

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
ORGANIZATION MEETING – January 5, 2016

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:01PM

OATH OF OFFICE:

- Councilman Richard Hauser by Gregory Mascera
- Councilman Francis Rodgers by Christopher Durkin
- Councilman Hauser

Thank you all for attending this evening. I'd like to wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year. I would like to start by giving thanks.....

Thank you to my family (Nancy, Meredith and Christian), who have given up their time, our family time and who have lent their support that have resulted in me standing here.

Thank you to my running mate, Rick Alonso and his family for getting involved, for staying true to his values and for working hard to make a difference in a positive way.

Thanks to Pete Murray, who was the campaign manager and the countless others who helped out and supported out efforts.

Thank you to my minister, Dr. Rick Sommers, for being here this evening and participating in this event.

Thank you to our local emergency services personnel, especially those who volunteer their time, skills and risk their lives to help others. I can't help but think about the several house fires that we've had in Caldwell recently. Thank you to the volunteer fire department, the WEFAS, the police department for doing all that they do to help those who are in need at the most desperate times.

As I start my 3rd term as Councilman of the Borough of Caldwell, I can't help but reflect on the past 6 years. It certainly has been an interesting journey! I've met many new people and made several new friends. We've come a very long way in the last 6 years, but there are always new challenges and things to improve on.

As someone who has dedicated an awful lot of time and energy to this role, I can't help but be disappointed in the turn out this past election. It is so important for the residents to become involved and knowledgeable in what is happening in their town. I believe it's vital for people to become involved in their community..... Get involved in one or more of the many committees, attend or at least watch on TV or through our website, what actually is discussed at the council meetings. Who knows, you may be inspired by what you see and learn some things. You may even chose to get involved and be standing here someday.

I believe government on any level, works when citizens are engaged and involved. Get involved! Decisions on a local level will often have a much more direct impact on you than you would imagine. I got involved because my taxes doubled in a 6 year period. I learned and believed that I could make a difference. I got involved and I'm VERY proud that with some hard work... by a number of people.... our municipal taxes have only gone up an average of .7% or \$87 for the average homeowner over the past 6 years!

I believe there's more improvement possible through more shared services with our neighboring towns, and who knows.... If enough residents get involved and are supportive..... merging our town. Is it easy? Probably not. It will take some work, but anything worthwhile does take some work.

What can you do? What positive impact can you have on your community?

Again, I encourage you to get involved, share your skills and knowledge and make a constructive impact on our community. Show your children, grandchildren that you can make a difference. Who knows you may discover as I have that it can be done. I assure you that you will get a lot more out of getting involved in your community than you will by watching TV. You may even make some new friends!

Thank you and on behalf of the Hauser family, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- Councilman Rodgers

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Thank you to Mayor Joe Tempesta and Council President Joe Cecere for taking time out of their busy schedules to be with us tonight.

I would first like to take the opportunity to thank John Kelley, Peter Meschia, Susan Gartland and Matt Krayton for running a successful campaign. I want to thank my running mate Steve Flack who if it were not for him I would not have done this by myself. I would also like to thank County Clerk Chris Durkin and Freeholder Lenny Luciano for their guidance and advice.

I want to thank my wife Maria and my children Frank, Nick, Monica, Thomas and Dante for allowing me to do this and sharing their husband and father with the residents of the Borough of Caldwell.

Thank you to all the residents that supported me throughout this process and I welcome and am honored to be able to serve the community in this capacity once again. I will do my best to meet and exceed your expectations.

Congratulations to Rich Hauser on winning his 3rd consecutive term. I look forward to working with Mayor Dassing, Council President O'Donnell and the rest of the council in the upcoming year.

Have a Happy New Year and Thank you.

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President O'Donnell, Councilman Hauser, Capozzoli, Brown, Cascarano and Rodgers

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

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2016. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Invocation – Dr. Rick Sommers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Election of Council President

Council President O'Donnell made a motion to nominate Councilman Capozzoli as Council President, 2nd by Councilman Brown. All in favor.

- **Honorable Ann Dassing, Mayor of the Borough of Caldwell**

Thank you, everyone, for attending the 2016 Caldwell re-organization meeting.

Special thanks to our dignitaries who are with us today:

Freeholder Leonard Luciano, County Clerk Chris Durkin, Judge Bridget Stechker, Mayor Joseph Tempesta Councilman Joe Cecere, Former Councilman Gordon Lawshe and Former Councilman John Kelly

2015 was a year of many accomplishments.

Since 2012, we have been upgrading our infrastructure by replacing old water pipes throughout the town, to give residents better water service to their homes and our emergency personnel better infrastructure to work with in the event they need to fight a fire. This work continued on additional streets in town and will continue into 2016.

We are also working with PSE&G's solar department on the installation of solar panels on the Sewer Treatment Plant and if this becomes a reality, we will be the first sewer plant in NJ to do so.

Our Finance Committee continued to employ the philosophy of fiscal prudence and put forth a budget that

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was again very low, with no reduction in services to our residents.

Our Community Center was renamed the Live Well Aquatics and Fitness Center and along with the new name, we refurbished the indoor pool which looks like new, and replaced equipment in the fitness center for the benefit of our members. Also, various exterior projects such as power washing, painting and new signage were done. We continue to refine the programs and the facility to be the best it can be for area residents.

Our historic commission is currently working on an application to designate Caldwell as a certified local government, which will open up grant possibilities for the Borough.

The Planning Board has chosen a planner who will begin the re-examination of our Master Plan. Additionally, we have plans to conduct a re-evaluation of all properties in town. This process was held up in 2015 due to tax map work that need to be done to conform to the State's regulations.

The Environmental Commission embraced the Personette street property and together with grant dollars and volunteer help from Home Depot, and residents, a beautiful paver pathway was installed. Grant dollars from ANJEC made a pollinator garden possible and trees of various types were planted. We hope to hold a ribbon cutting in the spring to what will be home of The Caldwell Volunteer Firemen's Park.

The Special Improvement District Feasibility study has been ongoing and the core group is ready to appoint a Board of stakeholders and to hold their open meetings for public comment. This will take place in early 2016.

2015 marked the first full year for the Caldwell Fire Prevention Bureau.

The Bureau Fire Chief, Mark Giuliano reported that 101 Life hazard use inspections were completed - 41 Non life hazard use inspections were done,

He conducted 19 Fire code complaint investigations; 102 home sale inspections and issued 31 fire permits. On the inspections, 2/3 required re-inspections for compliance. Thank you Mark, for your tenacity in keeping us all safe!

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.

In looking to 2016, we need to continue to keep our taxes low, and provide better service, as well as increasing shared services with other towns and the Board of Education. Additional goals are to increase communication to residents with a better website and other tools, to step up enforcement of our property maintenance codes and to continue to work with the County on the installation of a traffic light at the corner of Bloomfield Ave. and Gould Pl.

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

2016 Council Committee Appointments/Liaisons

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Council Committee	Chairman	Councilman	Areas of Responsibility
Community Center	O'Donnell	Brown	Community Center
Finance	Cascarano	Rodgers	Finance / Budget / Banking / Administration / Capital Tax Collection / Annual Audit / Corrective Action Plan
Shared Service (Senior Trans)	Rodgers	Hauser	Shared Services / Senior Transportation Board of Ed - West Caldwell Shared Service Committee
Personnel	Hauser	Capozzoli	Personnel Policies / Employee Handbook & Benefits Pension / Medical
Public Safety	Capozzoli	Cascarano	Police Department / Fire Department / OEM Municipal Court / Traffic Committee
Public Works / Utilities	Brown	O'Donnell	Streets & Roads / Building & Grounds / Engineering / Utilities Construction / Sewer & Water

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

Board / Committee	Liaison
Board of Education	Rodgers
Board of Health	Cascarano
Camp Wyanokie	Cascarano
Environmental Commission	Brown
Library Board of Trustees	Capozzoli
Human Services	O'Donnell
Historic Commission	Hauser
Open Space	Capozzoli
Planning Board	Cascarano
Recreation	Hauser Brown
Rent Board	Rodgers
Downtown	Capozzoli O'Donnell

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Council Committee Liaison approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-1: Planning Board - Appointment by Mayor**
 Councilman John Cascarano Class III Member term expiration 12/31/2016
 Mayor Ann Dassing Class I Member term expiration 12/31/2016
 Peter N. Byrne Alternate #2 term expiration 12/31/2016
 Nathan Gardner Class IV Member term expiration 12/31/2019
 Sean McGowan Class IV Member term expiration 12/31/2019
- **Resolution 1-2: Library Board of Trustees - Mayor, Consent of the Council**
 Councilman Pasquale Capozzoli Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2016
 Lauren Crispino Designee / Supt of Schools term expiration 12/31/2016
 Allyson Greenstein Member term expiration 12/31/2020

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-3: Board of Health - Mayor, Consent of the Council**
 Councilman John Cascarano Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2016
 Betty Sullivan Member term expiration 12/31/2018
 Valerie Schleck Member term expiration 12/31/2018

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Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Council President Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-4: Human Services - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Councilman Tom O'Donnell	Council Representative	term expiration 12/31/2016
Maria Burak	Coordinator	term expiration 12/31/2016

Moved by Council President Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-5: Rent Review Board - Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Councilman Francis Rodgers	Council Representative	term expiration 12/31/2016
Suzanne Pemrick	Tenant Member	term expiration 12/31/2018

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Hauser . No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-6: Environmental Commission – Appointment by Mayor**

Councilman Kris Brown	Council Representative	term expiration 12/31/2016
Ann Marchioni	Member	term expiration 12/31/2018
Douglas Piazza	BA Designee	term expiration 12/31/2018
Robert Edelstein	Member	term expiration 12/31/2018

- **Resolution 1-7: Open Space Trust Committee – Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Mr. Paul M. Carelli	Borough Administrator	term expiration 12/31/2016
Councilman Pasquale Capozzoli	Council Representative	term expiration 12/31/2016
Douglas Piazza	Environmental Commission	term expiration 12/31/2019
Ann Finnegan	Planning Board Member	term expiration 12/31/2019
David Layton	Member	term expiration 12/31/2019
David Prescott	Member	term expiration 12/31/2019

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-8: Historic Preservation Committee – Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Richard Cummings	Member	term expiration 12/31/2016
Councilman Richard Hauser	Council Representative	term expiration 12/31/2016

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Brown . No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-9: Zoning Board Of Adjustment –Mayor, Consent of the Council**

Ryan San George	Alternate #2	term expiration 12/31/2016
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Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

2016 ANNUAL MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

- **Mayor’s Advisory Council on Human Services**

Mary Beth Kane	June Cowell
Mr. Henderson Cole	Sandra Norgren
Mr. Thomas J. Gartland	Marsha Fricke
Mr. Stanley C. Bestys	Maureen D’Aloia
Santa Rock	Maria Burak

Councilman Thomas O’Donnell - Council Representative

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- **Board of Education**
Councilman Francis Rodgers - Council Representative
- **Camp Wyanokie**
Councilman John Cascarano - Council Representative
- **Official Borough Photographers**
Mr. Louis J. Ginefra
Ms. Janet Markman
- **Borough Arborist**
Mr. John Linson
- **New Jersey Council Motion Picture Development**
Lisa O'Neill
- **Liaison to the Grover Cleveland Birthplace**
Alexandru D. Aldea
- **Senior Citizen Transportation Committee – Mayor, Consent of the Council.**
Mr. Greg Cowell
Mr. Peter Pirrello
Councilman Francis Rodgers - Council Representative

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

Mr. Edward Broheimer (Tree Expert)
Mr. Donald Neil Aharrah (Environmental Commission)
Mr. Paul M. Carelli, (Borough Administrator)
Councilman Kris Brown - Council Representative

2016 PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

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

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-11: Borough Prosecutor: Sworn in by Gregory Mascera**
Geoffrey D. Mueller

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

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

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-13: Licensed Sewer Operator**
Sewer Director
Regulatory Compliance Representative
Greg Seaman, LLC

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

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- **Resolution 1-14: Municipal Judge** Sworn in by Bridget Stecher
Joseph Defuria, Esq.

Moved by Council President Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-15: Rent Board Attorney**
Peter Russo, Esq.

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Casarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-16: Borough Auditors**
Nisivoccia LLP

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-17: Borough Bond Counsel**
Capehart Scatchard

Moved by Councilman Casarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-18: Licensed Water Operator**
Superior Services LLC

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

- **Resolution 1-19: Borough Engineer**
Glenn Beckmeyer, P.E.

Moved by Council President Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Casarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 01/05/16.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Resolution 1-20: Authorizing the Appointment of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department Officers for Year 2016
- Resolution 1-21: Designating Official Holidays in Year 2016
- Resolution 1-22: Designating the Official Depositories of the Borough for the Year 2016
- Resolution 1-23: Authorizing Annual Schedule of Regular Council Business Meetings for the Year 2016
- Resolution 1-24: Authorizing Adoption of Temporary Budget for the Year 2016
- 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 2016
- Resolution 1-28: ON HOLD - Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through December 31, 2015 for 2015 bills in the total amount of \$
- Resolution 1-29: Resolution Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Caldwell For 2016

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- Resolution 1-30: Authorizing Adoption of the 2016 Debt Service Requirements
- Resolution 1-31: Authorizing Appointment of Committee Members for the Community Development Block Grant Program for the Year 2016
- Resolution 1-32: Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Mark Guiliano as the Fire Official in the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Borough of Caldwell for the Calendar Year 2016
- Resolution 1-33: Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers for Calendar Year 2015
- Resolution 1-34: Resolution Appointing Mark Guiliano as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Caldwell for a Three Year Term commencing January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2018
- Resolution 1-35: Authorizing the Issuing of a Special Liquor Permit. Applicant and Application has been approved by the Police Department and the Clerk's Office – Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex
- Resolution 1-36: Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances on Tax Accounts for the Year Ending 12/31/15
- Resolution 1-37: Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances on Water Accounts for Year Ending 12/31/15
- Resolution 1-38: Authorizing appointment of Paul Milani as Municipal Zoning Officer for the Year 2016
- Resolution 1-39: Authorizing the Borough Attorney to investigate the feasibility of the purchase of Block 56 – Lots 10.14 and 18.01 in the Borough of Caldwell

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/05/16.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Mr. Godlewski, Essex Falls read a letter from his mom, Dorothy Godlewski and himself.

To the Borough of Caldwell Mayor and Council

We express our sincere warm thanks to Director, Robert Paterson, Instructor Jessica Blechar and the staff of the Caldwell Community Center. We are always so grateful for their care and kindness.

The center is truly a remarkable amenity and an important part of my 90 year old Mother Dorothy's healthy, everyday life. Even her doctors rejoice. Thanks to following the Aquatics program, her blood pressure has noticeably improved as well as her equilibrium and ability to walk. Not only is the program healthy, she has made many friends and its fun.

The Caldwell Community Center is more than just an amenity, it's a wonderful part of life in our Community.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council President Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Cascarano unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41P.M.

Prepared by: _____

Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Borough Clerk

DATE