**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Borough of Califon Council was called to order by Mayor Charles Daniel at 7:38 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 Borough of Califon 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.”***

***“Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the State of Emergency imposed by Governor Phil Murphy, the Borough of Califon Council will hold their regularly scheduled monthly Council meetings conducted remotely through a web-based platform called Zoom until the Borough is fully opened and operational to the public. Public notification regarding access to the Zoom Council meetings will be posted on the Borough website and Facebook. Adequate notification of this change of format has also been provided to both the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat.”***

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: J. COLLINS, E. HAVERSANG, L. JANAS, M. MEDEA,**

**C. SMITH**

**ABSENT: R. BAGGSTROM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by J. Collins seconded by L. Janas to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 2, 2020.

For: J. Collins, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: R. Baggstrom

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by E. Haversang to approve the minutes from the Executive Session meeting held on November 2, 2020.

For: J. Collins, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: R. Baggstrom

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by C. Smith to approve the list of bills in the amount of $147,143.71.

For: J. Collins, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: R. Baggstrom

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

The Tax Collector’s Report was reviewed and filed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

\_\_ e-mail from Patty Nanna, Historical Society, requesting a letter to accompany application to the William Pomeroy Foundation for a grant to purchase an historic marker for Nellie Hoffman property

\_\_ Karen Mastro, Dog Registrar, investigating options for new ACO in 2021; 2 interested parties: Animal Control Solutions and Laura Roerig; also investigating a shared service with Clinton Township

\_\_ Califon School; public notice; revision of starting time for BOE meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm beginning with the December 16, 2020 meeting; also, strategic planning meetings to be held on December 7th; January 11th; February 1st to begin at 6:00 pm

\_\_ Califon Court; monthly report for month of October

\_\_e-mail from Rec Committee Chair, Amanda Altavilla to Mayor and Council requesting leftover budget funding to be used to purchase holiday decorations and perhaps a stage for the street fair or an updated PA system as well as requesting assistance with events from the DPW

\_\_ e-mail from Jenn Ader, Municipal Clerk Tewksbury Twp. confirming the date of Tuesday, November 24th at 9:00 am via Zoom for discussion on the renewal of the DPW interlocal services agreement

\_\_ Stan Prader from JCP&L on medical leave from November 19th to early January; Carol Bianchi will take his place as External Affairs Consultant for Califon

\_\_ email from Bill Kibler regarding Coles Mill Dam and discussions with Phil Euler, owner of the dam and his willingness to decommission the dam; letter will be sent to Dam Safety and a project team; preliminary design and a budget for the removal will be worked up.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF MEMERSHIP OF DOUGLAS LUCAS INTO THE NJ STTE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2020-74**

WHEREAS, The Califon Fire Co. has submitted an application on behalf of Doug Lucas for his membership into the NJ Firemen’s Association; and

**WHEREAS,** it is a requirement of this application for membership that the Borough of Califon governing body approve Doug Lucas’s membership in the Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the membership of Doug Lucas into the NJ Firemen’s Association is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and seal the membership application of Doug Lucas as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signed and sealed application will be forwarded to the Califon Fire Co. for filing with the NJ Firemen’s Association.

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by C. Smith to adopt Resolution 2020-74 as read.

For: J. Collins, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: R. Baggstrom

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **RESOLUTION – APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO APPLY TO THE WILLIM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION FOR A NATIONAL REGISTER SIGNAGE GRANT TO RECEIVE A FREE 2’ x 3’**

**ROADSIDE MARKER TO BE PLACED ON THE NELLIE HOFFMAN PROPERTY**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2020-75**

**WHEREAS,** the William G. Pomeroy Foundation is awarding funding for a National Register Signage Grant for the purchase of a free 2’ x 3’ roadside historic marker; and

**WHEREAS,** the Califon Historical Society desires to submit an application to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation with the hope of being awarded a National Register Signage Grant for the purchase of this historical marker; and

**WHEREAS,** the Califon Historical Society, if awarded the grant, wishes to place the historical marker at the Califon Nellie Hoffman property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon, as owners of the Nellie Hoffman property, fully supports the submission of an application to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for a grant to purchase a historic roadside marker to be placed at the Nellie Hoffman property; fully funded by the grant if received, at no cost to the Borough of Califon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Borough of Califon to be forwarded to the Califon Historical Society to accompany the application, completed by the Historical Society, and sent to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2020-76 as read.

For: J. Collins, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, C. Smith

Opposed: None

Absent: R. Baggstrom

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Medea had no report for the Parks Committee.

Councilman Medea reported that the County was working at the corner of upper Raritan Dr. and Main St. to repave the depression that developed at that intersection.

Councilman Haversang reported that the Recreation Committee met last Wednesday. They will be decorating for the holidays this coming Saturday. Councilman Haversang reported that there is still no one who has volunteered to take Amanda’s place as Chairperson of the Rec. Committee in 2021. He also declared that the Committee is in desperate need of more volunteers to help with events during the year. Councilman Haversang reported that the Christmas tree lighting event may have to be virtual this year however, he would prefer, if possible, that it be held in person.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board will cancel their November meeting but will hold the meeting in December.

Councilwoman Smith reported that the Board of Education will meet this Wednesday and she will report at the next meeting.

Councilman Collins reported that the Board of Health November meeting was cancelled.

Councilman Collins reported that the checks for the Weis Dam project were received from Trout Unlimited. Tom Mathews, County Engineer, has been taking unused vacation time and has not been available, to date, to respond to Mark Anderson’s letter inquiring as to the County’s interest in donating the parkland to the Borough. Councilman Collins reported that, at this point, he would recommend that Attorney Anderson attempt to contact the County attorney.

Councilman Collins reported that the letter from the Borough will be sent to JCP&L to authorize commencement of the streetlight replacement project. Many thanks to Jennifer Gross for her hard work on this project.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Daniel reported that at this weeks NJLM conference, there will be a seminar held tomorrow at 1:00 pm regarding information on the removal of dams in NJ.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**None**

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by C. Smith seconded by J. Collins and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC

Municipal Clerk/Administrator