

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. 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. DEBLASIO, M. MEDEA, M. RICCIO, G. SMITH  
ABSENT: P. FARMER, T. FORRESTER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by M. Riccio to approve the minutes of the 2015 Reorganization meeting and the regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

For: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Abstain: G. Smith

Absent: P. Farmer, T. Forrester

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by M. Medea to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$15,359.51.

For: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, T. Forrester

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

\_\_\_ Fire Marshall monthly report for month of December 2014

\_\_\_ Califon Interlocal Agreement – Final Report for 2014 year end

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL FOR NEWE GAS SERVICE AT 25 RAILROAD AVE.**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2015-30**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Road Opening 2014-10RO as submitted by Elizabethtown Gas Company for the installation of a new gas service to 25 Railroad Ave. (Michael Pennucci) is hereby approved; overriding the moratorium on opening of a newly paved or improved street surface less than three years old; per Section 12.08.150 of Ordinance 1985-2; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the permit for Road Opening 2014-10RO to Elizabethtown Gas Company; subject to the “special conditions” as outlined in the Borough Engineer’s letter dated December 29, 2014.

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-30 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, T. Forrester

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

Following a short discussion questioning how the Municipal Alliance funding works, the Mayor and Council concurred that this resolution would be forwarded to the Municipal Alliance subject to confirmation that the Borough of Califon would not be obligated to providing a “cash match” for their participation in this program. The Clerk will call the Municipal Alliance Coordinator for this confirmation and assurance.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2015-31  
BOROUGH OF CALIFON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2015-**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the

faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hunterdon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Califon hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Voorhees High School Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$22,852.00
Cash Match	5,713.00
In-Kind	17,139.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by G. Smith to adopt Resolution 2015-31 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, T. Forrester

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ELIZABETH MCKENZIE, BOROUGH PLANNER**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2015-32**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – MUNICIPAL PLANNER**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Califon has a need to acquire Planning services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

**WHEREAS**, ELIZABETH MCKENZIE, P.P. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that ELIZABETH MCKENZIE, P.P. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Califon in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit ELIZABETH MCKENZIE, P.P. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has certified to the governing body the availability of funds for said contract in a line item entitled Other Professionals, OE; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with ELIZABETH MCKENZIE, P.P. as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Hunterdon Review.

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2015-32 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, T. Forrester

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. RESOLUTION – 2014 RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFER**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2015-33**

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the unexpended balance in the following 2014 accounts will not be sufficient to pay outstanding bills:

10529020 Road Maintenance – OE

WHEREAS, it appears that there will be an unexpended balance in the following 2014 account:

10510520 Human Resources – OE  
 1051802- Planning board – OE  
 10521520 Workers Comp Insurance – OE  
 10525220 Emergency Management – OE  
 10649020 Municipal Court – OE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the following transfers be authorized and within resolution is the authority of the Borough Treasurer to make said transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$ 500.00	Human Resources – OE	Road Maint – OE
500.00	Planning Board – OE	Road Maint - OE
500.00	Workers Comp Ins – OE	Road Maint - OE
500.00	Emergency Mgt. – OE	Road Maint - OE
500.00	Municipal Court – OE	Road Maint - OE

Motion was made by M. Riccio seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2015-33 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, T. Forrester

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee met last Thursday and reorganized. Chris Keiser will be the new Chairman. Tom Murin, former Chair of the Parks Committee resigned as of 12/31/14. Michael Bruton, resident of Raritan Drive, is a new member of the Committee and will be added to the roster.

The Parks Committee discussed plans and funding for various projects that they would like to accomplish in 2015.

There have been no further vandalism reports at the Park since the major event this past summer.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that Beth Henderson may return as member of the Recreation Committee. Karen Sickels son, Alex may be interested as a junior member.

Mayor Daniel reported that he had received an e-mail from Jason Beard this afternoon offering to be the Chair of the Recreation Committee this year; however, he will not be available to plan or participate in the Memorial Day Parade and celebration.

Mayor Daniel read and interpreted the Municipal Court report for the year; explaining the revenue and the traffic violations listed. Mayor Daniel would like to schedule a meeting with the Police Chief. Councilwoman Riccio stated that the best night for her would be any Thursday.

Councilman Smith reported that there is a major ice event at 116 Philhower Ave. that the DPW is attempting to remediate. There is another water/ice issue at 121 Philhower Ave. that will need to be addressed with the homeowner having to do with water running off of their roof directly onto the sidewalk and street.

Mayor reported that the year-end budget report was read during correspondence. Councilman Smith reported that we went over-budget this year because more was done such as work on catch basins, etc. Councilman Smith explained to newly elected Councilwoman Riccio that the DPW interlocal with Tewksbury Twp. was just renewed for another 4 year term.

Councilwoman DeBlasio had no report for tonight's meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Daniel reported that the bid opening was supposed to take place tomorrow 1/21; however, there was a problem with language in the bid having to do with the cost of police for traffic control during the project. Addendum #2 was drafted and the bid opening postponed until Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Daniel reported that a training meeting was held for the newly formed Historic Preservation Commission on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayoral appointees to this Commission are:

- Chris Parsons – Architect
- Donald Freibergs – Historian
- Thomas Bedell – Planning Board
- Rich Baggstrom – Planning Board and Chair
- Patty Nanna – Historical Society
- Cyndy Behrens – Alternate #1
- Peggy Ctibor – Alternate #2

The Organizational meeting and first meeting of the Commission will be held next week, Thursday, January 22, 2015 and the first applicant, Eric Metzler, will be before the Commission for approval of a siding project on his building on Main St.

Mayor Daniel reported that he will be speaking with Dennis Bertland to clarify portions of the Agreement between Califon and Mr. Bertland for his work on the historic district.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A reporter from the Hunterdon Review, Megan, stated that, in an effort to recruit junior members for the Recreation Committee, the Mayor and Council should utilize the social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Megan asked about plans for the Recreation Committee events scheduled for 2015, such as the street fair and the Memorial Day Parade as she needs information to write about in the next edition.

Mayor Daniel stated that there will be at least one more public hearing on the Stormwater project before construction commences.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by G. Smith seconded by M. Medea and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator