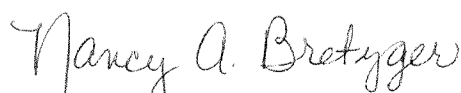
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution R-33-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – (1) Acquisition of Walker's Pond Property; (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility; (3) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement (4) Tennis Court Bids (5) T-Mobile Ground Space Lease Extension; B. Litigation – (1) COAH – Update on status of Declaratory Judgement Action; C. Personnel – Building Inspector was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 9:45pm

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro that this meeting be adjourned at 9:47pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk