

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2019**

Council President Michael Medea 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 annual notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat.”*

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: R. BAGGSTROM, J. COLLINS, L. JANAS, M. MEDEA,
C. SMITH
ABSENT: MAYOR CHARLES DANIEL (arrived 8:20 p.m.)
E. HAVERSANG**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by L. Janas to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 3, 2019.

For: R. Baggstrom, J. Collins, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: E. Haversang

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by J. Collins to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$674,506.55.

For: R. Baggstrom, J. Collins, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: E. Haversang

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

__ Elected Officials’ Seminar – sponsored by Washington Twp, Morris County; to be held at Washington Twp. Senior Center; 35 E. Springtown Rd., Long Valley, N.J. 07853

__ George and Zack Waseleski, OEM Coordinators, on vacation from June 24th to the 30th
 __ Califon Municipal Court monthly report for month of May
 __ e-mail from Julie Shelly, N.J.W.S.A.; NJWSA staff at Nellie Hoffman property to identify hazardous ash trees also identified a blocked culvert, in need of clearing, that is flooding the shared driveway with John Kostick at 59 River Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MUNICIPAL AID GRANT FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION – CHOOSE A ROAD FOR APPLICATION DUE JULY, 2019

Council discussed what road to prioritize for the application that will be submitted to DOT for a Municipal Aid Grant. The Clerk reported that the Mayor, who will be in attendance later, has indicated that he would choose Califon-Cokesbury Rd. as #1 and Cloverhill/Crestmore/Limerock as the #2 choice. Council President Medea agreed that Califon-Cokesbury Rd. should be the #1 choice, particularly since it has the greatest chance of being awarded by DOT because of its intersection with other municipalities. Councilman Janas agreed with Council President Medea and reiterated that if Califon has two choices then he would agree with the Mayor that Cloverhill/Crestmore/Limerock should be the second choice. Council as a whole concurred that Califon-Cokesbury Rd. be chosen for the application to DOT for a Municipal Aid Grant and the Borough Engineer, Tom Boorady, will be instructed to make that application by the July deadline. Mr. Boorady will be asked to prepare plans for the Pershing Ave. reconstruction project that is slated to be done this year. The S. Main St. project will be done in 2020. Council President Medea stated that he and the Mayor will meet with Mr. Boorady in Califon on June 28th to review all the roads scheduled for paving/drainage, etc.

B. STATUS – ISLAND PARK BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Clerk read several e-mails from Keller & Kirkpatrick to CMS Contractors regarding the outstanding preconstruction work that must be submitted before bridge construction can begin; in particular, the vibration monitoring information.

Because of this delay in the preconstruction work, the construction did not begin today, the 17th, as originally targeted and has now been rescheduled to begin July 8, 2019. The preliminary schedule has the project concluding by the August 30th. The park will remain open until July 8th. The Washington Twp. DPW will be notified that they can continue to maintain the ball fields until the 8th. Councilman Baggstrom will purchase “Construction Zone – DANGER” signs from Home Depot to be placed at the entrance to the park and at the boardwalk entrance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board meeting will be held on June 26th. There was a meeting of the school Steering Committee held at Chris Keiser’s house on June 12th. Information gathered at the last Steering Committee meeting was organized and categorized. The Steering Committee will present a formal report to the Board of Ed by September. There will be a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, June 19th. Before the regular meeting, the BOE will have interviews for the appointment of a new Board of Ed member; the

seat left vacant by the resignation of Mark Cantegallo. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on July 10th.

Councilwoman Smith had no report for tonight's meeting.

Councilman Baggstrom read the quarterly report for the DPW for the 1st and 2nd quarter.

Councilman Baggstrom read the Police report for the month of May – 538 calls

Councilman Baggstrom read the Municipal Court report for the month of May.

Councilman Collins reported that to date the Environmental Commission has not met and organized. The Board of Health did not meet last month due to lack of agenda items.

Councilman Collins reported that there is a new tick-borne disease, Powassan, that the BOH should post on the website to make residents aware. BOH Secretary, Karen Mastro, will be asked to place this information on the website.

Council President Medea asked if any progress has been made on the issue of mowing the grass at the park while the bridge reconstruction project is underway. The Clerk reported that she has been in discussions with Kevin Pyatt of the DPW along with Charlie Matarazzo of Cedar Ridge Landscaping. They have suggested that the Borough purchase heavy mats, such as the kind that go under cranes, to be placed across the stream down from the construction site, providing a temporary bridge to get the lawn mowing equipment into the park. Mr. Matarazzo will be providing a quotation regarding the cost of the mats. Council President Medea asked that the Washington Township DPW be advised that the closing of the park will not take place until the 8th of July so that they can continue with the ballfield maintenance services, as provided in the interlocal agreement, until the 8th of July. Council President Medea asked if anyone knew who keeps moving the "Pedestrian Crossing" sign to the side of the road. No one seemed to be aware of who it is that continues to do this on a daily basis.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that he was in attendance at the Califon School 8th grade graduation to present the Mayor and Council Civic Leadership Award to Alex Kibler. In his speech, the Mayor highlighted the former Mayor, James Ball, in whose name the award was given and Catherine McVicker, who continued bestowing this 8th grade award until her passing last year. Mayor Daniel reported that Dr. Roberto, school CSA, gave an outstanding and heartfelt speech honoring Dr. Patton, Principal, the students and the teachers. There were 9 graduates; only one girl in the class who received a special bracelet from the rest of the boys in the class. Will Keiser, son of Chris Keiser, was presented with the Presidential Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. Jill Harrison, former Califon School student, was the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS**A. HONORING BETH WOLFMAYER – YEARS OF SERVICE AS CALIFON’S OEM COORDINATOR**

Beth Wolfmayer arrived at the meeting at 8:20 pm. Ms. Wolfmayer resigned as OEM Coordinator on January 1, 2019 after serving the Borough for 10 years. Mayor Daniel presented Ms. Wolfmayer with a card and gift card thanking her, on behalf of the staff and Council, for her many years of dedicated and outstanding service during the various emergencies, such as Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy, over the many years. Mayor Daniel, the Clerk and Council members wished Ms. Wolfmayer much happiness as they move to North Carolina over the summer. Ms. Wolfmayer thanked the Mayor and Council, along with the Clerk and Dep. Clerk for their help and assistance during the various emergencies. Ms. Wolfmayer concluded by saying that she has great confidence that the new OEM Coordinators, George and Zack Waseleski will provide outstanding service in their new duties.

There being no further business to come before Council as this time, motion was made by C. Smith seconded by M. Medea and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator