

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:35pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Absent: Councilman Astorino, Councilman Kessler

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 Rees to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi spoke about the upcoming election. He urged everyone to vote on November 8. Polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm at Notre Dame Church. Twenty residents attended Newcomer's Night which was a success. Residents were able to meet Council members, department heads and view the slide show presented by The North Caldwell Historical Commission.

Saturday, October 29 is the Nick Tanelli 5K Run/Walk. Profits will benefit local sports teams, clubs and scholarships for West Essex area schools. There will also be a Junior Run for younger children. The Mayor said he is looking forward to participating as a walker, not a runner. Ken Rosato will be the emcee of the event. He will be one of the judges for the children's Halloween costume contest.

Mayor Alessi reminded residents the next scheduled Mayor and Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 7 at 7:30pm.

The Mayor spoke about longtime resident and friend, Henry Forstenhausler. Henry is recuperating in an extended care facility. The Mayor has spoken with him and encouraged those who know him to give him a call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of September 27, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting and Executive Session of October 13, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-13-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 45 and Chapter 104 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding Sewer and Water Fees. 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, November 22, 2016.

Resolution R-178-16 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell Authorizing the North Caldwell Partnership for Education Food Truck Festival Fundraiser on May 20, 2017 was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE

Council President Santomauro offered the Collector's Report for the month of September 2016. Taxes collected year-to-date total \$6,457,291.51. Sewer receipts for the month of September total \$46,562.68 and water receipts year-to-date total \$1,076,848.93. The pool account collected \$171,168.80 which is approximately a 13% increase over last year.

Resolution R-180-16 – Approval to Pay Bills – Council President Santomauro made a motion for the approval to pay bills in the amount of \$836,097.33, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia offered the Police Department Public Safety Report. There were 951 calls to dispatch for the month of August. There were 74 tickets issued during the month. The Detective Bureau reported there were seven juvenile matters, three thefts and 25 medical assists for the month. There were 281.5 hours of overtime for the month of which 222 hours are reimbursable were for outside detail and the department was reimbursed.

Resolution R-181-16 – Resolution Approving a Professional Services Contract by and between the Borough of North Caldwell and PMC Associates was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Chiaia offered the September 2016 Construction Report. For the month of September, 39 permits were issued bringing the year-to-date total to \$584,217.31. Fees collected for permits issued for the month was \$13,173.00 bringing the yearly total to \$135,009.00.

Councilman Chiaia read the Animal Control Report for the month of September 2016. There were four calls received during the month. One call was for a carcass removal and three were complaints.

Councilman Chiaia offered the September Recycling Report. There were 435 tons of paper collected and 323 tons were commingled for a year-to-date total of 759 tons. Year to date total of solid waste collected was 2,756 tons. The recycling rate for the month of September was 19%.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond reported the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation met last week with Mike Petry of Petry Associates. Councilman Raymond reported Mr. Petry visited the fields, obtained soil samples and evaluated what can and cannot be done with the fields. Councilman Raymond expected a report from Petry Associates by the beginning of November with their findings. At a later date, that report will be presented to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Raymond offered the recreation update. Fall soccer season is winding down. There was a ten percent increase in participants this year. West Essex Cowboys Football is finishing their regular season with many teams heading to the playoffs.

Fall program update includes UK elite soccer with 19 participants; youth tennis and lacrosse squirts both with 14 participants; explore science with 24 participants, bitty basketball with 25 participants both of which were sold out; and adult cardio fall tennis with 10 participants

The recently renovated tennis courts are being used. A Grand Opening is planned for next spring.

Girls travel basketball tryouts are scheduled for October 22 and 25, boys tryouts are scheduled for October 19 and 23.

Men's adult basketball (30 and over) at Gould School is every Wednesday from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

Senior men's basketball (60 and over) is looking for additional players. Practices and games are Tuesday nights from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. Senior fitness is underway with 15 participants registered. The senior bus trip to Hunterdon Hill Playhouse is scheduled for November 9. To date, 22 senior have registered.

The Halloween dance for 5th and 6th graders is scheduled for October 27 at Firemen's Community Center.

The Zombie 5K Run/Walk schedule for October 29 at 9:00am current has 200 participants registered.

The Joy, Peace and Goodwill Christmas tree and Menorah lighting is scheduled for December 4 at Borough Hall from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Richard Verde – 8 Hickory Drive – Mr. Verde stated that he was not able to attend the last two meetings. He is here tonight to address some issues he has spoken about in the past.

Mr. Verde stated there is not an ordinance in place regarding the length of time lawn signs can be displayed. He feels there should be restrictions as to having political signs displayed 30 to 60 days before an election and removed within five days after the election. He feels there is too much "sign pollution" and would like the council to act on this with an ordinance.

Mr. Verde spoke about the deer hunt in North Caldwell. He feels there should be notices posted so residents will be informed. He stated that as of September 10 bow and arrow hunting was allowed in New Jersey. He asked Chief Deuer if bow hunting was taking place in North Caldwell. The Chief stated that North Caldwell is allowing bow hunting until December. Legally, bow hunting is allowed until February. The registered hunters are allowed to hunt at will in their assigned location as long as they adhere to the hunting rules and regulations.

Mr. Verde stated it has been one year since he was the Borough Prosecutor. The position is still being filled temporarily. He feels the position should be filled permanently as it is an annual appointment. It should be someone who knows the town and sees it on a daily basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Resolution R-182-16 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations - (1) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility (3) Walker's Pond - Environmental Issues (4) Passaic Valley Water Commission-B. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgement was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:50pm.

Resolution R-179-16 Authorization to Execute Interlocal Services Agreement with the Passaic Valley Water Commission for the Supply and Delivery of Potable Water to the Borough was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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 Rees that this meeting be adjourned at 8:55pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk