

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2017**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 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 legal notice published in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat.”*

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: L. JANAS, M. MEDEA (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), M. RICCIO,  
G. SMITH, S. STANABACK  
ABSENT: J. RICCIO**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by M. Riccio seconded by S. Stanaback to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2017.

For: L. Janas, M. Riccio, G. Smith, S. Stanaback

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea, J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by G. Smith to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$524,093.45.

For: L. Janas, M. Riccio, G. Smith, S. Stanaback

Opposed: None

Absent: M. Medea, J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

\_\_\_ French & Parrello Associates: Notification of Emplacement of Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area Institutional Control, Gilmartin Café

\_\_\_ Drilling work to begin on Island Park Bridge on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. by Summit Driller at a cost of \$7,480.00

\_\_\_ Califon Fire Co.; letter from Gary Winters, President; flooding issue in storage area; request to repair/seal support wall where compromised. Borough Engineer to discuss having this issue remediated through the maintenance bond with Rock Solid Contracting.

\_\_\_ e-mail from David Harkness; Hunterdon Healthcare; asking Council to adopt resolution in support of pending legislation that would allow the medical center to conduct elective coronary angioplasty procedures.

**OLD BUSINESS****A. RESOLUTIONS – THREE (3) INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

The following Resolutions were introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2017-47**

**WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon is holding a meeting on March 6, 2017, for the purpose of introducing the 2017 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Borough of Califon hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2017 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 6, 2017.**

<b><u>SUMMARY OF REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
1. Surplus Anticipated General Revenues	\$ 115,000
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenue	139,001
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	37,500
4. (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	<u>848,415</u>
(b) Addition to Local District School Tax	
Total Amount to be Raised for Taxation	
for Support of Municipal Budget	<u>848,415</u>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,139,916</u></b>

<b><u>Summary of Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
1. Operating Expenses	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 211,840
Other Expenses	668,918
2. Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	30,404
3. Capital Improvements	23,500
4. Debt Service	91,729
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>113,525</u>
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,139,916</u></b>

Motion was made by S. Stanaback seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2017-47 as read.

For: L. Janas, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith, S. Stanaback

Opposed: None

Absent: J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2017-48**

WHEREAS, the 2017 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 6th day of March, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2017 the Borough of Califon has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$4,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2017 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

**Clean Communities Program**

	\$ <u>4,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$ <u>4,000.00</u>

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2017-48 as read.

For: L. Janas, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith, S. Stanaback

Opposed: None

Absent: J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #2017-49**

WHEREAS, the 2017 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 6th day of March, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2017 the Borough of Califon will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2017 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**"

<b>General Capital Fund Balance Anticipated</b>	<b>\$ <u>5,000.00</u></b>
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\$ 5,000.00

Motion was made by G. Smith seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2017-49 as read.

For: L. Janas, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith, S. Stanaback

Opposed: None

Absent: J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION – OPENING AND ACCEPTING “ISLAND PARK ROAD”**

Clerk Eidsvaag reported that, as a requirement of the Borough’s anticipated filing of an application for a DOT Discretionary Fund Grant, a name has to be established for the road in which the Island Park Bridge is located. The original name considered was “Island Park Road”, however, Councilman Medea suggested that, in honor of Bruce Morrow’s brother, Edward Morrow, who died in the Vietnam War, the Council consider naming the road “Cpl. Edward Morrow Lane. Councilman Medea thought this fitting due to the history of Island Park; relatives of the Morrow family had donated the Park to the town many years ago. Naming this road after Edward Morrow would, not only honor Mr. Morrow’s sacrifice, but would also give tribute to the history and legacy of the Morrow family. Mayor and Council concurred.

**Resolution 2017-50**

**Opening and Accepting Cpl. Edward Morrow Lane,**

**and Establishing the Boundaries Thereof**

**In the Borough of Califon,**

**County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, by Deed dated January 12, 1967, and recorded on January 23, 1967 in Deed Book 707, Page 167 et seq. in the Hunterdon County Clerk’s Office an easement and right-of-way was conveyed to the Borough of Califon for ingress and egress from Bank Street into lands presently known as the Califon Island Park owned by the Borough of Califon, said easement to be used for ingress and egress by individuals and vehicles of all kinds without interruption; and

**WHEREAS**, said easement and right-of-way is described in said Deed as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the road leading from Califon to Vernoy distant the following two courses from a railroad track rail set in the north westerly line of the right-of-way of the High Bridge Branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

(a) Along the above-mentioned line, North 26 degrees 20 minutes East 116.80

feet to an iron pipe; thence (b) North 30 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West 154.80 feet, said beginning point also being North 33 degrees 20 minutes East 17.50 feet from an iron pipe near the end of an old foundation wall; thence parallel with the old foundation wall, North 56 degrees 40 minutes West to a point in the line of lands of H. G. Geist Company. Being a strip of land 7.50 feet either side of the above described center line.  
Bearings are magnetic as observed August, 1966;

**WHEREAS**, and good cause appearing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1) The above described tract of land is hereby accepted as a public street or road of the Borough of Califon, and the same is hereby opened, laid out and established as a public street or road of Califon Borough, to be known and designated as Cpl. Edward Morrow Lane.
- 2) The boundaries and side lines of said street or road are hereby established as above described.
- 3) The acceptance of Cpl. Edward Morrow Lane, as described herein, as a public street or road of the Borough of Califon, shall not constitute acceptance by the Borough of the presently existing Island Park Bridge located within said right-of-way, nor of acceptance of responsibility for the maintenance, repair or replacement of said bridge, unless and until a written agreement is entered into, approved, authorized and carried out, between the Borough of Califon and the County of Hunterdon providing for the replacement of said bridge and the future responsibility for the maintenance, repair and replacement of said Island Park Bridge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that resolution shall take effect immediately upon the satisfaction of all requirements herein.

Motion was made by S. Stanaback seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2017-50 as read.

For: L. Janas, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. DISCUSSION – VERIZON’S REQUEST TO INSTALL SMALL NETWORK NODES IN BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY – BOROUGH ATTORNEY, PETER JOST’S RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE VERIZON COME BEFORE PLANNING BOARD FOR WAIVER OF SITE PLAN**

Mayor and Council discussed the presentation made by Tilcon Tech on behalf of Verizon Wireless and their request of Council to adopt a resolution approving their installation of small network nodes in the public right of way. Following that presentation, Council recommended that this issue be forwarded to the Borough attorney for his opinion and advice. Mayor and Council then discussed the e-mail from Peter Jost which recommended that the applicant, (Verizon), apply to the Planning Board for a waiver of site plan. Mr. Jost points out that this action will allow the municipal planning officials to create a record with relevant information on these present and future facilities and to establish a consistent approach to regulating these facilities in the municipal ROW; also, this action will provide fees and escrows to defray the Borough’s costs in reviewing these applications. After a brief discussion on Mr. Jost’s recommendation, Mayor and Council concurred that this issue be forwarded to the Planning Board for consideration of a “waiver of site plan”. The Clerk was asked to contact Tilcon Tech to let them know of this action on Verizon’s request.

**C. RESOLUTION – RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFER**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2017-51**

WHEREAS, it appears that the unexpended balance in the following 2016 accounts will not be sufficient to pay outstanding bills:

10516599      Engineering – OE

WHEREAS, it appears that there will be an unexpended balance in the following 2016 account:

10526583      LOSAP – OE

10518019      Planning Board – SW

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the following Transfers be Authorized and within resolution is the authority of the Borough Treasurer to make said transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$ 3000.00	LOSAP – OE	Engineering – OE
\$ 700.00	Planning Board – SW	Engineering – OE

Motion was made by L. Janas, seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2017-51 as read.

For: L. Janas, M. Medea, M. Riccio, G. Smith, S. Stanaback

Opposed: None

Absent: J. Riccio

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee will meet on Thursday night.

Councilman Medea was informed that Scott Frech, DPW Director for Washington Township, has retired. Councilman Medea asked the Clerk if she could reach out to WT to determine who is Mr. Frech's replacement so that he can be asked when, in April, the baseball/softball fields will be groomed per our interlocal agreement with them.

Councilman Medea reported that he had a conference call with John Kern, P.E. from K&K and the Clerk to talk about the agreed upon width of the replacement Island Park Bridge; which will be a pre-fabricated structure; to be built hopefully in the fall. The agreed upon width will be 26'. There will be a meeting on Thursday at 4:00 pm, with all interested parties, to discuss the dam on Bank St.

Councilman Medea reported that Sarah and Nathan Smith, residents of Bank St., across the street from the bridge, are receptive to giving the easements to the town for the bridge project. Mayor Daniel explained that he has been in touch with them and a meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that the Board of Education will meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that the BOE meetings are productive and organized. Some highlights:

1. LED lighting conversion scheduled for July
2. Discussion on Rice notifications to teachers
3. Discussion on changes to school calendar
4. Digital portfolios to each student
5. Budget – first draft done
6. Discussion on the recent “demographic study” showing a sharp decline in enrollment over the next 5-year period

Mayor Daniel reported on the Recreation Committee in Councilman Riccio's absence.

Ed Latus will be the Chairman of the 2017 Memorial Day Parade and Amanda Altavilla will be helping him.

There was a discussion about the 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial celebration of Califon Borough in 2018.

This will take lots of planning and Mayor Daniel has recommended that the Borough hire a professional firm/event organizer to take on this project. Town groups will be contacted to organize a meeting to discuss what all the groups would like to see happen with the Centennial. Councilman Medea reminded everyone that the school is having their Centennial celebration as well on that date.

The Recreation Committee may organize a contest for a new flag for the town as well as a contest for a new name for the Winters/mitigation tract.

The Recreation Committee is looking for a new chair for the summer fun days at the Park in July since Claudia Gangemi, the previous organizer, has moved out of town.

Councilman Janas reported that the Environmental Commission will meet on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board met on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and, after looking into updating zoning requirements in the Highway-Business zone, determined that no changes would be required at this time.

Councilman Stanaback reported that the last Board of Health meeting was cancelled. Councilman Stanaback read the Police report highlighting a total of 508 cases. Mayor Daniel reported that he had to call the Police on Friday night to report 2 accidents on the top of Academy St. due to a heavy snow squall. The Police Department responded quickly and the County was out to salt the roadway. Councilman Stanaback reported that there will be a meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee next Wednesday to discuss drafting an ordinance concerning trees in the Borough right of way.

Councilman Smith reported that he would like to have a meeting with the Borough Engineer and the DPW Director, Hayden Hull to discuss road infrastructure projects for 2017. Hayden has recommended that Cloverhill, Limerock and Crestmore need immediate attention and should be given priority.

Councilwoman Riccio reported to Councilman Smith that there is a big pothole on Second St. that needs to be filled.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Engineer has asked her, the Mayor and Councilman Smith's help and support with requiring Hayden to get back to the mitigation tract, where he recently placed rip/rap, to smooth out and fill in the mess left by the machines. This must be done before the DEP comes out in May to do a final inspection of the Stormwater Improvement project.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was no further Mayor's report for tonight's meeting.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by S. Stanaback seconded by L. Janas and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

