

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – February 4, 2014**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at **7:04PM**

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

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, 2014. 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.

AWARD PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Caldwell Police Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 28, 2014

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Durkin. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 02/04/14.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Barb Hauck-Mah / Caldwell Public Library Grant Presentation
2. Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Safety Bureau

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE# 1284-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT," OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY," IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A POLICE AUXILIARY UNIT AND TO PRESCRIBE APPROPRIATE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Durkin. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced on 02/04/14.

ORDINANCE# 1285-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION GOVERNING REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF APARTMENT UNITS

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 02/04/14.

ORDINANCE# 1286-14: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF CHAPTER 131 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE CHAPTER TITLED "HOUSING" GOVERNING REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF APARTMENT UNITS

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 02/04/14.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Durkin to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

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- 2-55:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2013 APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS
- 2-56:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Parent Faculty Association of Mt. St. Dominic Academy/ Off Premise – 50/50 Raffle, June 2, 2014 -- 8:00PM.
- 2-57:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Block 7, Lot 12.01, Sheryll Perez, 26 Cooper Avenue, Roseland, NJ
- 2-58:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 13-00014, Block 48, Lot 6
- 2-59:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER - Valerie L. Schleck
- 2-60:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBER – Grace Kerrigan
- 2-61:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Block 72, Lot 1.04, Michael Shansky, 33 Birkendene Road, Caldwell

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Durkin. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 02/04/14.

1-62: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE EXISTANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU AND AUTHORIZING THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Durkin. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 02/04/14.

1-63: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK GUILIANO AS THE FIRE OFFICIAL IN THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AT A RATE OF \$20.00 PER HOUR AND A TOTAL OF 20 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 02/04/14.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Durkin thanked the Fire, Police and Emergency responders on a job well done for another fire that happened. A reminder from Public Works, we will be expecting more snow with a mixture of freezing rain over night into tomorrow morning. The DPW will be out there through the night and please make it easier for them and remove cars from the street and that is a town ordinance as well and they will be towed if they are left on the street. There is a shortage of salt and they are going to do their best to keep our residents safe.

Councilman Capozzoli reported that last week there were some concerns and he sat down with Chief Bongiorno and went through the numbers and rest assure if we don't have one of the best Police Departments we have the best Police Department. The last two years shows a significant drop in crimes. Thank you to you and your department chief it's a testament to your leadership.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that he met with the Local Assistance Board and Maria Burak he is very impressed with their dedication. They are involved with these families that are displaced from the fire and while he is on the subject there is a fund raiser on February 7th at the Ringside from 6PM-12PM, the suggested amount is \$25.00 cash or gift card and it is for a very good cause. As far as the budget we would like to set up a meeting and at the last meeting we focused on either a zero percent tax increase or up to a ½ percent. He would like to go for a two cent average increase.

Council President Hauser reported that a mother of the resident at the fire was extremely complimentary of the Mayor she said you were at that fire as well as the other fire from start to finish and she was extremely complimentary of your caring and all the things you have done not only for her daughter who

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was displaced at the 2nd fire. The Environmental Commission, Ann Marchioni, asked him to make a comment on the Medicine Drop off it is ongoing. There are brochures on the counter when you first walk in. He reached out to West Caldwell for both a recreation committee meeting as well as the shared service, once he hears back from Councilman Hladik he will reach out to Councilman Durkin and Councilman Capozzoli.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that on the subject of shared services they will be meeting on Thursday with the superintendent of schools and a grant writer candidate. We had talked last summer about potentially sharing a grant writer and we are going to begin that process. There are many opportunities out there but we don't have the time or the resources to be able to get them all.

Councilman O'Donnell asked that residents shovel the hydrants in front or across their homes.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carrelli reported that he received a second proposal for the salt water conversion at the Community Center pool and he is checking some references on both proposals and advice from a professional that we have used in the past. There are seven (7) proposals for the sewer plant operations and maintenance and they are due on February 14th. Self-appraisals from all employees have been received. He is going through them and finalizing and will be scheduling meetings in the next two weeks. The Borough submitted the application for Essex County open space local aid grant for \$150,000 which we did jointly with West Caldwell. He signed off on the Dectron unit preventive maintenance contract.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera reported that there is an issue in regards to redemption of a tax lien he has been working on with Idamae Renne. We are trying to avoid litigation. The worst case scenario is the town would be brought in as a third party for wrongfully redeeming or for not redeeming.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:

James Bongiorno thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing his department. It means a lot to them and it's not often that they are publically recognized for their outstanding service. From his perspective it was a very proud moment for him to see them recognized for their service. The Caldwell Fire Department and the West Essex First Aid Squad do a great job and they are all volunteers and they are there in seconds. In regards to the snow we have had a rough winter and he would like to remind the residents and the business owners that they need to clear their sidewalks you have 12 hours right after the snow ends. We also have no parking on snow covered roadways to keep the roads clear for public works and the county to get the roads clear. Public works has done a great job so let's help them keep the roads clear.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASSON:

James Jorgensen congratulated the Mayor and Council for taking the steps tonight putting the safety of your citizens first. Congratulation to Mark on a terrific presentation and putting all the information that he gave to you so you were well informed. The Mayor and Councilman Durkin reached out to him for salt and we did have some salt delivered to you through Sanje at Public Works. Shipments are supposedly on their way.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Hauser wanted to follow up on the salt water pool and the Westville, Brookside intersection.

Paul Carrelli responded that he is still working on the pro's and con's and he has reached out to an aquatics expert that we have used in the past and hopefully he will be speaking to him soon and he will pass that along. He hoped to have a meeting with our Borough Engineer and Bill Frint last Thursday but that didn't happen so we are trying for this Thursday. Glenn provided a drawing that keeps about half of that island and he would like to verify it with Bill Frint. Mayor Dassing asked about the ramp and how they are doing with the bad weather.

