

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Daniel with the reading of the following Sunshine Law announcement: *“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Califon Borough Council has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the annual notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat”*.

Mayor Daniel addressed Deb Dawson, Editor of the Hunterdon Review, in attendance at this meeting, and thanked her for the editorial she wrote highlighting Califon Council’s efforts at bipartisanship as well as their efforts to establish multiple shared service agreements with adjoining municipalities.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: K. ANDERSEN, R. BAGGSTROM, M. MEDEA,
J. SALISBURY, G. SMITH, T. WEILER
ABSENT: NONE**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by K. Andersen seconded by T. Weiler to approve the minutes from the Reorganization and regular meeting held on January 3, 2011.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by T. Weiler to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$215,882.08.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

Council asked the Clerk to request that the webmaster, Bob Kelly, post on the website the date of February 2, 2011, which is when the cards from the County Taxation Board informing residents about their new assessments will be mailed out.

CORRESPONDENCE

- __ Califon Municipal Court report for the month of December, 2010.
- __ Califon Police report for the month of December, 2010.
- __ Tewksbury Twp DPW report for the month of December 2010.
- __ Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Program; CY 2011 Municipal Allocation & Distribution of H.C. Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust
- __ Hunterdon County Department of Engineering; request for Highlands Applicability Determination for operational and safety improvements to C.R. 513/512.
- __ memo from Karen Mastro, Dep. Clerk/ Bd. of Health Secretary; thank you to many volunteers for their help running the recent Rabies Clinic. A total of 226 dogs/cats were vaccinated.
- __ Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon; thank you letter for Borough's gift of \$700.00.
- __ Council on Affordable Housing; copy of Resolution granting motions for stays received by COAH in response to the October 8, 2010 Appellate Division decision in the matter of the adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey COAH.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – INTRODUCTION – COLA ORDINANCE 2011-01

The Clerk read Ordinance 2011-01 by title: **AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011-26

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2011-01 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)** is hereby introduced upon first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ordinance 2011-01 will be considered for adoption following the public hearing scheduled for February 7, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of Ordinance 2011-01 is scheduled for publication in the January 26, 2011 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by K. Andersen to adopt Resolution 2011-26 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON TWP. FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011-27

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, and the Township of Washington, County of Morris, desire to enter into an agreement to provide animal control services to the Borough of Califon; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are permitted to enter into such agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, and the Township of Washington, County of Morris, for shared animal control services for a term to commence on January 1, 2011 and to terminate on December 31, 2011.
2. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk for inspection by the public.
3. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by J. Salisbury to adopt Resolution 2011-27 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – PEGGY CTIBOR AS ALTERNATE 2 ON CALIFON PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Daniel announced that one of the Class IV members of the Planning Board is resigning due to moving out of town. Members will move up to fill slots and the Alternate 2 position on the Planning Board is vacant. Mayor Daniel introduced Peggy Ctibor resident of Coolidge Court, who has volunteered to fill the Alternate 2 position on the Planning Board. Mayor Daniel will appoint Ms. Ctibor to that position and she will be sworn in at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. Mayor Daniel asked Council if they had any questions for Ms. Ctibor. Council members thanked Ms. Ctibor for volunteering and welcomed her to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee will meet tomorrow night. The Recycling Committee will meet on January 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that the Board of Health met on January 5th for their Reorganization meeting. The Chairman of the BOH is James Morgan and the Chair is David Blair. The Board of Health discussed the Rabies Clinic held on January 15th. 226 dogs/cats were vaccinated and the decision to hold the Rabies Clinic for an extra hour proved very successful. Councilwoman Salisbury reported that the BOH received a letter from the H.C. Dept. of Health discussing the plans for the new restaurant projected to open at the Victorian Mall, whose name is tentatively the “White Owl Tavern”. Peggy Ctibor gave a brief history of the water and water pumping requirements that, when the Mall was first built, the owner was required to comply with by submitting bills to the local Board of Health. Bruce Morrow, Planning Board Chairman, confirmed that the Planning Board memorialized the resolution of approval for the new restaurant incorporating water requirements and the zoning officer will be following up on the enforcement of same when the restaurant is open for business.

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that the Sustainable Jersey Committee will be meeting on Thursday, 1/20 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss working toward obtaining points toward certification.

CAMPA will meet on 1/27 at the Raritan Inn. Connor Daniel will be speaking to CAMPA about his Eagle Scout project which CAMPA has indicated they would like to support. Mayor Daniel and Councilman Baggstrom asked Councilwoman Salisbury about a college meeting at the Raritan Inn, at which they will speak about the military and scholarship options. Councilwoman Salisbury will determine the date and let them know.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that the Planning Board will meet tomorrow for their Reorganization and regular meeting.

Councilman Baggstrom read the Police report for December, 2010.

Councilman Baggstrom stated that he will contact Sgt. Compton for data from the radar speed unit.

Councilman Baggstrom brought up the parking situation at the Municipal Bldg. during the Rabies Clinic and said that perhaps next year they will want to consider a police officer or someone to help monitor the traffic during the clinic.

Councilman Weiler reported that the Environmental Commission met on 1/11. The Chairman is James Bell. Councilman Weiler reported that membership on the Commission is down and there are 3 openings to fill. The Commission will work on a mission statement and they begin recruiting for new volunteers.

Councilman Weiler read the Califon Court report for the month of December.

Councilman Weiler reported that the Fire Co. successfully picked up the Christmas trees over the weekend to use for the bonfire planned for 1/22.

Councilman Smith reported that the Recreation Committee will resume their meeting schedule on 2/8 at 7:30 p.m. The Clerk will notice the papers regarding this date for the Recreation Committee's Reorganization meeting.

Councilman Smith read the DPW report for the month of December.

Councilman Smith is in contact with Paul Licitra, Office Manager for the 24th legislative offices regarding obtaining grants for the reconstruction of Railroad Ave.

Councilman Smith reported that he and the Mayor will meet with Jess Landon, Administrator of Tewksbury Twp. and Hayden Hull, Director of the DPW, on Monday, January 31st at 8:00 a.m. to discuss plans for CY2011. \

Councilwoman Andersen reported that the Board of Education met and the teacher for the preschool gave a presentation. The Board of Ed. will set tuition for the preschool program by February. The Board of Education will hold a "Have Your Say" night at the next Board of Education meeting on 1/25 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to the meeting to discuss and comment on the upcoming school budget. The school budget is to be completed by March 4th; the public hearing will be held on March 28th; and the election and vote on the budget will be held on April 27th. They will have student voting again this year. The Mayor stated that the school board is concerned about reductions in state aid again this year, so they feel they will have to make cuts to the budget.

The school has received a TREP\$ Grant which provides funds to help students to set up businesses. The students will have a market.

Councilwoman Andersen reported that Califon scored the highest 4th and 8th grade scores on the ASK tests in Hunterdon County.

Councilwoman Andersen reported that Jerry Andersen and Charlie Buzby sanded the new wide pine floors upstairs in the Nellie Hoffman house and now they are ready to stain the floors.

Councilwoman Andersen reported that she spoke to Bob Cheney from Columbia Gas about the Christmas tree issue. He would like to have a copy of the minutes from 1988, when Columbia Gas addressed Council saying that the gas line was to be laid within a concrete encasement. Councilwoman Andersen remembers this being stated for the record at that time; therefore, she does not understand why Columbia Gas required the town to take down the town Christmas tree by the train museum a few years ago because they said the roots were compromising the gas line. She will send him a copy of the minutes and see where it goes from there.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported on a meeting held last Friday concerning the Gary Winters property acquisition. In attendance at this meeting were the Mayor, the Clerk, Julie Hadjusek, William Kibler and Ken Klipstein. Mayor Daniel stated that the meeting was held to discuss and negotiate minor details concerning the long term easement onto the property. A permanent access from Academy St. is being pursued; however, the Mayor would like to walk the access with someone who is expert in maneuvering big equipment. The Mayor reported that there is no closing date on this property as yet. Mayor Daniel reported that the New Jersey Water Supply Authority has been very active in resolving issues and has been a good partner in this endeavor.

Mayor Daniel reported that the Environmental Commission needs new volunteers due to the recent resignations of Paul Delacy, Catherine Kitto and Paul Winter. The Recreation Committee and the Board of Health are in need of new volunteers as well. He asked that Council ask friends, family and acquaintances in town to volunteer their time to the town.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Deb Dawson, Editor of the Hunterdon Review, asked if someone from the town could take pictures of the Fire Co. sponsored Bonfire this upcoming weekend and send them to her on Monday morning to make the deadline. Councilmen Smith and Baggstrom both said they would take pictures at the event and forward by Monday morning.

Ms. Dawson confirmed that the new assessment figures will be reflected on the property cards mailed out by the H.C. Board of Taxation by the statutory date of February 1, 2011. Ms. Dawson asked the Mayor to forward to her the documentation recently received from COAH and he said he would.

Mayor Daniel confirmed that there will be a budget work session on 1/24 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Daniel will attend the school shared services meeting hosted by Freeholder Rob Walton on January 31, 2011. The Mayor reported that Gerald Vernotica, who was originally scheduled to speak at this meeting, will not be in attendance since he has been laid off from his job as County Superintendent. The County Business Administrator will be there in his place.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by T. Weiler seconded by G. Smith and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC

Municipal Clerk/Administrator