

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

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

RETIREMENT OF POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL BAILEY

Mayor Daniel introduced Police Chief Michael Bailey. Chief Bailey addressed the Mayor and Council, announcing that he will be retiring from the Washington Township Police Department on July 31st and wishing to thank the Mayor and Council for the great working relationship with Califon Borough throughout the course of the 8 year Interlocal services agreement for police services with WT. Mayor Daniel thanked the Chief for his service and thanked the entire Police Dept. for their professionalism and support of Califon. Chief Bailey reported that there is a committee established to hire a replacement for the Chief, since, because of pension issues, the Chief cannot be involved in this decision. The three candidates for the Chief’s position are Lieutenant Niemynski; Lieutenant Doug Compton and Lieutenant Jeffrey Ohlmer. The final decision will probably be made in September. Chief Bailey reminded Mayor and Council that the Police Interlocal is up for renewal on January 1, 2016. Mayor and Council thanked the Chief again and wished him well in his retirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by M. Riccio seconded by K. DeBlasio to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2015 with the following correction:

Councilman Michael Medea listed as having voted to approve minutes from meeting held on May 18th, however, Councilman Medea was absent from May 18th meeting and should have abstained from the vote.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer

Abstain: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by T. Forrester, seconded by G. Smith to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 15, 2015.

For: T. Forrester, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Abstain: K. DeBlasio, M. Medea

Absent: P. Farmer

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 \$673,133.62.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer

MOTION CARRIED

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Tax Collector's Report was reviewed and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

__ Califon Police Report for month of June, 2015

__ Califon Municipal Court report for month of June, 2015

__ Tewksbury DPW report for month of June, 2015

__ Califon Police Dept., Media News Release; Structure Fire on July 15th

__ Fire Marshall report for month of June, 2015

__ Office of the Hunterdon County Engineer; minutes from meeting regarding deck replacement for bridge J-1; date: July 23, 2015

__ articles for newspapers regarding the upcoming schedule for 4 road project in the Borough

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION – PROGRESS ON EVALUATION AND INSPECTION OF BRIDGE AT ISLAND PARK AND USE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDING

Councilman Medea reported that in an e-mail from Borough Attorney Jost, it was confirmed that the use of Open Space funds to pay for the inspection/evaluation of the bridge accessing Island Park was legal and lawful. Borough Engineers, Kelly Kimiecik and Donald Scott, have submitted a quote for the inspection and evaluation of the Island Park bridge, in the amount of

\$2,290. They will be notified that this evaluation can be scheduled as soon as possible to ascertain the extent of repairs that are needed on the bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATED SCHEDULES FOR ROAD PROJECTS

Mayor Daniel reported that the Aqua New Jersey Water Co. water main replacement project on Main St. is moving along with a few problems noted; such as the water emergency on Friday resulting in the water being off for about 4 hours before restoration; puddling at the post office that is yet to be remedied; issues with the NJEIT sign posted in front of the Fire Co. memorial on Main St. Mayor Daniel commented that Hayden Hull, DPW Director, has been extremely helpful during the commencement of these projects. Councilwoman DeBlasio reported that speeding may be a problem on River Rd. with the bridge closing and recommended “no speeding” signs be posted. Councilman Medea reported that he hopes to get a status report from the Borough Engineer on the progress on Main St. as we get closer to the Street Fair date of October 4th. The Clerk reported that the “tentative schedules” for all 4 road projects have been posted on the local bulletin board, distributed to the town businesses, posted on the website and social media sites and appearing in every local newspaper; whose editors agreed to place articles on their sites and in the paper editions. Updates will be provided as they are transmitted to us by the contractors.

B. RESOLUTION – INTRODUCTION OF CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2015-05 – APPROPRIATING \$15,000.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FOR CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

The Clerk read Ordinance 2015-05 by title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CALIFON MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FOR CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES (SUPPLEMENT #4)**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-68

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2015-05 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CALIFON MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FOR CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES (SUPPLEMENT #4)** is hereby introduced upon first reading; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ordinance 2015-05 is hereby scheduled for public hearing and final adoption on August 17, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 2015-05 will be published in the July 29, 2015 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-68 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea – No report

Councilwoman Riccio reported that she will speak with Chief Bailey about extra patrols in Island Park this summer as she has noticed a problem with trash, broken bottles, etc. littering the Park and no one available to clean up the mess. Mayor Daniel reported that Alpha Borough has a park and they employ three (3) people weekly to pick up trash, bottles, etc.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that the Recreation Committee sponsored Califon Fun Days at Island Park, under the direction of Rec. Committee member Claudia Gangemi, was a huge success and attended by children within the Borough and outside the Borough. There were so many children that the issue of supplies for crafts became a problem but it was handled successfully.

Ed Latus, Rec. Committee member is sponsoring a Movie Night on September 12th; the movie will be BRAVE.

The CaliThon sponsored by Karen Cubberly, Rec. Committee member, was also very successful with the hope that next year there will be more attendees.

Recreation Committee members are concerned about scheduling of the Street Fair on October 4th with all the road projects underway in the town. Recreation Committee members have been talking about the possibility of having a Farmers Market and the United Methodist Church has indicated that they will consider using their parking lot for the market.

Councilwoman Riccio read the Police report and the Municipal Court report; both for the month of June.

Councilman Forrester reported that the Board of Health will meet on September 3rd. The BOH has reported a public health alert about a rabid cat in Tewksbury Twp. that bit a man and he had to have the series of rabies shots administered. The BOH will follow up on this incident and give a status report.

Councilman Forrester attended the Board of Education meeting on July 1st. Jason Kornegay, Chief School Administrator for Lebanon Twp. and now for Califon, spoke articulately about his goals for Califon School; exhibiting a strong background in curriculum.

The Board of Education has begun contract negotiations with the teachers.

Councilman Smith reported that in reviewing the last quarter of the interlocal budget figures, 60% of the 2015 budget has been spent to date; there is \$28,000 left to be spent from now to December 31st.

Mayor Daniel would like to ask our Borough Engineers to apply for a DOT grant for South Main St. repairs, drainage and resurfacing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

In a brief discussion about solar energy, Mayor Daniel reported that we do have an ordinance regulating solar energy, but after looking at the Fire Co., Municipal Bldg., and Califon School as locations to place solar panels, it became clear that these were not good options for solar and it would not be cost effective.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by T. Forrester seconded by M. Riccio and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator