

**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – November 10, 2011**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:03 PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dassing, Councilman President Murray, Councilman Hauser, Piazza, and O'Donnell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascara

**ABSENT:** Councilman Norton, Borough Administrator Paul Carelli

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2011. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
October 25, 2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 11/10/11.

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-253:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE CALDWELL/WEST CALDWELL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,750

**11-254:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church / Off Premise – Club Calendar Raffle / January 15, February 15, March 15, April 15, May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, September 15, October 15, November 15, December 15, 2012 – 1:00PM

**11-255:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Swimming Chiefs Booster Club / Off Premise – Calendar Raffle / January 11, February 18, March 20, 2012 – 8:00PM – 9:00PM

**11-256:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER

**11-257:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBER

**11-258:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 08-00014 PABLE TO Park Finance, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,490.18

**11-259:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2011 FOR 2011 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,764,776.41

**CONSENT**

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 11/10/11.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**Councilman Piazza** reported that the senior transportation board is asking to please pass the salary change. There would be no increase in cost. Greg Mascara responded that he would draft an ordinance for the change.

**Councilman Hauser** reported that on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon the seniors will be having their Thanksgiving Dinner for \$8.00. The new Library Director started on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**Councilman Murray** reported that on Tuesday there was a Board of Health meeting which we introduced two new members. The volunteerism was unbelievable. You start with the people that don't get paid for it, and then you look at the people that do get paid for it like the DPW and Police Department job keeping everyone safe and out of harms way.

**Councilman Coyle** asked Mario Bifalco to stand and take a bow. Mario reported that as of midnight on Wednesday, there is 425 extra man hours. We have gone through 22 streets in the Borough. We changed our work hours from 7:00am to 6:00am because of daylight savings time. Mario thanked the Mayor and Council for letting us do our thing and he thanked his wife for letting him come to work everyday.

**Mayor Dassing** thanked all our volunteers, Volunteer Fire Department, West Essex First Aid Squad, Police Department, DPW workers and our Town Employees. Out of the 72 roads in Caldwell 60 were closed on Sunday morning. A great job to everyone! The Mayor welcomed Bernice who is filming this evening from Caldwell College.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY**

**Greg Marcara** reported that Comcast has written a letter advising us that they have accepted the ordinance and will be applying for the certificate of approval from the BPU and they also thanked the Borough Council especially Doug Piazza for his professionalism demonstrated through the entire process. He reported that the Burlington County Prosecutor came up with the protocol to be followed for email chains and he will copy for the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Hauser** spoke about Vendor pricing for payroll services. He requested that we collectively put together a capital projects schedule and prioritize those capital projects and figure out what money if any we can appropriate towards additional expense. There was discussion about the netting that there is a different solution and price and will be talked about in executive.

**Councilman Piazza** asked the Council to consider moving forward since we know that we will be getting the money and the bids have come back that we consider finding a way to move forward. He would like to see a resolution passed tonight so we can move forward announcing the winner of our bid. Discussions Ensued.

Greg Mascara stated a resolution of the Council to proceed with the inflammation of the emergency internal broadcast system as the budgeting permits a \$25,000 cap and to advice the company that submitted the acceptable bid that they have been accepted as the winning bidder. Marge will be contacted to look into the possibilities for financing prior to the grant. If not it will be subject to the receiving of grant money.

Greg proposed that a resolution be on the next meeting and he will memorialize it.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Coyle. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 11/10/11.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:**

**Diane Lily, 72 Forest Avenue**, she talked about how important it is to have this communication system in place.

**Bob Christensen, 3 Ravine Avenue**, spoke about the Police Department and how helpful they are and a special thanks and appreciation to Chief Kurt Dombrowski for being there in 1986 in August for his wife and himself when his daughter passed away.

**Barbara Buechner, 7 Park Lane**, spoke about the communication of the storm that it was not good. There was nothing on the website. How would the residents know that the Community Center or Fire House was used for shelters?

On a motion made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Piazza, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 7:59P.M.

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Mayor Dassing read the following statement: **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Governing Body which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matters: 1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation; 2. Personnel matters; 3. This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Governing Body may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence. Greg Mascera responds that the Executive Session will be discussion of Personnel Police Department, DPW Contract, Caldwell College Agreement, and 14 Park Avenue.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:15P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16P.M.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk

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