

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES -December 18, 2012**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:06PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President Hauser, Councilman Murray, O'Donnell, Coyle, Kelley and Rodgers

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

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2012. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2012. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2012. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 4, 2012

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 12/18/12.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT AGENDA

12-256: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE- Trinity Academy HSA, Tricky Tray Raffle, January 25, 2013- 6:00PM-11:00PM. Snow Date- February 1, 2013 -6:00PM-11:00PM

12-257: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE- Trinity Academy HSA, 50/50 Raffle, January 25, 2013- 6:00PM-11:00PM. Snow Date- February 1, 2013 -6:00PM-11:00PM

12-258: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE- Hadassah Caldwell, Inc., March 12, 2013 -7:30PM- 10:00PM

12-259: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2012 FOR 2012 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,385,539.03

12-260: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF NICHOLAS P. ADAMO, 76 LIBERTY AVENUE, BELLEVILLE, N.J. 07109 AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$35,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT

12-261: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO BATTAGLIA ASSOCIATES LLC, 25 SANDALWOOD DRIVE, WARREN, N.J. 07059 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 19, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

12-262: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 FOR THE CLEARING AND REPAIR OF BOROUGH STREETS AND PROPERTY DAMAGED BY HURRICANE SANDY

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CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 12/18/12.

Councilman Rodgers reported that they were moving along with the employee evaluation and would be getting them to Council.

Councilman Murray reported that the police have been working hand and hand with our school officials. Parents were very appreciative of their presence and their response. On Saturday the Fire Department will be riding through town with Santa Clause handing out candy canes.

Councilman Hauser reported that the Library Board had two (2) seats open for residents interested who are interested in serving as a Board member. Ideally they are looking for someone who has a legal background, accounting background, marketing background or a technology background. The Library is doing a food donation in lieu of fines which they donate to the food pantry. He spoke about the employee incentive program and would like to get that on the calendar as soon as possible.

Councilman Kelley reported that he attended a Camp Wyanoke meeting and they have reviewed the budget. They have an interest in presenting this in 2013 to the Caldwell Council and giving an educational presentation. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 5th of February.

Mayor Dassing thanked the Kiwanis Club for participating in gifts for the needy. We had over 45 families which is almost double of what we had last year.

Mayor Dassing made a presentation to Councilman Murray thanking him for all his hard work and he will be missed. For those who would like a brief synopsis of Pete's time on Council he started out at the Public Safety Committee he really turned the Fire Department around. Pete is a former fireman himself a volunteer fireman I think it's in his blood it's in his family, your dad was police commissioner in East Rutherford and his passion was really there. As if that wasn't enough, he was on the Budget Committee with Councilman O'Donnell and we worked night and day combing through and with your notes that you were taking, Tom's tenacity we managed to introduce a zero percent budget and that was last year and I am very proud for that and you should be very proud as well. That is just two of the things that you have done and I know you spent endless hours here on the Rent Board and affected a positive change for the tenants in town and also involved with the Board of Ed the Library and pretty much sat on every committee and also was my President last year. Pete and I worked closely together with the Borough Administrator and I always think of you as my right hand even though you sit on my left. I want to congratulate you and I want to thank you very much for your service. Councilman Murray replied thank you so much.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that we had a note sale this week. We have received three (3) bids and the low bid was PNC Bank at 1.25% for six months to help fund the water project. After the six (6) months we will reassess that note. The water main project is set to go in January weather permitting. The auditors have been here for the last three days working with some finance year end budget type things. We will have transfers resolution for the final meeting of the year. The meeting will be Thursday, December 27th at 8:00am. The Re-organizational meeting is January 1st at noon in the Community Center. He authorized Broheimer to clean up Elm of the trees. I had a company come in to give a quote in fixing the heat in the Police Department.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascara reported on the Ingris 3 matter Davidson ruled in the Borough's favor that there was no OPRA violation. There are still two other Ingris matters that the JHF Counsel is covering. I had a rather lengthy discussion with Mr. Ortiz in regards to the re-designation of the Bridge property the application has been submitted and the application has been reviewed and there are seven (7) supplemental items that we need to follow through on we have until January 17th. He is very confident that the Bridge will remain as a tenant and the food pantry as well. The Personette purchase is moving forward.

Greg expressed his appreciation to Councilman Murray; it has been my pleasure working together with him. The leadership he has shown to the Council and the Borough employees the various departments quite impressive. He has always had the interest of the Borough in mind and it's

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something that I saw and I hope that everyone else saw. Again it has been my pleasure working with Pete and I really appreciate him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Dassing reported that in this month's issue of the League of Municipalities there was an article about a company in Newark called City Log. They take trees that have been taken down by Municipalities and they re-use them. They make flooring, benches it's sort of like re-purposing of the tree. She ran into Hunter from Broheimer and he said that he was looking into it. It would be neat if the trees that come off the properties that we own can be re-purposed into benches or something. There was also another article on Solar that seems to be getting more palpable if you will. They had some pictures of solar panels in Secaucus in their municipal parking lots. It covers pretty much of their whole lot which would be great for our community center lot. Maybe for 2013 we look and explore and we can be more environmentally friendly.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

James Jorgensen, Liaison for Essex County spoke about the Star ledger had an ad about an improvement to Grover Cleveland Park. I have been fortunate enough to be the liaison for the past two (2) years and it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with all of Council and especially with your formally be president and I have watched you engage with public and your interactions with the Mayor always quite honorably with good intentions of public trust. I wish you all the best and I am certain that you will always have positive things in your life as you have brought positive things to other lives.

Bob Colaizzo - 7 Hatfield Street, I would like to thank Mr. Murray for many years of service to our town. Last summer I had a minor issue with parking and he successfully helped resolve that. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Durkin and Mr. Hauser and wish them well. Finally I would like to wish all of our Borough officials a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Dassing thanked Bob for his service on the Zoning Board and the Historic Commission you have really been a positive on both of those.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Clerk

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