

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4 2019**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:40 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, J. COLLINS, E. HAVERSANG,
L. JANAS, M. MEDEA, C. SMITH**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by L. Janas to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 19, 2019.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by E. Haversang seconded by L. Janas to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$3,957.20.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

__ NJWSA; Julie Shelly; tree work/ash tree removal on the Winters property; Block 20 lot 4.01 is complete as of February 26th. Borough will be billed for 50% of the cost as agreed upon.

__ email from Borough Engineer Tom Boorady regarding construction cost estimate for Main St. Resurfacing project

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE 2019-02 – DISCUSSION – RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS

Mayor Daniel explained that this Ordinance was drafted by the Borough Attorney in response to Verizon’s plans to upgrade service in this area to 5g, which will require the installation of small nodes on poles within municipal boundaries. Council, having had the chance to read and review the draft ordinance agreed to proceed with introduction.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2019-02 by title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 12 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES BY ADDING SECTION 12.10.010 ENTITLED “RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS”**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-41

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Ordinance 2019-02 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 12 OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON CODE ENTITLED STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES BY ADDING SECTION 12.10.010 ENTITLED “RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS”** is hereby introduced upon first reading; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Ordinance 2019-02 will be considered for final adoption on April 1, 2018 following the public hearing; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Notice of Ordinance 2019-02 will be published in the March 20, 2019 edition of the Hunterdon Review as required by law.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2019-41 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. RESOLUTON – APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION FOR CALIFON FIRE CO. MEMBER LIAM MORRIS

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-42

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the application submitted by the Califon Fire Co., for Liam Morris’s membership into the N.J. Firemen’s Association is hereby approved by the governing body of the Borough of Califon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is duly authorized to sign and fully execute the Municipal approval portion of the application.

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by C. Smith to adopt Resolution 2019-42 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. DISCUSSION – HOFFMAN DRIVE – REQUEST TO LIMIT PARKING TO ONE SIDE OF THE STREET

Mayor Daniel reported that he had received an e-mail from a resident of Hoffman Drive with a complaint about a perceived hazard that exists when cars are parked on both sides of Hoffman Dr.; both for public safety as well as access for emergency vehicles. It is this resident's opinion that making parking on one side of the street will alleviate the problem.

The Chief of Police, Jeff Almer, was present at tonight's meeting offering to have a couple of officers initiate a positive campaign on Hoffman Dr., knocking on doors asking for resident's cooperation with parking in their driveways when too many cars are parked on the street. He also suggested that the resident initiate a survey among her neighbors asking if they would be in favor of one side of the street parking. Mayor Daniel shared that in discussions with the Fire Co., they do not feel there is a problem with getting emergency vehicles through on Hoffman even when there are cars on both sides. Chief Almer agreed that he did not think that there is a problem on that road, but to be sure, he will have his patrolmen initiate a campaign.

Chief Almer reported that there were good statistics for January. There was a short discussion on the public safety and noise issues resulting from the numerous garbage trucks in town every week. Chief Almer stated that he has never had a complaint from any resident regarding this issue. Chief Almer commented that the new pedestrian signs in town are working well and are effective in slowing cars down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks Committee met. Councilman Medea spoke with a colleague regarding the Historic Preservation Ordinance that the HPC has drafted and asked the Council to introduce. For the last few meetings when this ordinance has been discussed, Council has been debating the language in the Ordinance regarding "landscaping". After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed that the following words would be deleted from the definition for "landscaping": "hedgerows, plantings and vistas" (delete). This info will be passed on to the HPC. Council also agreed to continue this conversation at the next meeting on March 18th when this Ordinance will be on the agenda.

Councilman Haversang reported on the upcoming Recreation Committee sponsored events for 2019: Easter Egg Hunt, Trout Fest, Memorial Day, Califon Fun Days (trying to find another site), Street Fair and Christmas Tree Lighting.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board met on February 27th for a short meeting; the only business was the approval of the Professional Services Contract for Mark Anderson, Planning Board Attorney.

The School Steering Committee had to cancel their meeting scheduled for February 26th due to power outage. It has not been rescheduled and neither has the public meeting that was to be held on the 26th.

Councilwoman Smith reported that the BOE met on February 20th and discussed the following:

- 1) 3 new state mandates that have to be initiated and complied with
- 2) looking into expanding the pre-K program that is currently losing money
- 3) Kindergarten roundup for next year – only 4-5 students...thinking about combining Kindergarten and 1st grade – decision by May
- 4) March 12th – budget presentation at 6:30 pm; public hearing on the budget April 30th at 7:30 pm

Councilman Baggstrom had no report

Councilman Collins will speak to the Mayor about his new assignments to the Board of Healthy and the Environmental Commission

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel, in response to resident Chris Keiser's recommendation to implement a Municipal sponsored garbage pickup, researched how the numbers work in Kinnelon Borough; a municipality that does have a Municipal garbage pickup. It would most likely result in saving residents about ½ of the price they are now paying, however, taxes would most likely go up and such a program would also require a salary for a full-time person to administer.

Mayor Daniel reported that the Fire Company has asked to submit a 2019 budget request. They have been told to have their request to the Clerk by March 8th.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion as made by C. Smith seconded by E. Haversang and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

