

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – March 10, 2009**

The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:07 P.M.

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

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

**ABSENT:**

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 15, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Mayor Gartland expressed condolences to Gordon Bruchac on the loss of his father. He was a Fireman in West Caldwell for sixty-six years. He was a wonderful servant and helped everyone out. Mayor Gartland requested a moment of silence.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Karen Alexander, Director of Eldercare Services, United Jewish Communities of Metro West New Jersey, "Senior Walkability Workshop"

Ryan Hicks, Account Executive for One Communications gave a presentation regarding their proposal for phone and internet services.

Peter G. Pirrello, VP of Business Development for Metro Energy Solutions gave a presentation regarding their proposal for Solar Consulting Services

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**RECEIVING OF BIDS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 24, 2009

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted March 10, 2009.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public at 8:16 P.M. for public comment on resolutions. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public comment on resolutions at 8:17 P.M.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

3-56 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Parents Faculty Association of Mt. St. Dominic Academy, Off-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, June 1, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/10/09.

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3-57 Authorizing issuance of two (2) taxicab licenses to Caldwell Taxi, Co., Inc., 570 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Brennan. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/10/09.

3-58 Approval of the sewer connection application for Evans Run, LLC, 320 Runnymede Road, Essex Fells, New Jersey, for construction of a new 47 unit residential development, which will send a portion of the sewer flow to the Caldwell Wastewater Treatment Plant (13 Units) at Clinton Road, West Caldwell, New Jersey (Block 1600, Lots 23-27)

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/10/09.

3-59 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through March 10, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,722,789.23

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/10/09.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:**

Councilman Lawshe – Reported that the Board of Education announced in the paper that Vinny Grazioso is not running this year for the School Board. Paula Getty is running along with Mrs. McNish who is currently on the Board now. Councilman Lawshe encouraged everyone to vote. Councilman Lawshe also reported on trees that were cut down at the Women's Club. A permit had not been issued and Code Enforcement Milani went to the site and issued a summons for four violations. Each violation could be a maximum of \$2000.00 each.

Councilman Slattery – Reported on the Grant for the Senior Citizens that is with Metro West. Councilman Slattery also reported that the Senior Citizens will be served corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. Councilman Slattery also reported on the Board of Health meeting. Bloomfield has still not hired a health officer. We are now being covered by Montclair. Councilman Slattery reported that the Municipal Alliance will be holding there Three on Three on Friday, March 13, 2009.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that the Borough Engineer will be looking at the erosion problem along the Pine Brook. The Engineer will have the report for the March 24, 2009 meeting.

Councilman Curley – Reported that the Technology Committee met with One Communications and Ray Sullivan regarding the phone and internet service. Councilman Curley also reported that he and Maureen Ruane met with the Fire Chief and the Fire Committee regarding the final specs of the Fire Truck.

Councilman Norton – Reported on the Finance Committee Meeting has done a lot of homework on the budget. We have a lot of information on the table in front of us. Councilman Norton reported that there is a Council meeting on March 12, 2009 at 6:00 P.M to discuss the budget and another meeting on March 17, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. to introduce the budget.

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Councilman Brennan – No Report.

Mayor Gartland – Reported that the Governor invited her to go to Drumthwacket prior to his presentation on Tuesday regarding basic information on the budget. There were 30 Mayors that attended the meeting. Mayor Gartland said the Governor assured them that he would preserve and not slam the municipalities regarding property taxes. Mayor Gartland reported that there will be about at 2% cut to municipalities regarding state aid. We do not have final information regarding the pension deferral. Mayor Gartland reported that they were all told that it would be good for all municipalities to apply for extraordinary aid. Mayor Gartland reported that on March 22, 2009 the author of The Shawl will be coming to Caldwell to discuss the book. The event will be held at Agudath Israel, if anyone is interested in attending they will need a ticket, contact Karen Lembo or Maureen Ruane for information.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor opened the meeting to the public at 8:42 PM. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:43 PM.

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 8:43 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan  
Deputy Clerk

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Date