

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Council President Gill Smith 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, G. SMITH, T. WEILER
ABSENT: MAYOR CHARLES DANIEL**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by T. Weiler seconded by M. Medea to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 7, 2011.

For: R. Baggstrom, M. Medea, J. Salisbury, G. Smith, T. Weiler

Opposed: None

Abstain: K. Andersen

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by T. Weiler to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$12,023.36.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

___ New Jersey State League of Municipalities; re: Urging for the exemption for reserve for uncollected taxes

___ Hunterdon County Department of Engineering; application for request for Highlands Applicability Determination for project for operational and safety improvements to county rt. 513 and county rt. 512 submitted to the Highlands Council by agent for H.C. Dept. of Engineering, Malick & Scherer, P.C.

__ note to Mayor and Council from Karen Mastro, Dep. Clerk, thanking them for giving her the opportunity to successfully complete all of the courses for Municipal Clerk certification

__ note from Diana Caglianone thanking Mayor and Council and staff for flowers sent in sympathy for her mother Ann's passing

OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – 2010 TONNAGE REPORT

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011-33

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the mandatory sources Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough of Califon Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Califon that the Borough of Califon hereby endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application for CY2010 to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling and designates Helen Brennan, Recycling Coordinator, Borough of Califon, P.O. Box 368, 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. 07830, to ensure that the said Application is filed properly.

Motion was made by J. Salisbury seconded by K. Andersen to adopt Resolution 2011-33 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR SUPER 50/50 SPONSORED BY CALIFON FIRE CO.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2011-34

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the application for Raffle License submitted by the Califon Fire Co. to run an off premise Super 50/50 Raffle; drawing to be held on July 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., be hereby approved for the issuance of Raffle License #2011-04 RL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be duly authorized to sign and fully execute the 2011-04 RL Raffle License and issue same to the Califon Fire Co.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by T. Weiler to adopt Resolution 2011-34 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee did not meet for their last meeting. Councilman Medea reported that Connor Daniel is moving along with his Eagle Scout project; a new veteran's memorial. He has poured the cement base for the flag pole. The lock on the refreshment stand will probably need to be replaced as the Mayor had difficulty getting into the stand this past weekend. Work will soon begin on the ball fields with the help of LTAA. There is a SWAC meeting next Tuesday that Councilman Medea will attend.

Councilwoman Andersen asked Councilman Medea, on behalf of her husband Jerry, what color the Parks Committee would like to see on the new park sign that is being worked on by the County. Councilman Medea will discuss this with the Committee at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Salisbury had no report for tonight.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that the Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, March 23rd.

Councilman Baggstrom reported on the School Board meeting that he attended:

- 1) the teacher's 3 year contract was resolved: teachers agreed on a 0% salary increase for the first year; 2% salary increase for the second year; 2% salary increase for the third year.

- 2) The School Board is thinking of changing their school calendar to mandate that school begin on Sept. 1st, before Labor Day, not afterward.
- 3) The school's web site is down and Councilman Baggstrom offered that the school could post notices on the Borough website
- 4) The 2011-2012 budget reflects a 2.6 cent increase or 2%. The public hearing will be held on March 28 and the school election will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that he would like to see more transparency concerning the budget and other various school issues.

Councilman Smith reported that the Recreation Committee will host a family Movie Night at the school on Friday, March 25th. The movie is entitled "Over the Hedge". Flyers about the event will be posted throughout town.

Councilman Smith reported on plans for the Memorial Day parade. The Glen Gardner VFW has declined to attend due to a previous scheduled engagement. Councilman Smith did contact the veterans group given to him by Hunterdon Review editor, Deb Dawson. Councilman Smith reported that the Voorhees H.S. chorus, comprised of 70 students, will sing at the Memorial Day festivities.

Councilman Smith reported that he has found an alternative port-a-john company, Lovenberg, out of Hackettstown or Warren that the County uses for their parks. Their prices are lower than Mr. John and he has received a proposal for the handicapped john for Memorial Day, in the amount of \$95.00 for a 30 day rental that he will forward to the Clerk. Councilman Smith asked the Clerk to schedule the john for Memorial Day and recommended that we use the services of Lovenberg for the monthly rental of a port-a-john in the park.

Councilman Weiler reported that the Environmental Commission met on Wednesday, 3/15. The EC reviewed the ERI work done for the Highlands Plan Conformance by Mike Mueller from Group Melvin Design. The EC will be in attendance at the next Planning Board meeting to join them in voting to approve the ERI work and the Master Plan work so that this information can be transmitted to the Highlands Council for this Plan Conformance deadline. Councilman Weiler stated that the EC has begun to set an agenda for work this year. Mayor Daniel has provided some suggestions that the EC can work on such as looking into the cost of reducing street lighting costs and work on a septic ordinance. Councilwoman Andersen asked that the Environmental Commission let her know when they will be discussing and working on street lighting because she would like to participate. Councilman Weiler reported that the Chairman of the EC, Jim Bell, would like to discuss solar lighting alternatives for street lighting.

Councilwoman Andersen reported that the CPC members have recently been able to get back into the Nellie Hoffman house. Entry had been difficult due to the heavy snows this winter. Councilwoman Andersen reported that she will be meeting with Boy Scout, Max Kane, about his Eagle Scout project on the Nellie Hoffman property.

Councilwoman Andersen reported that the Clerk found minutes from November, 1989 concerning the encasement of the Columbia Gas line in cement. She will be in contact with the Columbia Gas representatives to discuss the Christmas tree issue.

Councilwoman Andersen reported that the Recorder newspaper website recently had an interesting comparison of local municipalities in the area such as Califon, High Bridge, Lebanon, Clinton, and Hampton.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report for tonight's meeting due to his absence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lavinia Trimmer, resident of Califon and member of the Planning Board, asked Council what the town pays to the Washington Police Dept. because she recently received a PBA solicitation in the mail and she did not think it was appropriate. Councilman Baggstrom said it was from the union, not the Police Dept.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by T. Weiler seconded by J. Salisbury and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator