

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – January 27, 2009**

The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:16 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing, Curley, Norton and Brennan

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

ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this Recessed Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Mayor Gartland requested a moment of silence for former Chief Harvey Lawshe who passed away. He was a dedicated and very professional Policeman and Police Chief. Mayor Gartland expressed her condolences to Councilman Gordon Lawshe.

PRESENTATIONS: Karen Lembo, Library Director, gave a presentation regarding the Big Read. West Caldwell Mayor, Joseph Tempesta and West Caldwell Library Director, April Judge are working together with Caldwell on the second Big Read. The kick off for the Big Read will be on March 1, 2009. The book selected this year is The Shawl by Cynthia Ozick.

Ann Marchioni of the Environmental Commission along with Gregory M. Rusciano, Program Associate, Water Resources Program, Rutgers University gave a presentation regarding Rain Gardens.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Community Development Block Grant

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 6, 2009

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Brennan the minutes were adopted January 27, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS:

1-28 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Hadassah Caldwell Inc. – Off Premises - Merchandise Raffle, March 17, 2009, 8:00P.M.

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Lawshe. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

1-29 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00011, Block 41, Lot 8.01, 36 Lane Avenue Rear, J&S Construction Management & Brianna Construction

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Lawshe. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

1-30 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00003, Block 6, Lot 13.01, 22 Linwood Terrace, Allen & Sara Barnett

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing, Curley and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Norton Abstained. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

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- 1-31 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00021, Block 56, Lot 1.28, 28 Beekman Hill Road, Rusen Van Karali

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing, Curley and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Norton Abstained. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

- 1-32 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00007, Block 16, Lot 18.02, 16 Cooks Lane, Cooks Lane Investments LLC

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing, Curley and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Norton Abstained. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

- 1-33 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00002, Block 6, Lot 7, 61 Elm Road, Keith & Lauren Nolan

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing, Curley and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Norton Abstained. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

- 1-34 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00005, Block 14, Lot 4.02, 64 Forest Avenue, Nolan M. and Carmella G. Thrope

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing, Curley and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Norton Abstained. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

- 1-35 Authorizing the issuing of a special liquor permit to Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation, Inc. 72 Smull Avenue, Event to be held at Caldwell College Student Center 120 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, March 29, 2009, 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Curley, Norton and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Dassing Abstained. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

- 1-36 Approval of the sewer connection application for Dykstra Walker Design Group, for four (4) Single family homes on Mountain Avenue, North Caldwell (Block 50, Lots 1 & 1B)

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09.

- 1-37 Approval of the sewer connection application for Presti Co., 489 S. Riverview Drive, Totowa, New Jersey for a Single Family Home at 8 Roosevelt Avenue, West Caldwell, New Jersey (Block 1602, Lot 22)

Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Brennan. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09

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1-38 Authorizing cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale, Certificate #08-0018, Block 61.01, Lot 3, 7 Oldchester Road, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09

1-39 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of check for the period through January 27, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,645,734.81

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09

1-40 Authorizing the Appointment of Peter W. Murray, Jr. to the Library Board of Trustees

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/27/09

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Lawshe – Reported that he has not be able to get to a Board of Education meeting but he will be attending one next Monday. Councilman Lawshe thanked everyone on the Council for the outreach and support they gave to his family. Councilman Lawshe also thanked everyone for the flowers and the food given to his family during his time of loss. Councilman Lawshe also thanked Chief Dombrowski and the Police Department for all their professionalism they made our Police Department look outstanding. Councilman Lawshe thanked the Fire Department and Tommy Bates and the Department of Public Works and Mario Bifalco for their support. Councilman Lawshe said that his brother loved this town and they received \$3,000.00 in donations for the Grid Iron Club. The outpouring of respect my brother received from this town was very nice. Again thank you to everyone.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Board of Health has not met and there was one meeting that had to be canceled. Councilman Slattery reported that the Municipal Alliance will hold the Three on Three on Friday, March 13, 2009.

Councilman Dassing – Extended condolences to Councilman Lawshe and his family. Welcomed our two new Councilmen and is looking forward to a productive 2009. Councilman Dassing reported that she was talking to a resident the other day and the most she remembers of Councilman Lawshe's brother was about 15 to 20 years ago there was a fear of abductions in town and at that time Councilman Lawshe's brother was a detective and he came by her house every morning and followed the children to school and she said she will never forget that. Councilman Dassing reported on the Shared Services Committee meeting held tonight. There will be a couple of items they will be looking at one of them will be a formal proposal from Construction Official, Paul Milani regarding ideas about the construction department. They will also be looking at other areas of shared services with other towns. The next Shared Services Committee meeting will be on February 27, 2009. Councilman Dassing reported that there will be a Community Center Committee meeting next week. Councilman Dassing publicly stated her opposition to FOCA which is the bill that embodies the public policy goals of the pro abortion groups. These groups will promote the bills passage directly and advances agenda by working to reverse pro-life laws one at a time. I would encourage everyone to write their Congressmen and Senators if they feel in opposition of this bill.

Councilman Curley – Thanked Ann Marchioni for her presentation for tonight. Councilman Curley reported that the Environmental Committee will host another Green Living Fair this year.

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Councilman Norton – Reported that there were several finance committee meeting. The buzzword for all these meetings is zero increase. During these tough economic times, tough decisions have to be made. We have been working closely with the Borough Administrator, Maureen Ruane. We have asked Ms. Ruane to put together three scenario budgets with zero state aid, 50% state aid and the same state aid we received last year. We all agreed that 50% state aid will be the number we will be working with which does not paint a pretty picture for the budget process. Councilman Norton reported that he has met with each Department Head at the recent Department Head meeting and asked them to cut their budgets by 5 to 15%. Councilman Norton requested that each department head present their budgets in a more user-friendly format than the Edmunds reports. Councilman Norton reported that the next Finance committee meeting will be Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. and another meeting slated for Monday night at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Norton reported that at the Council Conference meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup> four department heads will be presenting their budgets.

Councilman Brennan – Reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting. They are working on policies regarding harassment in the workplace.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the Census Report for 2010. Census day is April 1, 2010. It is important for each town and each municipality to make sure that all their residents are counted. Anyone interested in being a participant will be able to find information on our website when we receive the information. Mayor Gartland reported that she received a letter from Andrew James Scarlotto whose parents own Rock N Joes. He had an opportunity to attend and be a participant at the inaugural of President of Barack Obama. Mayor Gartland also reported on the DEP Grant awarded to Caldwell in the amount of \$18,750.00 for community forestry program. Mayor Gartland reported on the Pension Payment deferral program.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Ms. Ruane reported on the 2009 Holiday Schedule for the Borough of Caldwell Employees. The Council decided to reduce the Holiday Schedule by 2 days, Election Day and the Employee's birthday.  
None

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

OPEN MEETING: Anthony Abaleo, Liason from Essex County introduced himself to the new Council members. Maureen Durr of 25 Forrest Avenue wanted to know when the clock would be delivered to former Councilman James Gates. Mayor Gartland apologized for not getting it to him sooner. Ms. Durr also had questions regarding the salary ordinance and the position of Captain in the Police Department. Upon hearing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 9:20 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, and seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:20 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Brennan the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:24 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 Brennan, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan  
Deputy Clerk

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Date

