

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 2, 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”.*

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by K. Andersen seconded by T. Weiler to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2011.

For: K. Andersen, R. Baggstrom, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by R. Baggstrom to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$666,430.62.

For: K. Andersen, R. Baggstrom, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

The Tax Collector’s Report was reviewed and filed.

Councilman Weiler asked if the Tax Collector could provide quarterly amounts from 2010 on each Tax Collector’s report for the purpose of comparing 2010 and 2011 quarterly amounts collected. The Clerk will pass this request to the Tax Collector.

## CORRESPONDENCE

\_\_\_ School election results read; Califon school budget passed with a vote of 166 in favor to 119 opposed. Alfred Turello won for school board rep. with a vote of 166 and Tim Ayres won for school board rep. with a vote of 172. Total votes = 296 + 15 mail in ballots for a total of 311.

\_\_\_ Califon Municipal Court report for month of March, 2011.

\_\_\_ Hunterdon County Utilities Authority; Solid Waste and Recycling Services re: Amendment to Solid Waste Management Plan – proposed solid waste facility to be located at 5 & 6 Frontage Rd. in Union Twp. (GreenCycle of Hunterdon, LLC.- Brian Plushanski)

\_\_\_ Califon Borough Paper Shredding Event – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

\_\_\_ Woodglen Tree Service quotation for boro-wide brush pickup: \$250. per hour for 3 men and a chip truck

\_\_\_ Califon Crier to be mailed out by mid-week

\_\_\_ special event: Gran Frodo N.J. – bicycle event on August 28<sup>th</sup> – reserve Island Park as a rest stop for participating athletes.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COST OF \$1800 FOR DIRECT INSTALL PROJECT**

The Clerk explained that one of the next steps in the Borough's participation in the Direct Install Project through the N.J.Clean Energy Program is to have a site visit by the project manager from Donnelly Energy Solutions. The project manager did come for the site visit with the vendor who will be installing the energy efficiency equipment. One of the pieces of equipment to be replaced and installed is a new furnace/boiler. It has been determined that there will be an additional cost of \$1800. toward the installation of the boiler. This \$1800 will be in addition to the Borough's share of \$1996. for this project, which was approved in the original agreement that the Borough signed. The project manager has put in writing that there will be no further additional costs associated with the scope of work for this project.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

### **RESOLUTION 2011-37**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the Mayor and Council do hereby approve the additional cost of \$1800.00 toward the installation of a new furnace/boiler in the Borough of Califon Municipal Building as part of the energy efficiency scope of work for the Borough's participation in the Direct Install Project through the State of New Jersey's N.J. Clean Energy Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Direct Install Agreement between the Borough of Califon and N.J. Clean Energy Program is amended to reflect this additional cost of \$1800.00 for the furnace/boiler installation; which will be in addition to the Borough's share of \$1996.00., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be duly authorized to sign and fully execute the amended Agreement.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by J. Salisbury to adopt Resolution 2011-37 as read.

For: K. Andersen, R. Baggstrom, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RESOLUTION – INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2011-02 – SALARY AND WAGE**

The Clerk read Ordinance 2011-02 by title: **AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

Council reviewed Ordinance 2011-02 and confirmed that this ordinance reflects a 2% salary increase for employees for CY 2011.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

### **RESOLUTION 2011-38**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2011-02 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY** be hereby introduced upon first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ordinance 2011-02 be considered for final passage following a public hearing to be held on June 6, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of Ordinance 2011-02 be published in the May 11, 2011 edition of the Hunterdon Review.

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by K. Andersen to adopt Resolution 2011-38 as read.

For: K. Andersen, R. Baggstrom, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. DISCUSSION – BOROUGH-WIDE BRUSH PICK UP – MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Mayor and Council reviewed the price quotation received from Woodglen Tree Service for boro-wide brush pick up. The quotation states that Woodglen Tree Service will provide three (3) men and one chip truck for a cost of \$250.00 per hour which reflects a \$50.00 per hour increase from last year's quote of \$200. per hour. This \$50.00 increase is due to the increase in gas prices from last year. Mayor and Council discussed potential ways to hold down the cost of this service this year. Mayor Daniel stated that we should ask Woodglen to let us know when the cost exceeds a certain amount. Councilman Smith said he had budgeted \$7000-\$7500 for this years pick up and he hopes the cost will not exceed this amount. Councilman Smith stated that last year's cost was around \$7000. Councilman Weiler talked about time and materials and stated that the cost should not exceed the 20% increase for this year's cost. Councilwoman Andersen stated that all of these efforts would be impossible to control because all of the brush put out will need to be picked up regardless. It was the consensus of Council that the contract would be awarded to Woodglen for the pick up of brush on May 23rd and everyone will hope for the best outcome.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that Sustainable Jersey Green Team will meet tomorrow night. Tara Sheppard from HART will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss ways that HART can assist the Green Team with initiatives that will provide points for certification. The Green Team is also participating with the Environmental Commission on the possibility of installing solar panels within the Borough for energy savings and also for street lighting.

Councilman Baggstrom had no report for tonight's meeting however, he did ask about the status of the recording equipment needed for Council and Planning Board meetings. The Clerk explained that she had received a quote from Gramco for digital recording equipment and microphones in the amount of \$1900. and both she and the Planning Board Secretary, Linda Beers, agreed that this equipment would be purchased and installed.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that he had no report on Police matters. Councilman Smith, however, asked Councilman Baggstrom to contact the Police Chief to ask him to arrange to close off the roads for the Memorial Day Parade from approximately 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Councilman Smith also asked the Clerk to contact John Glynn, Director of H.C. Roads, Bridges and Engineering to check on status of his letter to Mr. Glynn requesting closure of County Rt. 512 for the Memorial Day Parade. Councilman Smith said that he had written to Mr. Glynn weeks ago and never had a response. The Clerk will follow up with Mr. Glynn to obtain the required permission for road closure.

Councilman Weiler read the Califon Court report for the month of March. Councilman Weiler reported that he had a discussion with Rescue Squad President, Beth Wolfmayer. She explained that the Rescue Squad is engaging in cross training with the Fire Co. She also explained the three levels of certification for participation on the Rescue Squad:

- 1) ambulance driver – 8 hours of training
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> responder – 40 hours of training
- 3) EMT training

Councilman Smith reported that he and the Mayor will attend a DPW meeting with Tewksbury Twp. Admin. Jess Landon and DPW Director, Hayden Hull on Wednesday, May 4th. They will discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 report and plans for the remainder of 2011.

The Recreation Committee will meet next Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to discuss final plans for the Memorial Day Parade and celebration. Rich Bergmann, Fire Chief, has been invited to attend to discuss possible Fire Police coverage at varying locations/intersections for the duration of the Parade, especially the intersection of School St. and Main St. The Fire Co. will sell food during the Memorial Day celebration. Councilman Smith reported that the Military Order of the Purple Heart was asked to participate in the Parade this year, however, as much as they would have like to, they are previously engaged for that day.

Councilman Smith stated that he is hoping to have a small piece band available to play at the Park.

Councilman Baggstrom asked Councilman Smith to speak to the DPW about filling of alligator cracks that have appeared on Raritan Dr. Councilman Smith said that he would discuss this with Mr. Landon and Mr. Hull at Wednesday's meeting.

Councilwoman Andersen had no report for tonight's meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Daniel reported that one of two agreements entered into at the Winter's property closing involved the Robinson's on S. Main St. The Robinson's have maintained part of the Winter's property for a sight triangle. At closing, it was agreed that the sight triangle would be trimmed and a ground cover would be planted. The NJWSA has obtained all of the materials and now volunteers are needed to do the work. Mayor Daniel said he would wait until after Memorial Day and then ask boy and girl scouts to assist in this project.

Mayor Daniel reported that the second agreement entered into involves a stormwater runoff issue between the properties owned by the Suydams' and the McLaughlins' on Academy St. Runoff from the McLaughlin's property pools on the Suydam's property and now on the Borough's property recently purchased from the Winters. The runoff sheets over the Suydam's septic system. The NJWSA has recommended that the runoff from the McLaughlin's property be managed by the installation of a rain garden and they have offered to fund and make a model for such a rain garden. A meeting has been tentatively set up for May 11<sup>th</sup> to be attended by the NJWSA, Mayor Daniel, the

Suydams' and the McLaughlins' to talk about how to build a rain garden to help remediate this problem.

Mayor Daniel reported that there was a flood in the downstairs bays over the weekend from the toilet in the downstairs bathroom. The sump pump was also temporarily not working as well. Mayor Daniel turned off the water and thanks to Gus Link, the sump pump is fixed and the water has dried up. Council members said that it would probably be a good idea to replace the sump pump, since it is old. Mayor Daniel recommended and all agreed that the toilet be closed off and not used anymore.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Deb Dawson, editor of the Hunterdon Review, asked what the percentage of tax collection was for this quarter. Councilman Baggstrom answered that it is at 96% and usually for this quarter it is around 98%.

Ms. Dawson confirmed that the percentage increase for salaries for 2011 is 2%. She asked how long it had been since the Mayor and Council had an increase in their salary. Mayor Daniel said that the Mayor's salary was increased to \$2500 when the former Mayor, Merwin Grimes, was Mayor and he said the salary for Council has not been increased in a very long time.

Ms. Dawson asked Councilman Smith to e-mail her the information on the Memorial Day Parade for a press release.

Bruce Morrow asked about data from the radar speed unit. Mayor Daniel stated that he and Sgt. Compton have determined that the speed unit has significantly reduced speeding, however, the data has to be analyzed and he will make sure that the information is reported in the next Crier edition.

There being no further business to come before Council, motion was made by T. Weiler seconded by J. Salisbury and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator