

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 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”*.

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: R. BAGGSTROM, M. MEDEA, J. SALISBURY,
G. SMITH, T. WEILER
ABSENT: K. ANDERSEN
ALSO PRESENT: ANTHONY ARDITO, BOROUGH AUDITOR**

INTRODUCTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – RESOLUTIONS

Anthony Ardito, Borough Auditor, was present at tonight’s meeting to finalize budget figures with Council. Mayor Daniel entertained questions from representatives of the press present in the audience; Deborah Dawson, editor of the Hunterdon Review and Teresa Frascella, reporter from the Hunterdon County Democrat. Mr. Ardito answered questions from the reporters stating that the tax rate will be .4319 resulting in a tax increase of \$26.00 for residential per year on an average assessed home of \$328,000 and \$80.00 for commercial per year. Total appropriations are \$1,073,584. Mayor Daniel thanked Mr. Ardito and Bonnie Holborow, CFO for their work on this year’s budget.

The following Resolutions were introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011-28

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon is holding a meeting on March 7, 2011, for the purpose of introducing the 2011 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Borough of Califon hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2011 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 7, 2011.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

2011

1. Surplus Anticipated General Revenues	\$ 100,400
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenue	287,651
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	44,000
4. (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	<u>641,533</u>
(b) Addition to Local District School Tax	
Total Amount to be Raised for Taxation	
for Support of Municipal Budget	<u>641,533</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	\$ <u>1,073,584</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**2011**
Budget

1. Operating Expenses	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 180,996
Other Expenses	811,163
2. Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	
3. Capital Improvements	
4. Debt Service	
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>81,425</u>
<u>Total General Appropriations</u>	\$ <u>1,073,584</u>

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2011-28 as read.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2011-29

WHEREAS, the 2011 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 7th day of March, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2011, the Borough of Califon has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$90,400.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2011 Local Municipal budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of “**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**”

Clean Communities Program	\$ 4,000.00
Highlands Grant-Plan Conformance/Stream Corridor	71,400.00
Comcast Grant	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>90,400.00</u>

Motion was made by J. Salisbury seconded by R. Baggstrom to adopt Resolution 2011-29 as read.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2011-30

WHEREAS, the 2011 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 7th day of March, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2011 the Borough of Califon has collected proceeds in previous budgetary years for the sale of municipal assets in the amount of \$60,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2011 Local Municipal budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of “**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**”

SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
Total:	<u>60,000.00</u>

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by G. Smith to adopt Resolution 2011-30 as read.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by J. Salisbury to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 22, 2011.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

Abstain: G. Smith, T. Weiler

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by T. Weiler to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$477,165.69.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler.

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Tax Collector's Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

___ monthly reports for month of November, 2010, December, 2010, January 2011 and February, 2011 received from Fire Marshall, Allan Layton

___ report filed with Alan Johnson, County Solid Waste and Recycling Dept. concerning status of recycling coordinator position

___ certification from County regarding Califon census from census completed in 2010: population: 1076

___ Califon Planning Board minutes from meetings held on December 15, 2010 and January 19, 2011

___ Tewksbury Twp. DPW report for month of February 2011

___ Califon Municipal Court report for month of February, 2011

___ e-mail from Beth Wolfmayer, Emergency Management Coordinator, concerning flooding issues from storm on March 6, 2011

OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF GREEN TEAM FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011- 31

ESTABLISHMENT OF GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

WHEREAS, Califon Borough Council strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Califon Borough Council wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on “Green” issues, the Califon Borough Council wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

WHEREAS, the Califon Borough Council wants to begin the process of focusing on “Green” issues by establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of members who are residents of Califon Borough, business owners within Califon Borough, Council members, members of the Environmental Commission and Mayor Charles Daniel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Califon that the Mission for the GTA is established as follows:

MISSION

The Califon Borough Green Team Advisory Committee will strive to develop plans, implement program and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Common Council of the Borough of Califon that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA):

Charles Daniel, Mayor, Califon Borough
 Judith E. Salisbury, Councilwoman, Califon Borough
 Laura G. Eidsvaag, Municipal Clerk/Admin.
 Karen Mastro, Dep. Clerk/Environmental Commission Secretary
 Helen Brennan, Califon Recycling Coordinator

Cheryl Suydam
 Amanda Mahon
 Patty Kearns

Motion was made by J. Salisbury seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2011-31 as read.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #2011-02 (TRICKY TRAY) AND #2011-03 (OFF-PREMISE 50/50); EVENTS TO BE SPONSORED BY BETHLEHEM TWP. P.T.A.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011-32

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that applications for Raffle License #2011-02 RL (Tricky Tray) and Raffle License 2011-03 RL (off-premise 50/50) be hereby approved for license issuance for these events to be sponsored by the Bethlehem Twp. P.T.A. and held on April 8, 2011; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be duly authorized to sign and fully execute Raffle Licenses #2011-02 RL and #2011-03 RL to the Bethlehem Twp. P.T.A.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by T. Weiler to adopt Resolution 2011-32 as read.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Smith reported that the Recreation Committee will meet tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. The Recreation Committee is planning on having a family movie night in March. The Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 17th at 1:00 p.m. with a raindate of April 23rd.

The following is a status report on plans for the 2011 Memorial Day Parade:

- letter to the Freeholders requesting permission to close Rt. 512 for the duration of the parade; copy of letter to the Chief of Police
- St. Ann's bagpipe has agreed to play, however, they have raised their fee by \$50.00
- Committee would like to incorporate more music into the Parade
- Voorhees H.S. Band will not participate, however, the Voorhees chorus will participate
- Committee would like to arrange for the participation of a marching band, also perhaps Councilwoman Salisbury's suggestion of asking "Riverside Rythms" to play at the festivities
- Len Entrabartolo will be arranging for civil war groups to participate
- Antique cars will be highlighted
- Dedication of new veteran's memorial; Connor Daniel's Eagle Scout project

Councilman Smith read the DPW report for the month of February. The Recreation Committee will meet again in April.

Councilman Weiler reported that the Environmental Committee met on 2/8. Two new members Fred Thiesen and Patty Kearns were sworn in. The Committee will meet tomorrow and the Mayor is to be in attendance at this meeting.

Councilman Weiler read the Califon Municipal Court report for the month of February. The Court Administrator, Barbara Ball, has announced her retirement effective 3/31/11. The Fire Co. will hold a fundraiser/dance on March 19th for Dan Handy Scholarship. Mayor Daniel stated that he would like to speak to the Chief and the Sergeant concerning the lower count of court cases for January and February. Councilman Baggstrom reported that he would like to have the data from the speed unit available for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that there is a problem with bikers speeding down Academy St. and she is concerned about pedestrian safety. Mayor Daniel stated that the police can give out summonses for such speeding. Mayor Daniel also recommended that the "Stop for Pedestrians" be moved up onto Academy St., which might help.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that the Planning Board met on 2/23. An application was deemed incomplete and abandoned. Mayor Daniel gave a brief update on the Highlands Plan Conformance work. Councilman Baggstrom asked if the Borough auditor could render an opinion on the Council purchasing a ½ or ¼ page ad for the Voorhees Theater group playbill. The prices are \$20. for ¼ page and \$50. for ½ page. The Clerk will contact Anthony Ardito, Borough Auditor, for authorization.

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that CAMPA met on 2/24; however, there were only 4 members present.

Sustainable Jersey met on 3/1. They discussed joining Washington Twp. for a "shredding day", however, decided that it would be too expensive to partner with WT in such a venture. The consensus was to try to have our own shredding day in Califon and, after researching, found that the price to conduct such a shredding day would be \$325. for 3 hours. Sustainable Jersey Committee discussed fundraising ideas, such as have a used book sale, to raise money for projects which would earn points toward certification. Mayor and Council agreed that the Committee would not be authorized nor allowed to raise money in this way. Councilwoman Salisbury reported that the Committee would like to earn some points toward certification by having a "green" table at the Harvest Fest. They will contact Rutger's Cooperative Extension for further ideas.

Councilman Baggstrom suggested that a link be added to our website calling it "Sustainable Califon".

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that she did not attend the last Board of Health meeting, therefore, had no report.

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee met; however, he did not attend. Councilman Medea reported that at this meeting, Connor Daniel spoke with Tom Murin and Jason Beard, reporting that he has begun digging for the base for the flagpole.

Councilman Medea reported that Gerald Andersen has made arrangements with the County for the County to design a wooden sign for the entrance to Island Park. The Committee has picked April 16th for the date for playground maintenance and park cleanup. The South Branch Watershed Association will be conducting their cleanup of the river and waterways that day also. The newly purchased benches and picnic tables will be put together and installed on that date.

Committee members will meet with Greg Babineau, LTAA baseball/softball Commissioner to assess the condition of the fields and determine what needs to be done to get them ready for play. They will speak to LTAA about the purchase of a field box. Councilman Medea reported that SWAC met but he was unable to attend. Councilman Medea reported that the 2010 tonnage report is due on April 30th and the 2009 tonnage report is due now; having not been filed in May of last year as required. SWAC also discussed the issue of recycling coordinator certification.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that the school sponsored a program called TREPS for 4th through 8th grades; a program designed to teach children about creating products for retail sale. Mayor Daniel stated that this was an excellent program which really highlighted the creativity of the students.

Mayor Daniel reported that he and Councilman Smith attended the seminar for Mayor's and Council Presidents, sponsored by New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Mayor Daniel reported that it was a very informative seminar; particularly the section in which the League attorney, Bill Kearns, discussed the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Daniel reported that he attended the last Parks Committee with his son, Connor. At this meeting he and the members present discussed the idea of having a "picnic in the park" evening with a live band.

Mayor Daniel reported that he would not be in attendance at the next meeting on the 21st due to sinus surgery scheduled for March 16th.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Deb Dawson, editor of the Hunterdon Review, reported to Councilman Smith that he might want to contact the Military Order of the Purple Heart to request their attendance at the Memorial Day Parade. Ms. Dawson also requested copies be sent to her via e-mail of the three resolutions adopted tonight concerning the budget as well as the resolution for the establishment of the Green Team for Sustainable Jersey.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC/Administrator

