

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 2023**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

**Also, Present Via Zoom: Borough Attorney, Mark Anderson
Chief Jeff Almer**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting

Councilman Ruggiero stated that in the second paragraph of Public Comments, it states that, “Chief Almer advised...” when Chief Almer was not at the meeting. The sentence should reflect that Chief Almer had advised Mayor Daniel that the Dot Would not assess Main Street for an additional Stop sign.

A motion was made by M. Medea seconded by C. Smith to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2023, with the above changes noted.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith
Abstain: E. Haversang
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

LIST OF BILLS

A motion was made by J. Ruggiero seconded by C. Smith to approve the list of bills for \$190,883.31.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

_ 11-1-23- Letter from the NJDOT advising that Califon Borough has been selected to receive funding through the NJDOT 2024 Municipal Aid Program.

_10-31-23- Notice of a hearing scheduled for 11/27/23 in connection with a petition from Aqua for 2024 PSTAC rate & and True -Up for 2021 and 2022 rates.

_10-18-23- Notice of Public hearing scheduled for November 14th via Zoom for review and approval of increases and other adjustments.

_10-27-23-email from K. Pyatt of DPW that a short-term fix to the water flow issue on Eisenhower Ave was completed on the 27th.

_10-23-23- email from L. Bonham, Superintendent of Bridges for the County that he has referred my email of 10-18-23 to the Director of Public Works.

_10-23-23-email from SAGE NJDCA advising that all local and regional fire departments in NJ are eligible to apply for the 2024 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Program. Applications are due by December 8th.

_10-24-23- Email to CFC asking if they were interested in doing the Christmas tree pick-up again this year.

_1030-23-Clerk Mastro advised that she met and worked with CFO, A. Monahan and completed the Best Practices Survey.

At this time, the Mayor moved to Public Comments on the agenda.

Chris Danik of 84 Main Street, Califon advised that he was attending to thank the council for their continued efforts to keep the speeding issues throughout the town under control. Mr. Danik said he hoped the Council would apply any controls or measures for speeding on Main Street for the entire road and not just one section.

With no further comments to be made by the public, Mayor Daniel moved to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 2023-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON BY AMENDING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5.08 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, WHICH IS ENTITLED "CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS"

Mark Anderson, Borough attorney, advised that he prepared a new Solicitors Ordinance based upon the Ordinance provided to him by clerk Mastro. M. Anderson advised that he also prepared just the NO Knock portion of a solicitors Ordinance, which could be adopted by itself and would accompany Califon's existing Solicitors Ordinance.

Council members unanimously agreed to table this introduction until the next meeting on November 16, 2023.

M. Anderson asked council members to send him any suggestions and questions concerning this Ordinance before the next meeting.

B. B. RESOLUTION 2023- 73- Shared Services with Washington Township for Infield Grooming – Baseball fields at Califon Island Park

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON
Hunterdon County, New Jersey
No. 2023-73

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon and the Township of Washington, County of Morris, desire to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement for the provision by the Township of Washington to provide infield grooming services to the Borough of Califon; and

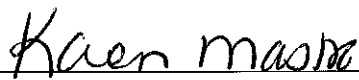
Municipalities can enter into such agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, and the Township of Washington, County of Morris, for services by the Department of Public Works of the Township of Washington to groom the infields at Califon Island Park for a term to commence April 1, 2024, and to terminate on October 31, 2024; and April 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025.
2. A copy of this Agreement is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk for inspection by the public.
3. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Division.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Califon Council at a regular meeting held on November 2, 2023.



 Karen Mastro, RMC
 Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion was made by M. Medea seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2023-73 as read.
 For: E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith
 Absent: R. Baggstrom

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea advised he had nothing to report.

Councilman Haversang advised that he stopped by the Car Show at Califon Island Park on Sunday, and it was a great event. Cm Haversang advised that it was very well organized and attended, and the food was great.

Cm Haversang advised that the Califon Environmental Commission will be having a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 9th, at 7:30. There will be a guest, George Casa, speaking with members of the EC and other Borough Committees and boards about Highlands Grants and which grants may be available for projects they have identified.

CM Haversang reported that on October 25th he attended a partnership call about dams and dam removals nationwide.

Cm Haversang reported contacting the County concerning the Weiss Mill Dam Remnant property.

Cm Haversang advised that the annual dinner at the firehouse will be on November 18th.

Councilman Janas advised he had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Smith advised that she had nothing to report.

Councilman Ruggiero reported running some speed tests on the municipal office's equipment, showing we were way below average concerning bandwidth. Contact was made with Comcast, who advised that our equipment has not changed since 2014. An order to upgrade was completed. Hopefully, this will help with our Zoom meetings.

Councilman Ruggiero reported that Councilman Haversang donated a couple of cameras he will set up at the park to see how it works out.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that the Halloween parade was a big success, and the Califon Fire Company did a great job organizing and putting together the judging at the firehouse.

With no further business to attend. C. Smith made a motion, seconded by L. Janas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33.

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

Absent: R. Baggstrom

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 2023-74

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon that an Executive Session, not open to the public, shall be held immediately following the adoption of this Resolution for the purposes of

Discussion of contract negotiations.

Discussion of Shared Service Agreements

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the regular meeting will continue, and further public discussion and action may occur.

It is anticipated that the minutes of the Executive Session may be disclosed to the public as to Shared Service Agreements after action is taken or it is determined that action will not be taken.

As to contract negotiations, when the contract negotiations are concluded or terminated, and the public interest no longer requires confidentiality.

Motion was made by C. Smith Seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2023-74 as stated.

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

Absent: R. Bagstrom

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

With no business to attend, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm seconded by L. Janas.

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mastro, RMC,CMR

