

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – May 2, 2017**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill, Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli & 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
April 18, 2017**

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Capozzoli absent. Minutes approved 05/02/17.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1330-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION REGULATING LICENSING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERGAGES

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Capozzoli absent. Ordinance introduced 05/02/17.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano to open meeting to the Public.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

5-124: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO GYM SOURCE USA, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE CALDWELL COMMUNITY CENTER

5-125: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – First Presbyterian Church– On Premise/ 50/50 Raffle, May 13, 2017 – 7:00PM – 10:00PM

5-126: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – First Presbyterian Church– Off Premise/ Merchandise Raffle, May 13, 2017 – 7:00PM – 10:00PM

5-127: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP FUNDING FOR NEW JERSEY

5-128: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLEAN WATER SUPPLIES

5-129: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 2, 2017 FOR 2017/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,101,027.80

5-130: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PK ENVIRONMENTAL, PO BOX 1066, 205 MAIN STREET CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY 07928 TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT (PA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJDEP GREEN ACRES REQUIREMENTS FOR BLOCK 56 LOT 10.03 (KIWANIS OVAL) IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

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5-131: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN MACLAY AS A PART-TIME NON-LIFE HAZARD INSPECTOR IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AT A RATE OF \$18.00 PER HOUR FOR 20 HOURS PER WEEK

5-132: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST FOR A HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANT

5-133: AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CALDWELL COMMUNITY CENTER CHARTER MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2017 AND STANDARD MEMBERSHIP RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 05/02/17.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that she received a request from Councilwoman Michele Tolli, from Roseland in reference to an announcement that the Roseland Junior Women's Club is looking for duplicate Bridge groups at the Roseland Library. Bridge Players should be 55 and over and will be held on Monday and Thursday's from 12:00 – 4:30PM. If interested contact Michele Tolli in the Roseland Borough.

Mayor Dassing asked Paul about the grant for the Elevator. She was contacted by the Federal Government and they would like to know what we are doing about renting the 2nd floor of the building at 14 Park Avenue. She explained to them that they showed it to a Non-profit but we would need the elevator. We also have a parking problem there. They said we should report by May 8th to them. Mayor Dassing asked the County liaison, Patricia about the lights on Bloomfield Avenue and Park Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue and Smull Avenue these lights are not synced which is causing backups.

Councilman Hauser reported that there will be mulch at the Smull Avenue Parking lot for the public. The DPW Director said it will be there at the end of the week. Also, a sibling of an Eagle Scout was looking to do a project at Grover Cleveland Park. He would like to put in a stairway from Brookside Avenue down to where the bathrooms are. Greg Mascera responded that it is the County's jurisdiction but that wouldn't prevent the Borough from contributing once the County gives their approval.

Council President Cascarano responded that he would like to re-visit the Municipal Cards project that was brought up. He feels that enough questions have been answered and it seems that this could be a cost saver for residents that choose to participate and also the Borough. There is no real risk to the Borough because the Company will be managing the startup and the cost of it moving forward. Greg responded that he doesn't believe that they had applied to the State for State contracting and if they didn't then we would need to go out for bids. Discussions Ensued.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported:

- The school taxes this year for Caldwell as it was presented by Mr. Lamb is 2.7% increase, on the average home in Caldwell it will be a \$15.00 increase.
- He would like to introduce the Budget at the May 16th meeting.
- We have been working on a Health Care proposal to save the employees and the town some money. It was presented to the PBA and they came back and did not want to move forward with it. They have some questions so he has reached out to our consultant and he will be meeting with them and will be answering some questions.
- The two fines that he brought up at the last meeting against the Borough for odor at the sewer plant. He has sent a letter to Essex Regional Health Commission inviting them to our next meeting so they can present their findings.
- The water main project is progressing for Lincoln Terrace, Washburn and Hanford place.
- The fire house is 98% completed with the lighting. The Borough will be installed tomorrow and finishing up with the Library. There are additional rebates that were found totaling \$750.00 per year.
- The new Treadmills were delivered to the Community Center today.
- He has not heard back from the Teamsters yet in regards to the DPW Contract.
- Multi-way stop 4-way stop was not warranted for that corner.

Greg Mascera responded that he will need instruction from the Mayor and Council to go to the resident to request that the bush be removed from their property.

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Paul Carelli reported:

- That on a sad note one of our DPW workers Jake Pohlman lost his father today. His father Jack was in charge of the Water Department in Essex Fells. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

John Cascarano responded that he would like to acknowledge since Paul has mentioned the 2.7% increase in the school taxes that is only leading to a \$15.00 increase across the board due to the ratable's that is good work on Paul moving through the re-val. It reflects very positively on the Governing Body and Paul and the work that we have been doing over the years.

Paul Carelli responded just to add to that this will be the 8th Budget this year since he has been here and the biggest increase we had in those years was \$52.00. Year one was minus \$121.00, year two minus \$6.00, third year \$50.00 increase, fourth year \$15.00, fifth year \$6.00, sixth year \$31.00 and the seventh year \$52.00.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera reported that he did a draft ordinance for the pet shop and if everyone can review it and get back to him with any comments before the next meeting.

REPORT OF COUNTY LIASION:

Patricia Keenan reported that on Saturday, May 20th will be Essex County Mental Health Awareness Day from 10:00AM – 2:00PM at the Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove. It's an opportunity to learn about the programs and services and agencies that are available and help individuals affected by mental illness and their families. Right now they have twenty-five plus vendors there.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown to open meeting to the Public.

Ann Marchioni, Co-chair Caldwell Environmental Commission talked about the Arbor/Earth Day and thanked everyone. There was shredding by Cali Carting and the scholarship committee earned \$2,767.00.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Hauser unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Borough Clerk

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