

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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, M. MEDEA,
J. SALISBURY
ABSENT: G. SMITH, T. WEILER**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by J. Salisbury seconded by M. Medea to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2011.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: G. Smith, T. Weiler

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by K. Andersen to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$75,588.90.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: G. Smith, T. Weiler

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

___ Califon Municipal Court; monthly report for month of January, 2011

___ Superior Court of New Jersey; 2010-2011 Annual Visitation of the Califon Municipal Court to take place on March 2, 2011

___ Califon Fire Co.; certified list of 34 active members of Fire Co. qualified for LOSAP benefits

___ letter to Borough attorney, Peter Jost, from COAH; acknowledging letter sent to COAH stating that Califon is seeking a stay of any action on the Borough's motion for a waiver of its requirement to comply with its growth share obligation

OLD BUSINESS

A. SCHEDULE – COUNCIL LEAD ARTICLES FOR CALIFON CRIER

The following is the schedule for Council members lead articles for each edition of the Califon Crier:

2011:

May-June - Mayor Daniel

July-August - Councilman Richard Baggstrom

September-October - Councilman Michael Medea

November – December - Councilwoman Salisbury

2012:

January - February – Councilman Gill Smith

March – April - Councilman Tim Weiler

May – June - Councilwoman Kathleen Andersen

B. SCHEDULE – REMAINING 2011 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

Mayor and Council agreed that there would be no need for any further budget work sessions after tonight's session. All agreed that the Mayor and Council would meet an hour before the next Council meeting; at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011. The Clerk will ask the Borough auditor, Anthony Ardito, to attend to finalize the budget figures with Council before Council introduces the budget at the regular meeting which will begin at 8:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Andersen reported that she found some old letters from Columbia Gas dated late 1988 referring to the installation of the gas pipeline through Califon Borough. She will follow up with representatives from Columbia Gas regarding the issue of the Califon Christmas tree.

The Board of Education will meet Monday, February 28th to approve the submission of the 2011-12 preliminary budget to the N.J. Dept. of Education. Councilwoman Andersen will attend this meeting. The Clerk will call the School Business Administrator to request a copy of the preliminary budget.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that the Planning Board will meet tomorrow. At their last meeting, the Planning Board reorganized:

Bruce Morrow – Chairperson
 Paul Winter - Vice Chairperson
 Richard Baggstrom – Secretary
 Arthur Owens - V. Secretary

Councilman Baggstrom reported that the Police Dept. issued a press release to the newspapers about the establishment of a canine unit within the Police Dept. Ptl. Cecere has trained a dog named Kobe to detect drugs and people. The dog sits and barks if he detects something; however, he is trained to attack if instructed to do so. Councilman Baggstrom reported that comments about the canine unit have been positive and favorable. Mayor Daniel reported that he had spoken to Washington Twp. Mayor, Ken Short, who suggested that the school allow the dog to visit the children.

Councilwoman Salisbury reported that she and Dep. Clerk, Karen Mastro, participated in a webinar for Sustainable Jersey on February 10th. There was a tutorial and discussion on how to navigate the Sustainable Jersey website. The Sustainable Jersey Green Team will meet on Tuesday, March 1 and they will invite Tara Sheppard from HART to attend.

Councilman Medea had no report; however, he asked if the Recycling Coordinator would be writing the article on recycling that she said she would work on. The Clerk responded that Ms. Brennan was ill and then away until March 1 and would not be able to write the article as planned. Councilman Medea said he could write it if he had until the end of the week. The Clerk said she thought that would be too late, however, she will check with the Crier Editor, Katie Vreeland, and see. If it is too late for a lengthy article, the Clerk said that perhaps she could insert a brief note introducing Helen Brennan as the new Recycling Coordinator and saying that she will be talking to the community about the new recycling requirements soon.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that he met with Ken Short, Mayor of Washington Twp. to discuss police matters. Mayor Daniel plans to contact the Mayor of Lebanon Twp., George Piazza, to arrange a meeting with him.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bruce Morrow, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported that he and Planning Board member, Lavinia Trimmer, plan to attend a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning at 7:00 a.m. to discuss a new land use law.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by K. Andersen seconded by M. Medea and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator