

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – February 18, 2014**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at **7:00PM**

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

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

ABSENT: Mayor Dassing

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 4, 2014

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 02/18/14.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 2-64:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2014 FOR 2013/2014 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,199,935.13
- 2-65:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAYMENT OF WATER BILLS PAID IN ERROR
- 2-66:** DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES
- 2-67:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00011, Block 29, Lot 36
- 2-68:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 12-00020 BLOCK 58.01, LOT 1
- 2-69:** RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #12-290 CORRECTING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF JOSEPH DEBELLIS AS A CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$5,200.00

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 02/18/14.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Durkin reported on the hard work of the DPW and how they have put forth in the past major storms. He has received a lot of compliments from residents but on the flip side there are a lot of worried merchants asking about the snow removal on Bloomfield Avenue. We have used outside Contractors before and we need to do this again. He had a meeting with Council President Hauser and West Caldwell and they talked about sharing service possibly merging services and Councilman Hladik has offered some services in the way of equipment to help us truck the snow.

Councilman Capozzoli reported that he too has received calls about the snow removal and he would like to know what our options are.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that the Senior Valentine's Day lunch has been cancelled. The St. Patrick's Day lunch will be on March 13th. Maria Burak advised that three families that were affected by

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the Gould fire, two families have found housing the one family is still living in a hotel. There will be a budget meeting on Tuesday at 6PM.

Councilman Kelley reported that he would like to honor our DPW in the March meeting we have some incredible leadership, Mario, and we have some incredible men providing valuable services to the citizens of this town.

Councilman Rodgers reported on the Board of Health and he asked the chief if the auxiliary police can help with the dog census. They also asked if the Board of Health help in updating the website and get access to it. They have received complaint letters in regards to the bathrooms at the Community Center as a health issue. Paul responded that there is an RFP for cleaning services and a person will be there 8-11 or 8-12 everyday and then a cleaning crew at night from 7-10 which is three people. It's approximately 84 hours a week. The proposals are due back on March 4th.

Council President Hauser reported that he attended a shared service meeting with West Caldwell and they discussed a number of different opportunities for different services. The Environmental Commission had their committee meeting and they discussed at their meeting the theme for the contest this year. He also attended a joint meeting with West Caldwell on the recreation programs and discussed the field at EYS and putting some funds into a matching program. There was discussion on the stairway to heaven as it has been tagged creating a path from Caldwell College parking lot to this facility. We discussed trying to get some advertising going for the field and the nature of this meeting was to have the respective Borough Administrators involved in identifying a marketing company that will help to do that to get those dollars rolling and create additional revenue.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported on the progress of the ADA Ramp. They are expected to be done by the end of the month.

He has advertised for the wheelchair lift and will be opened on February 25th.

Cleaning Services for the Community Center will be due on March 4th.

Discussion Ensued on the cleaning services between Council.
Chris has completed the capital ordinances review and for the next meeting we should have some proposal of what we would like to cancel and we have about \$585,000 that can be canceled and can start fresh. He will compile a new list for each department for the Council.

He will be scheduling meetings with the department heads.

Monday there will be training with Edmunds for automating the requisition process.

He met with a resident on the complaint that was against a Community Center employee.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:

James Bongiorno reminded the residents of our ordinance of clearing sidewalks twelve (12) hours after the snow fall ends. Private plow contractors cannot plow the snow from a driveway or a parking lot into our roadway they are creating problems for our DPW workers. On snow covered roadways there is no parking until the roads are cleared. Streets are narrow so please use caution with view obstruction people backing out of their driveways so please proceed with caution. PSE&G has taken care of the lighting in the Cooks Lane parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on removal of snow from Bloomfield Avenue and parking lots.

2-70: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT THE REMOVAL THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AS THE COUNCIL DETERMINED THERE IS AN EMERGENCY AND THIS CAN BE AWARDED AS A NO BID EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, 2nd Councilman Durkin. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 02/18/14.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to Open Public Meeting.

Barbara Bueckner, 7 Park Lane she asked when the new cleaning service would be starting. She feels that the management be accountable to check on the firm.

