

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2016**

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, L. JANAS, M. RICCIO,
G. SMITH
ABSENT: M. MEDEA**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Daniel called for “comments from the public” as the first item on the agenda due to the presence of Ms. Christina Pellegrino, new resident of School St., in the audience, who wished to address Mayor and Council this evening for a “meet and greet” and to discuss troublesome speeding issues on School St. Ms. Pellegrino explained that she and her husband, Joseph Conte, met with the Police Chief a couple of weeks ago to express their concerns for public safety regarding cars speeding up and down School St. Police Chief Almer was in the audience tonight and stated that, after meeting with Ms. Pellegrino and Mr. Conte, he authorized that the speed sign be posted on the shorter end of School St. and did bring the statistics from the speed sign to share with the Mayor and Council tonight. Chief Almer read the statistics and percentages of speed exceeding the 25 mph speed limit on School St.; however, the stats did not validate and confirm that there were a large percentage of cars exceeding the speed limit. Out of 2000 cars, the average speed clocked was 18.8 mph. Ms. Pellegrino suggested that the speed sign might be better placed on the longer end of School St. instead of the shorter end, as it is her opinion that more speeding occurs on this end. Chief Almer immediately sent a request to his officers to place the sign on the longer end beginning tomorrow. Chief Almer will share the statistics on this section of School St. after a couple of weeks. There was a short discussion concerning whether or not to purchase another speed sign. The Chief was in favor of rotating the current speed sign to various locations but did not feel it was worth purchasing another. Ms. Pellegrino made the suggestion to look into the placement of “speed bumps” on School St. Chief Almer recommended considering the placement of “table top” speed bumps which are longer, wider and flatter than standard “speed bumps”. The cost of each “table top” speed bump is approximately \$5,000 and Chief Almer recommended starting out with one at first to see if it would be effective. Mayor and Council briefly discussed these options as well as discussing the possibility of making School St. a “one way”. Chief Almer suggested Council brain storm some other options to slow down traffic on this road, which he explained is essentially a cut through for drivers to avoid the stop sign at the intersection of Rt. 512 and 513.

Mayor Daniel thanked both Ms. Pellegrino and the Police Chief for their attendance tonight and for their input on this important issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by T. Forrester seconded by G. Smith to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2016.

For: K. DeBlasio, T. Forrester, L. Janas, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

Abstain: M. Riccio

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by M. Riccio to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$813,097.30.

For: K. Deblasio, T. Forrester, L. Janas, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

___ tentative tonnage grant application for 2015 as drafted by Recycling Coordinator, Steven Stanaback

___ Police Report for month of April, 2016

___ letter and flyer from Anthony P. Kearns, H.C. Prosecutor; invitation to a presentation on the Heroin Epidemic and School Safety at North Hunterdon High School on Tuesday, May 3rd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

___ Fire Marshall monthly report for April, 2016

OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF SALARY & WAGE ORDINANCE 2016-02 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 2016-02 by title: **AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-49

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2016-02 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS**

OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY is hereby adopted following the public hearing and upon final reading; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that “Notice of Final Passage” of Ordinance 2016-02 will be published in the May 11, 2016 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by G.Smith seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2016-49 as read.
For: K. DeBlasio, T. Forrester, L. Janas, M. Riccio, G. Smith
Opposed: None
Absent: M. Medea
MOTION CARRIED

B. RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC SALARIES WITHIN RANGES

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-50

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the following salaries be established and approved for certain employees of the Borough of Califon for calendar year 2016:

Clerk:	\$54,808.00
Treasurer:	10,824.00
Zoning Officer:	8,936.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned salaries along with the salaries of the remainder of the employees of the Borough of Califon be authorized by Ordinance 2016-02 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, scheduled for final adoption on May 2, 2016.

Motion was made by T. Forrester seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2016-50 as read.
For: K. DeBlasio, T. Forrester, L. Janas, M. Riccio, G. Smith
Opposed: None
Absent: M. Medea
MOTION CARRIED

C. RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2016-03 – IMPERVIOUS COVERAGES IN ZONES R-1, R-2 AND R-3 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 2016-03 by title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON REGARDING MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE COVERAGE PERMITTED IN THE R-1, R-2 AND R-3 ZONING DISTRICTS**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-51

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2016-03 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON REGARDING MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE COVERAGE PERMITTED IN THE R-1, R-2 AND R-3 ZONING DISTRICTS** is hereby adopted following the public hearing and upon final reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that “Notice of Final Passage” of Ordinance 2016-03 is scheduled to be published in the May 11, 2016 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2016-51 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

MOTION CARRIED

D. STATUS OF REVIEW OF LEASE AND ORDINANCE FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE NELLIE HOFFMAN ESTATE

Mayor and Council discussed their review of the lease document and the draft ordinance authorizing the lease agreement between Califon and the Califon Historical Society for the CHS to take over the maintenance and management of the Nellie Hoffman house and log cabin. Mayor and Council agreed that the Borough attorney be asked to be more specific in the wording of #27 having to do with the arrangement for payment to contractors for projects undertaken by the Historical Society on the Nellie Hoffman property; the funds for which will be paid out of Open Space. The Clerk will instruct the Borough Attorney to edit #27 to reflect a more specific arrangement and ask for the final lease document to be ready for voting on at the next Council meeting.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-52

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2016-04 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE NELLIE HOFFMAN FARM, CONSISTING OF AN HISTORIC FARMHOUSE AND LOG CABIN AND APPURTENANT LANDS, TO THE CALIFON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is hereby introduced upon first reading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ordinance 2016-04 will be considered for final adoption on June 6, 2016 following a public hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of Ordinance 2016-04 will be published in the May 11, 2016 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by T. Forrester seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2016-52 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

MOTION CARRIED

E. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK-UP AND CHIPPING BY DPW ON JUNE 7 & 9 AND JUNE 14 & 16

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-53

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Borough sponsored Brush pick-up and chipping throughout the entire Borough of Califon will be conducted by the Township of Tewksbury DPW on the following dates:

½ of town to have brush picked-up and chipped on Tuesday, June 7th and on Thursday, June 9th

½ of town to have brush picked-up and chipped on Tuesday, June 14th and on Thursday, June 16th; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that costs for this project will be paid out of the budgetary appropriation of \$4000 with unanticipated overages of not to exceed an additional \$1000 to be paid out of an available budgetary line item.

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2016-53 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #2016-02RL TO CALIFON FIRE CO. TO SPONSOR A 50/50 RAFFLE AT THE DAN HANDY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-54

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that a Raffle License application submitted by the Califon Fire Co. is approved for the issuance of Raffle License # 2016-02RL to hold an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle at the Califon Fire Co. sponsored Dan Handy Softball Tournament on June 4, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and fully execute the approved Raffle License #2016-02RL and submit to the Califon Fire Co. with copies of all documentation forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission as is required by law.

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2016-54 as read.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea

MOTION CARRIED

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION – RELAY FOR LIFE

The Mayor read the following PROCLAMATION:

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to come together to recognize and fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised during Relay for Life of Hunterdon supports the American Cancer society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures and by fighting back; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life helped fund more than \$144 million in cancer research last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Charles Daniel, Mayor of the Borough of Califon, do hereby proclaim May 21st and 22nd of 2016 as,

“RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY DAYS”

in our community and hereby encourage citizens to help finish the fight against cancer by participating in the Relay for Life event at Hunterdon Central Regional High School on May 21st and 22nd of 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Riccio read the Police report for April: 362 cases

The issue of speeding on School St. was addressed again. Mayor Daniel reiterated that speeding is the #1 issue in town and thanked the Police for their vigilance in their attempts to control it.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that she is experiencing a shortage of volunteers to help and assist with the Memorial Day Parade and festivities. She and Chair, Ed Latus, have placed a plea on Facebook for volunteers to help. If this does not result in increased volunteers,

Councilwoman Riccio stated that the event may have to be cancelled. Councilwoman Riccio did confirm that neither the Fire Co. nor the First Aid Squad will have trucks crossing the bridge into Island Park to heed the 5 ton load limit recently established due to the deteriorated condition of the bridge.

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee to go over plans for Memorial Day will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that plans for the Farmer’s Market, co-sponsored by the United Methodist Church and CAMPA are progressing. Applications for participating vendors are being submitted; a diverse group of vendors and there are some sponsorships as well.

The Farmer’s Market will be held on the second Saturday of each month; July through October, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Councilman Janas reported that some members of the Environmental Commission participated in a “walk about” in town with the Mayor, some Highlands Council members, members of the DEP, the Borough Engineer and various others, to discuss Alternative Wastewater Systems in Califon.

The Planning Board met last Wednesday and adopted a resolution approving the Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation to allow a metal roof on the Rambo’s Country Store barn; application submitted by proprietor, Don Freibergs.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board gave preliminary approval with conditions to the Wades for their subdivision application. There was major discussion on this application particularly regarding septic and stormwater issues.

Councilman Forrester reported that the Board of Health will meet on Wednesday to consider a waiver for a septic application.

Councilman Smith reported that he asked Hayden Hull, DPW Director, to hold off on pruning the cherry trees on the Main St. side of the Post office until they have stopped blooming.

Councilman Smith reported that he has asked the DPW to take extra care with sprucing up the Park for the Memorial Day celebration.

Councilwoman DeBlasio had no report for tonight's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that there was a final walk through for the Stormwater Improvement Project and overall everything looks good. Remediation is still needed on the culvert and grate at 31 Main St. to remedy the safety issues and so that the grate can handle more water. Mayor Daniel reported on the Alternative Wastewater Systems meeting/walk about that Councilman Janas mentioned during his report. Mayor Daniel reported that Patrick Farmer will be heading up this sub-committee going forward. Following the walk through of town, the DEP needs data such as the number of homes in the town and the number of bedrooms for each home to determine the "flow" from cesspools and septic. Mayor Daniel stated that he is not sure how far the DEP and Patrick Farmer will be able to take this endeavor for implementing alternative wastewater systems, but feasibility and desirability of any system will need to be determined.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Christina Pellegrino, who addressed Council during the early part of the meeting, thanked Mayor and Council and the Police Chief for addressing her concerns regarding speeding on School St. Ms. Pellegrino offered to volunteer her efforts to the Memorial Day celebration and exchanged numbers with Councilwoman Riccio.

Councilman Forrester commended Mayor Daniel for an amazing job of getting the town through the Stormwater Improvement Project.

The Clerk reported that the Califon School Board will be in attendance at the next Council meeting on May 16th to discuss their 2016-17 school budget.

The Clerk reported that the Fire Co. has asked for their donation to be given now instead of waiting until the end of the year. They have turn-out gear that has to be purchased for junior members. Mayor Daniel asked that the agreement, signed between the Fire Co. and the Borough regarding splitting the costs of the parking lot repave, be reviewed to determine how to work out the payments to each entity.

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 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

