

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Council President Michael Medea called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 pm 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: R. BAGGSTROM, E. HAVERSANG, L. JANAS, M. MEDEA,
C. SMITH
ABSENT: MAYOR CHARLES DANIEL**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO PRESENT LIST OF 3
NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR VACATED COUNCIL SEAT LEFT BY THE
RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN JOSEPH RICCIO**

Democratic Committee Co-Chair and Councilwoman Cathy Smith presented a list of three names of candidates interested in filling the Council seat vacated by the recent resignation of Councilman Joseph Riccio. The three names are:

John Collins – resident of 119 Philhower Ave.

Megan Riccio – resident of 9 Hoffman Drive

Jason Beard - resident of 20 Main St.

Each of the three candidates are residents of the Borough of Califon.

The list was signed by the Democratic Committee Co-Chairs; Cathy Smith and Charles Daniel.

John Collins was the only candidate available at tonight’s meeting. Councilmembers interviewed Mr. Collins who expressed reasons why he was desirous of serving the community in this capacity.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-37

WHEREAS, a member of the Borough of Califon Council; Joseph Riccio, tendered his resignation from Council by e-mail on February 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Riccio’s resignation, there is a vacancy on the Borough Council that needs to be filled; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Democratic Committee submitted a list of three (3) names of candidates interested in filling the vacancy within the required 15 days of the date of the resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon hereby appoints John Collins of 119 Philhower Ave. to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Joseph Riccio for a one-year unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2019.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY – COUNCILMAN JOHN COLLINS

With the reading of the Oath of Office, Councilman John Collins was sworn in by Municipal Clerk Laura Eidsvaag for the following term: one-year unexpired term to expire on December 31 2019.

Councilman John Collins took his seat at the Council table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by C. Smith to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 4, 2019 with the following corrections:

Page 40; under “Committee Reports”; paragraph 3 – should read “...approved two resolutions “for” 2 recommendations of the HPC.

Page 40; paragraph 4 – should read The BOE attended a retreat. Delete “where they discussed implementing individual student plans”.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by R. Bagstrom to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$9,408.89.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

The Tax Collector’s Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

___ Califon Municipal Court report for month of January

___ Raritan Headwaters Seminar Series: Tuesday, March 5th: Private Wells and Public Water Supply and Thursday, May 16th: Climate Resilient Municipalities; Controlling Stormwater, Protecting Streams and Maintaining Water Quality

___ Califon Board of Education: Agenda for meeting on February 20, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KELLER & KIRKPATRICK – ISLAND PARK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Council President Medea reported that he, the Clerk, the Mayor, the Engineer, Andrew Cangiano and the owner of and project manager for CMS Construction met this morning for a pre-construction meeting. Also present at this meeting were 2 officers from the Police Dept. and the OEM Coordinator, George Wasleski; missing was a representative from the Fire Co. Councilman Medea reported that the required tree removal will occur in March prior to the March 30th deadline. The project construction will begin on June 17th and it is anticipated that the project will continue for a maximum of 60 days. During that time, the park will be closed to activities. Questions remain concerning what to do about lawn maintenance at the park during the 60 days when the park is closed. The port-o-johns will need to be removed for the 2-month period as well.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-38

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE ISLAND PARK BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon has a need to acquire CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION services for the Borough of Califon for the project known as “Island Park Bridge Reconstruction Project”, as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one year; and

WHEREAS, KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., has submitted a proposal indicating that the fee for all Construction Engineering and Inspection services rendered shall not exceed a total amount of \$65,000; at a rate of \$120/hr. for Professional Engineer and \$90/hr. for Inspector; and

WHEREAS, KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Califon in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the Chief Financial Officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C.5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION services for the Island Park Bridge

Reconstruction project for the Borough of Califon shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract with KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., as described herein, for CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION services for the Island Park Bridge Reconstruction project, on behalf of the Borough of Califon for the year 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Notice of this action shall be printed once in the Hunterdon Review.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2019-38 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – RELEASING THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM THE COLLECTION OF TAXES ON PROPERTY OF UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP AND DEEMING THESE TAXES CANCELLED

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-39

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the taxes on the following properties of unknown ownership, as listed in the tax duplicate of the Borough of Califon, are deemed to be uncollectible, and, that being so and according to New Jersey law 54:91-2, the tax collector is hereby released from the collection thereof and these taxes are therefore cancelled:

BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT
5	28	6.67
6	25	43.33
11	1.03	23.33
21	5.01	20.00
22	18	143.32
31	13	66.66

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by C. Smith to adopt Resolution 2019-39 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. RESOLUTION – RELEASING THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM THE COLLECTION OF 2018 TAXES ON BLOCK 19; LOTS 4,6, &7 (SYLVA BURD DONATION) AND DEEMING THESE TAXES CANCELLED

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-40

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the taxes on the following properties that were acquired by the Borough of Califon through a donation from Sylva Burd, as listed in the tax duplicate of the Borough of Califon, are hereby cancelled and the tax collector is hereby released from the collection thereof and these taxes are therefore cancelled:

BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT
19	4	\$159.98
19	6	66.66
19	7	99.99

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2019-40 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Haversang reported that the Recreation Committee met last week. The first Rec. sponsored event of the year will be the Easter Egg hut on April 14th. The Trout Fest is scheduled for May 4th; Memorial Day on May 27th; Summer Fun Days in July (TBA); Street Fair on October 13th and Christmas Tree lighting on December 1st. New member, Stephanie Ruggiero, was in attendance at the meeting. There was a brief discussion concerning the possibility of having a movie night at the park this summer. Councilman Medea stated that the park will be closed all summer due to the bridge construction and suggested that the Fire Co. be asked if they would incorporate a movie night into their event schedule.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board will have its next meeting on February 27th. The school Steering Committee will meet on February 26th with their public outreach meeting to be held sometime in March. The BOE will not have a meeting on the 13th.

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee will meet on February 27th; the same night as the Planning Board. At this meeting, the Committee will discuss the proposal from Woodglen Tree Service to take down multiple dying and dangerous trees in the Park for a cost of \$10,000. Councilman Medea asked Council if they would approve this work to be done if the Parks Committee decides to move forward with this project. Council agreed citing the serious public safety issues that exist. At this meeting, the agenda will include a discussion about combining the Recreation and Parks Committees as well as discussing the audit findings that need to be addressed in the spring.

Chris Keiser, member of the Parks Committee and present in the audience, addressed Council, asking if they would approve Califon and Tewksbury Twp. children practicing Lacrosse at the park by erecting 4 poles and a Lacrosse net; essentially establishing an extra practice facility for younger ages children. The practices would take place from April 1st to June 1st. Council had no objection and encourages any activity that encourages use of the park. Councilman Medea and Mr. Keiser asked the Clerk to call Woodglen and ask that the dangerous limb, that has been caught in a tree for some time, be cut down immediately as it poses a serious safety concern. Councilman Medea reported that he attended the annual reorganization meeting of the Statewide Insurance Fund and the topic was "Active Shooters in the Workplace".

Councilwoman Smith reported that the BOE will meet on February 20th or 21st, depending on the weather.

Councilman Baggstrom read the Municipal Court report for January.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chris Keiser addressed Council stating that he liked the new energy co-op that the town has recently become the lead agency for. Mr. Keiser asked that the Mayor and Council look into the possibility of sponsoring a municipal garbage/recycling pickup. Mr. Keiser has grave concerns about the amount of garbage and recycling trucks that roam through town; stating that it is a dangerous and reckless situation endangering public safety. Councilman Haversang agreed saying that it is a quality of life issue. Mr. Haversang recommended looking into what other small towns do about this issue and perhaps send out a mailer to residents to see if there are enough residents who would be willing to opt-in and support such an idea.

There being no further business to come before Council, motion was made by C. Smith seconded by R. Baggstrom and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

