

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/ BUSINESS MEETING
ORGANIZATION MEETING – January 1, 2013

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 12:04PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President Hauser, Councilman Coyle O'Donnell, Kelley, Rodgers and Durkin

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Clerk, and Paul Carelli, Borough Administrator and Gregory Mascara, Borough Attorney

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2013. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2013. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2013. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

OATHS OF OFFICE

- **Councilman Richard Hauser by Nancy Hauser**
- **Councilman Edward Durkin, Jr. by Chris Durkin (Essex County Clerk)**

Councilman Hauser, First of all, I'd like to wish all of you here today a Healthy and Happy New Year!

I'd like to thank the residents of Caldwell for the opportunity to serve for another term as councilman. I'd also like to thank all of those individuals who were involved in the campaign efforts for Pete Murray and I.

I'd like to say a few words of thanks to my two time running mate and friend – Pete Murray. Without Pete, the past 3 years would not have been nearly as successful and rewarding as it has been. While some may say that work accomplished is the result of the entire governing body, ANYONE who is involved in ANY organization, know that there are certain individuals who are the drivers and doers.....Pete is a driver and doer. The list of accomplishments over the past 3 years are significant and I'm very proud to have been instrumental in those accomplishments working on those things that Pete and I said we would do over 3 years ago.

Those of you who have spoken with me over the past month or two are very aware of my deep disappointment that Pete was not selected to serve the town of Caldwell for another term. That being said, I wish Councilman Durkin well and I look forward to working with him over the next 3 years.

I am cautiously hopeful that the petty politics that has reared its ugly head once again over the past few months can be buried so that work of this council can be focused on the needs of our residents. We have seen how a group of individuals can accomplish many things and how healthy discussion while not always easy is useful. The other stuff is garbage and are the reasons that many good people don't get involved.

Lastly, I encourage the residents of Caldwell to become involved. It can be very rewarding and you can become part of a solution. There are so many opportunities to become involved in your community from coaching our youth, to our library board, town committees, food pantry and so many more areas.

Thank you and once again I wish you a Happy Healthy 2013.

Councilman Durkin Jr., thanked Chris Durkin who happens to be his cousin and was instrumental in having him be there today never to be once discussed not having me be here. We followed the game plan and we ran a high class campaign. Chris has a lot of expertise from his father Raymond and I just followed them in their footsteps and here I am today. I really want to thank my parents. They have been very instrumental, they have always been great parents and I am always proud to call them Mom and Dad. Any time I need them, they are there, good times and bad they are there. Mom and Dad I love

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you guys very much. To my grandparents, yesterday we celebrated my Grandfather's 88 birthday. My Grandmother's health is not the greatest but she looks pretty dapper if you ask me. Thank you for coming and I know you would not have missed this.

I feel the same sentiments that Councilman Hauser said before about the petty politics that is one of the reasons that I ran. As a young guy people would ask "why did you get involved"? The first reason I got involved was because it looked like no one was going to get involved. I speak highly regards of the Gartland's they have won in the past so I just followed in their footsteps. They have always been gracious enough to allow me to their house to get their experience and their advice and get their insight. Thank you very, very much Mr. & Mrs. Gartland and for the Caldwell Democratic Party as well. I would like to also thank the Essex County Democratic Party they could have stepped aside and said Ed if you want to do this we want to see you do this on your own. I was never alone in this whole process. I like to thank the Caldwell Police Department for being her too and I look forward to working with you guys and the Caldwell Fire Department as well. Before I go I really want to thank Pete Murray for his three (3) years of service. I reached out to Pete and said you are a neighbor across from Bloomfield Ave. and I have high regards for you, you are a family guy let the politics go down and let the best man win and I am standing here today. I thank all the residents in Caldwell for voting for me and I don't take this roll lightly at all. I know it's going to be a full-time job and I am in it for the right reasons. I am doing this to pay tribute to my wonderful parents. Thank you very much!

CALL TO ORDER

- **Roll Call**
- **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting Act**
- **Invocation (Monsignor Desmond)**
- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- **Election of Council President**

Councilman O'Donnell made a motion to nominate Councilman Hauser as Council President, 2nd Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative.

- **Oaths of Office – Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department**
 1. First Assistant Chief Anthony Greci
 2. Second Assistant Chief Gerard Greci
 3. Captain Thomas Haight
 4. Lieutenant Mark Guiliano
 5. Lieutenant Brian Hebrank
 6. Lieutenant Andrew Pollara
- **Oaths of Office – Caldwell Police Department**
 1. Probationary Patrolman Nicholas P. Adamo
- **Comments by Mayor Ann Dassing**

Good Afternoon everyone and thank you again for being here, I would like to recognize a few dignitary's that we have in the audience today. We have former Councilman John Taylor, former Caldwell Mayor Susan Gartland, County Clerk Chris Durkin, former Councilman Bob Davidson, County Freeholder Lenny Luciano, Rotary President Jonathan Barrett, and Assemblyman Tom Giblin.

Thank you, everyone, for attending the 2013 Caldwell re-organization meeting. For those who may be visitors to the Borough, I welcome you and wish you a pleasant stay.

Congratulations to our newest Police Officer Nicholas Adamo, and best wishes to our Volunteer Fire Department officers. It is my sincere hope that all of our emergency responders remain safe and healthy this year.

2012 was a year of many accomplishments and challenges, the least of which being Hurricane Sandy. But, true to form, our employees performed a yeoman's task day after day, restoring roads, helping residents who were without power and offering warmth and compassion to all who were in need.

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Moving forward, I will be meeting with PSE&G to see how we can work together to address the power outages that exist in pockets in our neighborhoods.

I want to thank our emergency personnel, our fire department, first aid squad members, police and DPW departments and Health and Human Services department, who all work tirelessly for our behalf and to keep our roads open and passable.

In 2012, we concentrated on upgrading our infrastructure by taking on a water project that will give the Borough a second source of water in the event of a water main break. We also worked very diligently to see the completion of a 16 million dollar sewer treatment project, which will be finished early this year. Some roads were paved and this will continue in 2013.

The installation of e-ticketing systems in our police cars proved to be a worthwhile endeavor, increasing motor vehicle enforcement stops to over 4100 versus a little over 1000 last year. The Caldwell PD saw a decrease in total motor vehicle crashes from 345 in 2011 to 287 this year. The Chief believes that decrease is directly related to motor vehicle enforcement and the number of summonses issued and traffic enforcement details completed. I would like to say Thank you to our Police Chief, James Bongiorno, who has completed his first year and been an inspiring leader to our force.

The Finance Committee continued to employ the philosophy of a penny saved is a penny earned and put a plan in place to address our debt, while slicing unnecessary appropriations to achieve just over a 1% increase in local tax bills.

Our Community Center Committee saw a major renovation of the locker rooms, pool area, weight lifting and exercise equipment room, and exercise equipment room, and the creation of a brand new aerobics room. Thank you to the committee, the Borough Administrator and our Community Center Director for the countless hours spent on enhancing our center.

Our historic commission has been canvassing the town to identify structures of historic significance and they will eagerly share this information with us in the form of a comprehensive website, where residents can go find out information about their homes, if they are deemed historic.

The sign committee is putting the finishing touches on the ordinance, for the downtown merchants, to give clear, easy to understand guidelines to business owners erecting a sign in the business district.

The Borough engages in a contract to purchase the Personette Street property with Open Space Trust dollars and NJ State Green Acres funds, and that should be complete early in 2013. Additionally, the Open Space Committee surveyed our current properties and made suggestions for clean-up and maintenance activities.

One of my proudest moments this year came with the Legacy for Literacy event, which generated almost \$32,000 to support our Library. This event is the living testimony to what can be done by working together to effect a positive change. Thank you to my committee members who shared my vision and enthusiastically got involved in the cause. The Legacy for Literacy committee voted to hold the 2nd Legacy event on November 21, 2013 at Green Brook Country Club. Details will follow...

I want to take this opportunity to thank the over 80 volunteers who serve on the fire department, the first aid squad, and the Borough's Boards and commissions. Their volunteer hours are most appreciated and vital to the health and well-being of our Town.

I also wish to thank our hard working and dedicated employees and professionals for continuing to work as a team to create a better Caldwell.

In looking to 2013, we need to make solar energy a priority, as well as increasing shared services with other towns and the Board of Education. I am hoping we will have positive news about the 2.3 million dollar NJDOT streetscape grant that we applied for, to help us initiate a Complete Streets program. In addition, we will be implementing an emergency notification system for storm-related messages to residents. To that end, I would also like to see the installation of Caldwell local access TV, to bring our council meetings and special emergency announcements into your homes.

Once again, thank you for attending today, and I hope you have a happy and Healthy New Year!

2013 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS / LIAISONS

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Council Committee	Chairman	Councilman	Areas of Responsibility
Community Center	Hauser	O'Donnell	Community Center
Finance	Durkin	Kelley	Finance / Budget / Banking / Administration / Capital Tax Collection / Annual Audit / Corrective Action Plan
Community Outreach	Kelley	Durkin	Downtown Organizations / Board of Education Economic Development / Municipal Alliance
Personnel / Health & Human Services	Rodgers	Coyle	Personnel Policies / Employee Handbook & Benefits Senior Citizens / Board of Health / Pension / Medical
Public Safety	O'Donnell	Rodgers	Police Department / Fire Department / OEM Municipal Court / Traffic Committee
Public Works / Utilities	Coyle	Hauser	Streets & Roads / Building & Grounds / Engineering / Utilities Construction / Sewer & Water / Environmental / Open Space

Note: Mayor Dassing is the 3rd member of each committee.

Board / Committee	Liaison
Advisory Council of Senior Citizens	Rodgers
Board of Education	Rodgers
Board of Health	Durkin
Camp Wyanokie	Kelley
Community Development	Coyle
Environmental Commission	Durkin
Library Board of Trustees	Hauser
Local Board of Assistance	Rodgers
Historic Commission	Dassing
Open Space / Environmental	O'Donnell
Planning Board	Coyle
Recreation	Hauser / Coyle
Rent Board	Kelley
Senior Citizen Transportation	Kelley
Sign Ordinance Committee	Dassing
Traffic Committee	O'Donnell
Tree Removal	Durkin

2013 BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- Resolution 1-1: Planning Board - Appointment by Mayor**

Councilman John Coyle	Class III Member	term expiration 12/31/2013
Marguerite Kenney	Alternate #2	term expiration 12/31/2014
Mayor Ann Dassing	Class I Member	term expiration 12/31/2013
Ann Finnegan	Class IV Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Ann E. Martin	Class IV Member	term expiration 12/31/2016

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- Resolution 1-2: Zoning Board of Adjustment – Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Bruce Stieve	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Robert Colaizzo	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
David Piperno	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Dawn R. SanFilippo	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Mary Donovan	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Marc Orlandino	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Douglas Piazza	Alternate #1	term expiration 12/31/2014
James Vere	Alternate #2	term expiration 12/31/2013

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- Resolution 1-3: Library Board of Trustees - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

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Councilman Richard Hauser Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2013
Cindy Kellenberger Designee /Supt of Schools term expiration 12/31/2013
Wendy Callaghan Member term expiration 12/31/2016

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-4: Board of Health - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Councilman Edward Durkin Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2013
William Edge Member term expiration 12/31/2015
Betty Sullivan Member term expiration 12/31/2015

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-5: Local Assistance Board - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Maria Burak One-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2013
Councilman Frank Rodgers Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2013

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-6: Rent Review Board - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Suzanne Pemrick Member term expiration 12/31/2015
Councilman John Kelley Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2013

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-7: Environmental Commission - Appointment by Mayor**
[One of the members must be a member of the Planning Board]

Councilman Edward Durkin Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2013
Ann Marchioni Member term expiration 12/31/2015
Robert Edelstein Alternate term expiration 12/31/2015

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-8: Open Space Trust Committee - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Mr. Paul M. Carelli Borough Administrator term expiration 12/31/2013
Councilman Tom O'Donnell Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2013
Ann Finnegan Planning Board Member term expiration 12/31/2016
John Cascarano Resident term expiration 12/31/2016

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-9: Historic Preservation Committee - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

David Cowell Class C Member term expiration 12/31/2016

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

2013 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Mayor's Advisory Council on Senior Citizens - Appointment by Mayor.**

Mary Beth Kane
Mr. Henderson Cole
Mr. Thomas J. Gartland
Mr. Stanley C. Bestys
Mr. John Castano
Maria Burak

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Councilman Frank Rodgers, Council Representative

- **Board of Education - Appointment by Mayor.**

Marie Lanfrank
Councilman Frank Rodgers, Council Representative

- **Camp Wyanokie - Appointment by Mayor.**

Councilman John Kelley, Council Representative

- **Official Borough Photographers - Appointment by Mayor.**

Mr. Louis J. Ginefra
Ms. Janet Markman

- **Borough Arborist - Appointment by Mayor.**

Mr. John Linson

- **New Jersey Council Motion Picture Development - Appointment by Mayor.**

Ms. Lisa O'Neill

- **Liaison to the Grover Cleveland Birthplace - Appointment by Mayor.**

Dr. David Cowell

- **Senior Citizen Transportation Committee - Mayor, Consent of the Council.**

Mr. Greg Cowell
Mr. Peter Pirrello
Councilman John Kelley, Council Representative

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Tree Removal Committee - Mayor, Consent of the Council.**

Mr. Edward Broheimer (Tree Expert)
Mr. Donald Neil Aharra (Environmental Commission)
Mr. Paul M. Carelli, (Borough Administrator)
Councilman Edward Durkin, Council Representative

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

2013 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Resolution 1-10: Municipal Attorney**
Gregory Mascera, Esq.

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-11: Borough Prosecutor:**
Joseph DeFuria, Esq.

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-12: Public Defender:**
James Pomaco, Esq.

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Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-13: Licensed Water Operator**
William Frint

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-14: Licensed Sewer Operator**
Sewer Director
Regulatory Compliance Representative
Greg Seaman

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-15: Municipal Zoning Officer**
Paul Milani

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-16: Rent Board Attorney**
Joan Pransky, Esq.

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-17: Borough Auditors**
Nisivoccia and Company

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

- **Resolution 1-18: Borough Bond Counsel**
McManimon & Scotland LLC

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 1-19: Authorizing Appointment of Committee Members for the Community Development Block Grant Program for the Year 2013

Resolution 1-20: Authorizing the Appointment of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Dept Officers for 2013

Resolution 1-21: Designating Official Holidays in Year 2013

Resolution 1-22: Designating the Official Depositories of the Borough for the Year 2013

Resolution 1-23: Authorizing Annual Schedule of Regular Council Business Meetings for the Year 2013

Resolution 1-24: Authorizing Adoption of Temporary Budget for the Year 2013

Resolution 1-25: Authorizing Interest for Non-Payment of Taxes or Assessments

Resolution 1-26: Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough of Caldwell

Resolution 1-27: Designating Times Dates and Conduct of Meetings for the Year 2013

Resolution 1-28: Authorizing Appointment of Idamae Renne as the Tax Collector for the

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Resolution 1-29: Resolution Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Caldwell For 2013

Resolution 1-30: Authorizing Adoption of the 2013 Debt Service Requirements

Resolution 1-31: Resolution Appointing Anthony Greci as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Caldwell for a three year term commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2015

Resolution 1-32: Authorizing Appointment of Glenn Beckmeyer, P.E. as Municipal Engineer for the Borough of Caldwell for a three year term commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2015

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/01/13.

Resolution 1-33: Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through December 31, 2012 for 2012 bills in the total amount of \$746,174.58

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Rodgers, O'Donnell, Hauser, Kelley and Coyle voted in the affirmative. Councilman Durkin abstained. Resolutions approved 01/01/13

Open Meeting – Public Comment.

Benediction by Dr. Rick Sommers (First Presbyterian Church)

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Coyle, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50PM.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Clerk

DATE