

Capital Budget Meeting March 26, 2015

The Special Capital Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 5:27 pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond, Councilman Arthur Rees

Absent: Councilman John Chiaia

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Chief Mark Deuer, and Nancy Pravata, Borough Clerk, Richard Mondelli, CFO.

Mayor Alessi called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter, 231, P.L. 1975.

Mayor Alessi asked Councilman Astorino to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public. No one came forward

Items for Discussion

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming in early for this meeting and to discuss the 2015 Capital Budget.

- A. 2015 Capital Budget – Mel Levine explained that he invited Nick Tammaro from Quikteks to explain the Technology that is needed in Borough Hall. This is the company that the Police Department has been dealing with their network upgrades. Nick explained what he did with the police department. He explained that the server that is in Borough Hall now is over five years old and needs to be replaced as Borough Hall is outgrowing the server. Nick explained the backup solution that they have recommended. The Council asked Nick several questions regarding his company.

Police Department – Chief Deuer explained that the police department needs the bathrooms refurbished on the 2nd floor. The Chief explained that he really needs the new 4x4. It was decided to purchase the new vehicle as well as refurbish the bathroom on the 2nd floor.

Court – They will try to see if they can pay for the walkthrough scanner through the DWI monies. If they can't, they will put the scanner through the Capital. This will be split with Essex Fells.

Fire Dept. – The fire department budget was tabled to find out exactly what they need.

Public Works – Frank Zichelli explained the roads that need to be done. Some of the roads have not been done within the last 20 years.

The Traffic Light for West Green Brook Road and Jay L. Hand Drive can be done separately once we get the agreement with the High School.

A new parking lot at Magnuson Field only gets us 30 parking spaces and would require the removal of the baseball field. There was extensive discussion on field's usage and what the needs are of the town and what needs to be done on all the fields. The will hold off on the parking lot for Magnuson field for this year and try other options at this time for the upcoming sports season.

It was agreed upon to fix the tennis courts at this time.

It was determined today that the sanitary sewer system that runs into the brook on Maywood Court needs emergency repair. This will cost approximately \$10,000.00.

The DPW needs another 4-wheel drive dump truck which would include a plow and sander. This would replace a 10-year old dump truck.

Building Department

The fire inspection class for Len Mendola would be under Operating Expenses.

Recreation

Councilman Raymond explained that Playground 2 at the pool, the lower playground, was installed wrong. The shuffle board and the fixing of the playground will be funded with monies remaining from the 2014 capital budget.

Executive Session

Resolution R-51-15 Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes of Personnel Issues was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. This motion was unanimously carried.

The public meeting was re-opened at 7:25pm.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Rees that this meeting be adjourned at 7:27p.m. This motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk