

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2023**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 5, 2023, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by C. Smith seconded by J. Ruggiero to approve the meeting minutes of September 7, 2023.

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

Abstain: E. Haversang

Opposed: None

LIST OF BILLS

A motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by M. Medea to approve the list of bills for \$657,760.61.

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

Opposed: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ CLERK REPORT

_ email 10/19/23 from NJ Historical Commission and Crossroads of the American Revolution about becoming part of the Revolution NJ Community. Revolution NJ has been established to provide programs and resources to municipalities for the upcoming 250 anniversary of the USA.

_Emergency Operation Plan- Clerk advised that the Borough’s EOP is being updated and will then be submitted to the County and then the state.

_ Clerk Mastro advised that two surveillance signs for the park have been ordered and will be ordering a camera soon.

_ email-10/11/23 from K. Pyatt, DPW, suggesting that the Borough budget \$15,000 for crack sealing of roads.

_ email 10/18/23- JCP&L Mechanical and lighting upgrade/incentive. A direct install program sponsored by JCP&L for HVAC units and fluorescent lighting. JCP&L replaces with new equipment at an incentivized rate. Covers up to 70% of the overall costs.

_ email 10/17/23- K. Pyatt, DPW- advising he had the vactor truck clean out the stormwater baffle in Main St.

_ Email 10/17/23 Go Hunterdon advising that October is Pedestrian Safety Month.

_ Clerk Mastro advised that the state Historic review application was submitted concerning the roof replacement.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katilyn Schobert of 42 Main Street advised she wanted to hear the council members' reaction to Chief Almer's Thursday, October 12th email regarding the speed data he attached.

According to this email. The average speed in 2022 was 27mph. The highest speed range received was in the 40-50 mph range, but almost all were in the 21- 30 range. Ms. Schobert advised that she would like the council to continue investigating the various methods to help control traffic and speed, as discussed in the previous meeting. Ms. Schobert wanted to know if the council was still planning on ordering another speed sign, looking into speed tables, and possibly adding a stop sign at Philhower.

Chief Almer advised that the DOT not assess Main Street for an additional stop sign; however, Mayor Daniel said we will ask the Borough engineer to assess this intersection and roadway for an additional sign.

NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 2023-06- TABLED

B. RESOLUTION 2023-71- Approval of Service Contract with K. M. Gomes and Sons HVAC.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2023-71

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon hereby approve the Agreement between the Borough of Califon and K.M. Gomes and Sons HVAC for maintenance/inspection services on air conditioning and heating systems in the Califon Municipal Building and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the four annual inspection services will be provided for \$1,150.00 per year at a rate of \$222.50 per inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of this Agreement will be from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign and fully execute the Agreement with K.M. Gomes and Sons HVAC.

A motion was made by C. Smith seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2023-71 as read.

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

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. RESOLUTION 2023-72- Establishment of Curfew Hours for Halloween Eve and Halloween.

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2023- 72
ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING A JUVENILE CURFEW IN THE
BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

WHEREAS, (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.52) authorizes and empowers a municipality to adopt a Resolution making it unlawful for a juvenile of any age under 18 years within the discretion of the municipality to be on any public street or in a public place between hours as so designated by the governing body unless engaged in, or traveling from a business or activity which the laws of this State authorize a juvenile to perform and making it unlawful for any parent or guardian to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place during those hours; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon have determined the need for a curfew for juveniles and have determined that the Governing Body shall, by resolution, declare a curfew in the Municipality for a period of not more than ninety (90) days and under such conditions as are prescribed by the Governing Body and such curfew shall commence not earlier than 9:00 p.m. and shall end not later than 5:00 a.m. during each of the curfew dates established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon as follows:

1. **Establishment of Juvenile Curfew.** A juvenile curfew is hereby established and declared in the Borough of Califon, commencing at 9:00 p.m. and ending 5:00 a.m. on the following curfew dates:

Friday, October 27, 2023 through Wednesday, November 1, 2023

2. **Conditions of Curfew.** During the curfew established herein, it shall be unlawful for any juvenile under the age of 18 years to be on any public street, or in a public place, either on foot or in a vehicle, within the Borough of Califon during the above designated time.
3. **Exceptions to Curfew.** The above established curfew shall not apply to juveniles:

- a. When the juvenile is engaged in an errand involving a medical emergency
 - b. When the juvenile is in attendance at an extracurricular school activity sponsored by a religious or community-based organization, or other cultural, educational, or social event.
 - c. When the work time of the juvenile who is gainfully and lawfully employed overlaps the curfew hours
 - d. When the juvenile is an attendant as a bona fide student at an evening school of instruction.
 - e. When the juvenile is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult having the care and custody of the juvenile
 - f. Where the juvenile is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by the juvenile's parent or guardian
4. **Responsibility of Parent or Guardian.** During the curfew herein established, it shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of a juvenile to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place in violation of hereunder.
 5. **Posting, Publication and Distribution of Curfew Notice.** Copies of the above Resolution shall be posted in such public or quasi-public places as may be designated by the Governing Body and may be published in such newspapers as the Governing Body shall designate. Copies shall also be supplied to area schools with a request that they make students aware of the curfew. Failure to post, publish or distribute this Resolution shall not relieve any person from the obligation of complying with the terms of the curfew imposed hereunder.
 6. **Notification to Law Enforcement Agencies.** Certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent by the Municipal Clerk to law enforcement agencies, including the Municipal Police Dept., and the New Jersey State Police.

A motion was made by R. Baggstrom and seconded by J. Ruggiero to approve Resolution 2023-72 as read.

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

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea reported that the street fair was excellent, and everything went smoothly. The Parks and Recreation Committee will have a debriefing soon.

Councilman Haversang reported that George Casa a former member of the Highlands Coalition Will be attending the November 9th, Environmental Commission meeting to lend his expertise in the various Highlands Grant opportunities and process.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning and Zoning meeting met last night where Ray Fotta was sworn in as an alternate member. Councilman Janas advised that an informal hearing

concerning a new project for single-family home construction at 71 Academy also occurred. This property is in the Historic District; however, the home is not registered as a historic structure. The new owners plan on razing the existing structure and building a new home and garage. The architect, E. Columbro, presented his plans to the board members. The owners must first apply for a Highlands exemption as the Highlands preservation component must be satisfied. Once this is completed, the planning and historical review by the planning board can be done collectively.

Councilwoman Smith reported that she did not attend the Historical Society meeting as she attended the North Hunterdon Board of Ed meeting. Councilwoman Smith advised that the NJGPA test results were discussed, and Voorhees's proficiency rate was 85% in the language arts, whereas North Hunterdon's was 55%. Voorhees's proficiency rate in Algebra One was 43.5, and North Hunterdon's was 22.3.

Voorhees and North Hunterdon recently combined their marching bands and participated in the New York City Columbus Day Parade.

Councilwoman Smith reported that she attended the Califon Board of Education meeting. A trip to Ellis Island is coming up for grades 3rd through 5th.

The High Impact Tutoring Grant application has been completed, and they are now waiting for the grant to come through.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that we had already covered what he would go over.

Councilman Ruggiero advised that he had nothing to report.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that the Street Fair was once again a lot of fun, and it was nice to see everyone walking around enjoying their time. Mayor Daniel stated he was glad to be saved from the pie-eating contest at the last minute! Mayor Daniel thanked all the volunteers who spent their time planning so this event could take place.

With no further business to come before the Council, C. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 seconded by R. Baggstrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mastro, RMC