

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – July 8, 2008**

The Council Business/Conference meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers by Mayor Susan Gartland at 7:11 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilman, Dassing, Curley, Edge, and Slattery

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Stuart Koenig, Esq., Borough Attorney, Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman Mescia and Councilman Gates

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on December 27, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Resolution:

6-143 Authorizing the employment of Matthew R. DeAngelo as a probationary police officer in the Caldwell Police Department effective July 9, 2008 with an annual base salary of \$43,680.00

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

Swearing in of Probationary Police Office Matthew R. DeAngelo by Mayor Susan Gartland. All Council members present and Mayor Gartland congratulated Matthew DeAngelo.

Presentations: Bill Frint, Director of the Caldwell Water Department, gave a summary on the water emergency. The Borough is required by State Regulations to collect samples of water every month. The samples were collected and one out of the 8 samples tested positive for bacteria. The Borough issued a Boil Water Order. We consulted with the State on exactly what to do. Public notice was sent to several TV and radio stations and also hand delivered throughout the town. There were two electronic message boards on Bloomfield Avenue near Lane Avenue and near Mountain Avenue. The County OEM also offered to have the State Police use their reverse 911 system on our behalf. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the State is satisfied that the bacteria issue is resolved. The way we resolve that is to flush the system, which is what we are doing now to remove any contaminants that are in the water system. Then we will resample the system and receive the results within 24 hours. If the results are negative and the State is satisfied we can return the water system to normal operation. The very earliest this will be resolved will be Thursday of this week. This was one sample out of eight and is not a wide spread issue throughout the town. Mayor Gartland said thank you to the Police Department, Fire Department, DPW Department, Caldwell OEM, Essex County OEM and the CERT individuals for all their help with distributing the notices throughout the town. Mayor Gartland said that Councilman Dassing has made a suggestion to do some additional calling of residents. Councilman Dassing reported on a company that would voice blast a message for 10 cents a call. Councilman Dassing said there are about 1500 names from the voter registration list from 2007 that could be used. This could be done as an extra precaution if people did not receive the notice or the reverse 911 call. John Tully of 336 Bloomfield Avenue said as a precautionary measure if we don't have the answers by Thursday that the Council should make a decision to bring in water buffaloes so that people may have the ability to pick up water at these stations. Bill Frint said he will talk to Anthony Greci, Caldwell OEM Coordinator, to inquire with the County OEM about the water trucks.

Ann Marchioni, Chairman of the Environmental Commission reported that on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Student Center at Caldwell College, there will be a Green Living Fair. Thanks to Councilman Curley who was instrumental in getting Assemblyman John McKeon to speak at the fair. We hope to have about 40 to 50 green vendors. I will keep the Council posted and I appreciate the Council's support.

Councilman Curley said vendors may contact Ann Marchioni if they are interested in

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participating in the fair.

Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted June 24, 2008.

Receiving of Bids: Police Station Alterations

Riefolo Construction Company, Inc.  
Box 87, Belleville, New Jersey 07109  
\$180,000.00

Delric Construction Company, Inc.  
845 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, New Jersey 07508  
\$187,000.00

Caldwell Community Center Pavilion

Riefolo Construction Company, Inc.  
Box 87, Belleville, New Jersey 07109  
\$366,000.00

Delric Construction Company, Inc.  
845 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, New Jersey 07508  
\$319,000.00

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Resolutions:

6-137 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Brookside Avenue Project

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

6-138 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Prospect Street and Highview Road Project

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

6-139 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to the Parent Faculty Association of Mt. St. Dominic Academy, On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, September 26, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

6-140 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, September 14, 2008 – 2:00 PM

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Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

6-141 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through  
July 8, 2008 in the total amount of \$342,178.90

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Edge.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

6-142 Authorize Extending grace period for payment of 2008 third quarter taxes and  
authorizing the Borough administrator to issue estimated tax bills

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/8/08

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Dassing – Reported that she will be attending the CERP Committee meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008. Councilman Dassing thanked Maureen Ruane for forwarding to her the Power Point presentation from George Serio regarding the façade improvement grants. Councilman Dassing wanted an update on the municipal audit that was due on June 30, 2008. Councilman Dassing had a question regarding the gift that was given last week to the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. Councilman Dassing requested that the Caldwell Downtown Alliance submit financial reports to the Council on a monthly basis regarding the fund raising for the Downtown Plaza.

Councilman Curley – Asked Chief Dombrowski to give a report on the bicycle patrol that he will be implementing. Chief Dombrowski reported that 4 officers will be attending school for the bicycle patrol. Councilman Curley stated that the officer on the bicycle will not be an additional officer to the squad. This should save on gas and also benefit community policing. Councilman Curley also reported on the line striping throughout the town. We are awaiting the Slow School Zones to be painted on Hatfield Street. The painting should be done within the next few weeks.

Councilman Edge – Reported that he was glad that everyone teamed together on this water emergency. Councilman Edge also reported on the Grover Cleveland Birthplace July 4<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social. It was very successful. Councilman Edge thanked the Rotary and Kiwanis members for all their help. Councilman Edge also thanked Maureen Ruane for her help at the Ice Cream Social. There was ice cream left over from the social and it was brought over to the senior center for the seniors to enjoy and also the children from Camp Caldwell.

Councilman Slattery – Complimented Councilman Curley and the traffic committee on the line striping. Councilman Slattery reported that the library has several summer programs. The library now has a very user friendly website. The library is now developing a calendar for The Big Read. Councilman Slattery welcomed Matt DeAngelo to the Caldwell Police Department. Councilman Slattery reported that the personnel committee will be meeting in the fall.

Mayor Gartland – Reported that she received a phone call this afternoon from State Senator Codey as well as Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, to advise that Caldwell has been very fortunate to receive \$150,000.00 in State Aid. This was an incredible feat on behalf of Senator Codey, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, and Assemblyman John McKeon. We were very fortunate to be recognized and to receive this much needed aid. The formal announcement will be made tomorrow from the Department of Community Affairs. I have sent an e-mail to Senator Codey and Assemblywoman Jasey and Assemblyman McKeon thanking them for their support. Mayor Gartland asked Maureen Ruane to schedule the Senator and Assemblymen to come to one of our Council meetings for a presentation.

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Administrator Report – None

Attorney Report – None

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:21 PM. Lou Find of 46 Hillcrest Road, West Caldwell reported on two tickets he received in Caldwell for parking violation. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:36 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss building acquisition and a matter of attorney client privilege. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:36 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:18 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date