

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – November 7, 2013**

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, Coyle, O'Donnell, Kelley, Rodgers and Durkin

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

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2013. 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:
October 15, 2013**

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 11/07/13.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Introduction – Barb Hauck-Mah / New Caldwell Public Library Director
2. Swearing in Lieutenant Michael Geary, Sergeant Chris Butchyk, and Sergeant Paul Stabile
3. Swearing in Auxiliary Police Emilyanne Smith and Matthew O'Hern

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE #1283-13: BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 3(a) OF BOND ORDINANCE #1248-12, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #1278-13, FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 15, 2012, AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER 3, 2013, PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$143,000 FOR VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$135,850 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Coyle. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 11/07/13.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to open to the public for adoption of ordinances.

ORDINANCE #1280-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230, SECTION 59 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION GOVERNING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – SCHEDULE V: PROHIBITED TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS

ORDINANCE # 1281-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230, SECTION 58 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION GOVERNING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - SCHEDULE IV: U-TURNS

ORDINANCE # 1282-13: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR THE YEAR 2013

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Coyle. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 11/07/13.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Coyle to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

11-241: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

11-242: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CALDWELL AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

11-243: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church - Off Premise / Calendar Raffle – January 15, 2014, February 15, March 15, April 15, May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, September 15, October 15, November 15, December 15, 2014 – 1:00PM

11-244: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Volunteer Fire Co of Borough of Caldwell - Off Premise / 50/50 Raffle – December 7, 2013 – 6:00PM – 10:00PM

11-245: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – HSA Trinity Academy - Off Premise / Tricky Tray Raffle – March 21, 2014 – 6:00PM – Midnight

11-246: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – James Caldwell HS Swimming Chiefs Booster Club - Off Premise / Calendar Raffle – January 15, 2014, February 12, 2014, March 19, 2014 – 8:00PM – 9:00PM

11-247: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – HSA Lincoln School - Off Premise / Tricky Tray Raffle – December 4, 2013, 3:00PM – 8:00PM – December 5, 2013, 3:00PM – 6:00PM

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 11/07/13.

Mayor Dassing read a letter from Bill Edge who has moved out of town and has relocated to West Caldwell and is resigning from the Caldwell Board of Health and she thanked him for his service.

“After more than 19 pleasant and rewarding years as a Caldwell resident, my wife Johanna and I have relocated to West Caldwell effective November 1st. We have enjoyed the true sense of “community” that is the hallmark of Caldwell’s charm. One aspect of Caldwell life we already miss is Halloween in the Cedars. After power blackouts in the 2011 SnowToberFest and 2012 Hurricane Sandy we were sorry to have missed this year’s visitors. Watching the neighborhood’s kids grow is something to value”.

Mayor reported that her and Councilman Hauser attended a shared service meeting with the Board of Ed and West Caldwell they spoke about the possibility of using the open space money from the County which hopefully will be next year each a \$150,000 per town and pooling that and using that to turf Harrison School field. It would ultimately be a three shared service agreement between the Board of Ed and the two towns. It’s about a 1.2 million dollar job.

Councilman Hauser responded that there was a fair amount of discussion of shared services around technology, DPW areas and putting a bid together. West Caldwell goes out to bid annually for lawn maintenance that they outsource now.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Administrator Report November 7, 2013

Paul reported that the road projects are completed as of October 25th with minor punch items for a couple of residents. The resident on Overlook is being taken care of. The generator is done and the heating is hooked up. DPW cleared bushes on the side of the Library building and they will be replacing with sidewalks starting next week. The Cameras will be installed early December. On Tuesday the advertisement will be going in for the Recycling Contract and we will be opening bids on December 5th. The JIF expires on 12/31/13 and he has been getting proposals from other companies but the Garden State JIF is going to hold cost for next year. We are interviewing for a Deputy Court Clerk on November 19th.

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The update that was passed out to Council for the FEMA status is as follows, of Nov. 1st we have received \$175,000 and we have submitted another \$100,000 which we are hoping to get by the end of the year. We had our note sale today for our road project and had six (6) bidders. The top bidder was TTD Securities with a net interest cost of .823%.

Councilman Hauser asked Paul about the cleaning at the Community Center. Paul responded that we have two proposals for the cleaning service and he is waiting for a third one which should have been today. Councilman Hauser asked about the phones and their savings. Paul responded that he has a problem with the phone because the company wants a three year contract and he does not want to do that. After discussion Paul will speak with James Jorgensen about the phone system.

Councilman O'Donnell asked what happens now that the ordinances were passed. Paul responded that the signs will be taken down tomorrow. Councilman Coyle asked about the ramp at the Library. Paul responded that the bid specs are being reviewed by the County they have to approve them.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:

Chief Bongiorno thanked the Mayor and Council for making tonight happen. He has been a chief for two years now and the Mayor and Council have been nothing but supportive. Starting with Councilman Murray, my goals and ideas and he was supportive obviously staying in the budget and this year Councilman O'Donnell for his support. He gave a special thank you to the Mayor Dassing, Councilman O'Donnell and Councilman Rodgers for spending a Saturday back in March with the interviews. The permanent Prescription Drug drop off is installed in the Police Department.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASSON:

James Jorgensen on behalf of Joe DiVincenzo, Jr. and himself he congratulated the officers that were promoted this evening. I agree that leadership starts at the top and Chief Bongiorno is an example of how the police should be held accountable and responsible and he demonstrates the best of leadership. He is a big fan of Lt. Geary and he is really happy to see him succeed as much as he has. He did move forward with the information that he received about the concerns on Roseland Avenue. He has not heard back from anyone yet but he will be bringing it up at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

11-249: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSED SEWER OPERATOR TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE ITEMS OUTLINED IN THE CALDWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT'S FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. No Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 11/07/13.

11-250: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CALDWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 11/07/13.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell to Open Public Meeting.

Kathy Stève, 35 Brookside Avenue, has concern about the Brookside Avenue. The cherry trees that were taken down on the island helped tremendously in slowing down traffic there. She would like to know what the plan is for that island. Paul responded that he had spoken to the chief and putting trees on an island to obstruct the view so you slow down, it is not a traffic control device. The chief replied that he will not support putting view obstructions at an intersection. He will step up enforcement at the intersection. Councilman Durkin asked if there should be a traffic study because he knows the problem people fly right down there and he is the one car that stops. Mayor Dassing responded that in the mean time we need heavy enforcement at that intersection. Kathy also asked about the tree in her front yard and would like to know if it is a town tree.

Shep Wescott, 33 Brookside Avenue, he said to Councilman Durkin that he saw him drive right through the stop sign this weekend. Councilman Durkin asked which car do I drive and Shep answered a red car or something he was standing outside doing his leaves. He is concerned about the island and his wife's

