

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 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, T. FORRESTER, M. MEDEA, M. RICCIO,
ABSENT: P. FARMER, G. SMITH**

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION – STORMWATER PROJECT FINANCING

Mayor Daniel introduced Don Scott and Kelly Kimiecik, Borough Engineers and Tony Pannella, Bond Counsel for Califon Borough present tonight to discuss the financing aspects of the ongoing Stormwater Project. Ms. Kimiecik passed out copies of three forms: 1) revised project total costs/loan amount; 2) scope modification and 3) project projection.

Ms. Kimiecik reviewed each line item on the revised loan amount form summarizing the increases as applicable. The revised loan application amounts are as follows:

Line item #1 - Administration Expenses = \$42,000.

Line item #2 – Other Costs = \$38,500 (legal)

Line item #3 - Engineering Fees = \$111,000

Line item #4 - Building Costs = \$1,414,460

Line item #5 - Contingencies = \$70,000.

Line item #6 - Planning and Design = 385,500.

Total Project Cost = \$2,061,460

Minus Additional Funding = (EPA) \$485,000

(other) \$36,000 – balance from RR Ave.

(County) \$130,000

Total Loan Amount = \$1,410,460

Mr. Scott and Ms. Kimiecik discussed the bid opening held on February 5th. Eight (8) bids were received. The apparent low bidder was found to have a fatal error in his proposal having to do with the amount of his Bid Bond resulting in this bid having to be rejected. The remaining 7 all exceeded the available funding amount and these had to be rejected as well. The project will be re-bid; the date is March 31st at 2:00 pm. Ms. Kimiecik stated that she hopes the project can be awarded by May 4th. The contract calls for the duration of the project to take 270 days. The contractor will provide the schedule. The hope is that the re-bidding will result in bids coming in under the funding amount.

Tony Pannella, Bond Counsel for the Borough of Califon, addressed Council explaining that a Bond Ordinance Amendment, reflecting the increases in cost for the project, will need to be adopted by Council. Mr. Pannella prepared a Tax Impact Statement which Mayor and Council

reviewed and Mr. Pannella summarized. With the new figures as stated tonight by the engineers, the “municipal” tax impact is estimated to be a \$58.00 increase on an average assessed home; a difference of \$15.00 between the 2014 estimate and this year.

Mr. Scott and Ms. Kimiecik concluded this evenings discussion by saying that, if on the re-bid, the bids all exceed the funding amount, the Borough will be able to “negotiate” the price, if need be.

Mayor Daniel thanked Don, Kelly and Tony for their excellent presentation this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by T. Forrester seconded by M. Medea to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 2, 2015.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by M. Riccio seconded by M. Medea to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$4,652.26.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, G. Smith

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

___ Thank you note to Mayor, Council and Municipal staff from Edna and Krista Deckhut for flowers for funeral of Gary Deckhut, Funeral Director

___ Fire Marshall monthly report for months of January and February, 2015

___ Upcoming Highlands Council Training Sessions: Thursday, April 23rd; 10:00 to 112:00

Thursday, April 23; 2:00 to 4:00 pm and Wednesday, April 29, 10:00 to 12:00 and Wednesday, April 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

___ Califon Municipal Court monthly report for month of February, 2015

___ Member list of Califon First Aid Squad member eligible for LOSAP benefits for November 2013 – October 2014

OLD BUSINESS**A. RESOLUTION – INTRODUCTION OF AMENDATORY BOND ORDINANCE
2015-02 – STORMWATER PROJECT**

The Clerk read Ordinance 2015-02 by title: **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-04 (PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MAIN STREET STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) HERETOFORE, FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE"BOROUGH") ON NOVEMBER 19, 2012, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND RESTATED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-03 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH ON JULY 7, 2014, TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION THEREIN FROM \$1,554,500 TO \$2,061,460, TO INCLUDE A \$130,000 GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS A PORTION OF SUCH APPROPRIATION, AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS AND NOTES THEREIN FROM \$1,033,500 TO \$1,410,460**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-42

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Bond Ordinance 2015-02 as titled above is hereby introduced upon first reading; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bond Ordinance 2015-02 will be considered for final adoption following a public hearing to be held on April 6, 2015; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of Bond Ordinance 2015-02 will be published in the March 25, 2015 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-42 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE SPONSORED BY
CALIFON FIRE CO.**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-43

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the application for a Super 50/50 Raffle License (off-premise), as submitted by the Califon Fire Co. for the event and drawing to be held on July 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. is hereby approved for the issuance of Raffle License 2015-02RL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is duly authorized to fully execute Raffle License #2015-02RL for a Super 50/50 Raffle (off-premise) and issue same to the Califon Fire Co.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all documentation concerning Raffle License 2015-02RL, along with all appropriate fees, is to be forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, as required by law.

Motion was made by T. Forrester seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2015-43 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

B. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – VOLUNTEERS TO RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Daniel formally appointed the following volunteers to the membership on the Califon Recreation Committee:

Ed and Diane Haversang
 Dave Bolles & Kim Belsky
 Amanda Altavilla
 Karen Cubberly

Mayor Daniel will send letters of appointment to each of these volunteers. The term of office for the newly appointed members is a three year term commencing 1/1/15 and expiring on 12/31/17. Mayor Daniel thanked these volunteers for their commitment to Califon Borough.

C. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO FILE A 2015 COUNTY TAX APPEAL FOR UNITED TELEPHONE

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-44

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the Borough Attorney, J. Peter Jost, Esq., is hereby authorized to file a 2015 County Tax Appeal for United Telephone.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: P. Farmer, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea reported that the DI (Destination Imagination) Team at Califon School worked down at the Park the first Saturday of March to clean up the graffiti in various areas of the Park for one of their projects. They did a great job and it was very welcomed. The Parks Committee has not met this month.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that the Recreation Committee met for their regular meeting and some new members were present. Councilwoman Riccio, Beth Henderson, Councilman Smith and Mayor Daniel will meet this Wednesday for a special meeting regarding plans for Memorial Day.

Councilwoman Riccio read the Municipal Court report for month of February and stated that she would be contacting Court Administrator Jan Simonetti to ask her to explain the way that revenue is handled within the system.

Councilman Forrester reported that the Board of Health cancelled their March meeting so there was nothing to report.

The Board of Education will meet on March 18th and he will be attending that meeting.

Councilwoman DeBlasio briefly mentioned the tax increase resulting from the stormwater project and the anticipated future fluctuations.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel had no further report for tonight's meeting.

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. Medea and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

