

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:32pm.

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**

Mayor Alessi spoke about the end of the season Pool Party and the recent Soccerfest which were both outstanding events. He also spoke about visiting the Cub Scout camp out on Liberty Field. The Mayor said he appreciates all the volunteers who helped run these events, which is truly the fiber of our community.

Mayor Alessi reminded residents of the County Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held Saturday, October 1 from 8:30am to 4:00pm in Cedar Grove.

Also on October 1 at the Turtle Back Zoo will be the Ales and Tales Octoberfest from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The event will raise funds to help support the Essex County Park Association.

The Mayor wished all our residents who celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur a Happy and Healthy New Year.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference & Regular Meeting of August 16, 2016, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of August 16, 2016, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting of September 13, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia, with Councilman Astorino and Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of September 13, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia, with Councilman Astorino and Councilman Kessler abstaining. Said motion was carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **LEGAL AND ORDINANCE**

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-11-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99-22 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell with Respect

to Traffic Regulations Effecting Borough Schools. 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 Thursday, October 13, 2016.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-12-16 – An Ordinance adding Chapter 92-10 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding Retroactive Refunds of Property Taxes for Veterans Determined to be Totally Disabled. 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 Thursday, October 13, 2016.

Resolution R-165-16 – Authorizing the Mayor and Other Officials of the Borough of North Caldwell to Execute the Rights-of-Way Agreement with New York SMSA Limited Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless was read.

Mauricio Barragan, Site Acquisitions Manager for Tilson Corporation spoke. He stated Tilson is a sub-contractor for Verizon. He explained this project entails using existing poles and possibly installing additional poles. At this time, he is not sure how many additional poles, if any, will be necessary. The Council requested they be provided information as to exactly what facilities they intend to install in the Borough. This Resolution was tabled.

#### PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-166-16 – A Resolution to Affirm the Borough of North Caldwell's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of August 2016 in the amount of \$6,457,291.51. The water account collected \$152,023.39 and the pool account collected \$5,938.49. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution R-167-16 – Approval to Pay Bills – Councilman Astorino made a motion for the approval to pay bills in the amount of \$1,268,509.82, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia offered the Police Department Public Safety Report. There were 848 calls to dispatch for the month of August. There were 88 tickets issued during the month. The Detective Bureau reported one juvenile matter, one theft and five identity thefts. There were 53 hours of overtime for the month.

The Fire Department Report for September 2016 includes 19 calls for the month. Two of the calls were for mutual aid with Verona and Cedar Grove. The Fire Chief reminds residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors batteries.

Councilman Chiaia thanked the Police and Fire Department for attending the 9/11 Ceremony at West Essex. It was nice to see so many police officers and firemen in attendance.

Resolution R-169-16 – Appointment of Junior Volunteer Fire Department Member Matthew Charles Russo was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the August 2016 Construction Report. For the month of August, 49 permits were issued bringing the year-to-date total to 335. This represents a 29% increase from last year. Fees collected for permits issued for the month was \$11,800.00 bringing the yearly total to \$121,836.00.

Councilman Kessler read the Animal Control Report for the month of August 2016. There were five calls received during the month. Two calls were for carcass removals and three for other complaints.

Councilman Kessler offered the August Recycling Report. There were 335 tons of solid waste collected of which 218 tons were household waste and 91 tons were for recycling. For the year, there were 2441 tons of solid waste collected and 698 tons of recycling collected.

#### RECREATION

Councilman Raymond offered the September 2016 Recreation Report. The Annual Town Picnic was a huge success. Over 500 people attended. There was DJ entertainment and festivities. He thanked various vendors and community groups for their support which helped make this event possible. He also thanked Councilmen Kessler and Rees for their help at the grill.

The 2016 pool season was another success. Memberships increased 13% from 2015 generating an additional \$2,700.00 in revenue.

The tennis court renovations are completed and resident feedback has been very positive. There are plans for a spring grand opening to promote the 2017 season.

Fall recreation soccer is underway. There are presently 187 boys and girls enrolled. Soccerfest on September 24 was a big success. Councilman Raymond thanked the DPW and Police Department for their help in making this a great event for families.

Fall sports programs scheduled are UK Elite Soccer, Youth Tennis, Lacrosse Squirts, Explore Science and Bidy Basketball.

Senior monthly meetings began with a kick-off themed luncheon on September 7. Senior Fitness begins on September 27. Currently there are 13 participants enrolled. Seniors will celebrate Oktoberfest at the October 5 meeting. November 9 will be their first trip of the season to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Senior men's basketball is looking for additional players. Their season begins in November with games on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

Newcomer's Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm at Borough Hall.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Dance is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm at Firemen's Hall.

The Tanelli Foundation Zombie 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 at 9:00am to help support the fields, recreation programming and schools.

Councilman Raymond thanked Borough Engineer, Frank Zichelli, for helping set up a meeting with Integrated Aquatics Engineering. A meeting was held in order to look at ways of making improvements to the kiddie pool. Councilman Raymond should have sketches and plans to share with the Council in the coming months.

Councilman Raymond spoke about the recreation basketball program. A letter was received by the Recreation Department from the Board of Education stating there will be additional charges this year when using gym facilities. They will now be charging for a monitor for security presence at the door. This will result in an additional \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to use the facilities. Councilman Raymond stated he would like to introduce a Resolution at the next meeting to increase basketball fees. There was discussion among the Council to obtain additional information from the Board of Education regarding the exact parameters of the increase.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No one came forward

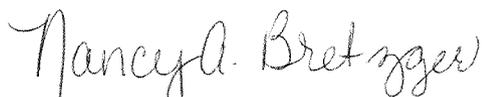
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution R-168-16 - 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 B. Litigation – (1) COAH Declaratory Judgement C. Personnel – (1) DPW Employee (2) Snow Plow Driver was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:11pm.

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 Kessler that this meeting be adjourned at 9:12pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk