**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

Mayor Charles Daniel 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.”***

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**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: R. Baggstrom, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero C. Smith**

**ABSENT: E. Haversang**

**ALSO PRESENT: Mark Anderson, Borough Attorney** (via Zoom)

Chief J. Almer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by M. Medea to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2023.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: E. Haversang

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by L. Janas, seconded by C. Smith to approve the list of bills in the amount of $610,606.23.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: E. Haversang

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT**

The Tax Collectors report of February 2nd was reviewed and filed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**\_**Jan 20th, Tewksbury Twp, copy of Ordinance 2023-03 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

\_Jan 25th, Tewksbury Twp, copy of Ordinance 2023-01 Replacing Admin & Personnel of Board of Health to be assumed by Township committee members.

\_Jan 25th , email- Kevin Pyatt regarding potholes on Philhower.

\_Jan 27th, Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board- announcing public meeting on March 9th at 8pm to learn about a draft comprehensive farmland preservation plan update.

**CHIEF ALMER’S REPORT- WASHINGTON TWP / CALIFON BOROUGH POLICE**

At this time, Mayor Daniel invited Chief Jeff Almer to discuss any updates or comments.

Chief Almer advised that January was a good month. They were full staffed and we had just under 40 motor vehicle stops and 740 plus logs.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2023-01.**

Mayor Daniel opened the meeting up for public hearing on Ordinance 2023-01. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Daniel closed the public hearing.

Councilman Ruggiero made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 for final adoption with a second by Councilman Baggstrom.

**ORDINANCE 2023-01**

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $6,351.49 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Califon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to $22,230.22, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Borough of Califon be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Vote after public hearing and upon final adoption:

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

Opposed: None

Absent: E. Haversang

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2023-02.**

Mayor Daniel opened the meeting up for public hearing on Ordinance 2023-02. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Daniel closed the public hearing.

Councilman Janas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 for final adoption with a second by Councilman Medea

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**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-02**

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON BY REPEALING SECTION 16.16.070 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 16.18 ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION" ADOPTING FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; AND DESIGNATING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Vote after public hearing and upon final adoption:

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

Opposed: None

Absent: E. Haversang

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **CALIFON CRUISERS CAR SHOWS OF 2023-** Bruce Morrow, Chairman of the

Califon Veteran’s Memorial group advised that they are once again planning a car show on June 18th and another one on September 29th. Mr. Morrow asked permission to use the park for these two events.

Mr. Morrow also advised that they will be hosting the Wednesday night Cruise Night at the Victorian Square Mall again this year. These shows will start on April 26th and end on September 27th. They go from 5 to 8 pm and there are between 30 to 60 cars that participate.

Mr. Morrow also advised that Washington Township, Morris County will be hosting the Vietnam Memorial Wall in their township this fall at Palmer Park. Mr. Morrow is assisting in the organization of this event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CALIFON BOROUGH**

**COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION 2023-31**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Adoption upon Roll Call)

“Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion. Any items that require expenditures are supported by a certification of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes.”

* Woodglen Tree Service Estimate - $8000.00 – for the cutting down of approximately 25 dead and diseased trees at Califon Island Park
* The Re- enrollment to the Energy Cooperative Program for Hunterdon County

Cooperative Program

* LOSAP Participation Applications- Notifications- R. Riccio- Califon First Aid & William Alexander Kibler- Califon Fire Company
* Approval of Application for William A. Kibler to the NJ Fireman’s Association
* Approval of the annual Super 50/50 Raffle License for Califon Fire Company License # 2023-01; drawing on 7-13-23 @ 7:00pm.

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the above items on the consent agenda seconded by Councilman Medea.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: E. Haversang

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Medea advised that the Parks & Recreation Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 8th via Zoom. The next activity will be the Easter Egg hunt or the past couple of years they have had a scavenger hunt which was a big success. As of now, there is no one that has volunteered to lead this event.

Memorial Day is currently being planned by Deputy Clerk, B. Thomas with resident B. Morrow arranging for speakers.

Councilman Medea reported that the Planning and Zoning will be meeting on February 15th.

Councilwoman Smith advised that she did not have anything to report.

Councilman Ruggiero stated that he would first like to make a public service announcement that the Califon Girls Basketball team will be playing in the championship game at the Voorhees High School on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 pm. They will be playing Tewksbury.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that the Aqua Lead service line replacement project is still in phase one. Test pits should be concluded in the next two weeks. A meeting prior to phase 2 will take place. Councilman Ruggiero asked what happens when the service line is under a driveway or sidewalk? More information will be ascertained at the next meeting, but Councilman Baggstrom and Councilman Medea advised that they will have to cut into the driveway / sidewalk and then use a “torpedo” method. More details will be found at the next meeting.

Councilman Ruggiero advised that the new printer that was ordered arrived and the three new desktops are in and will be set up sometime next week by MSI.

Councilman Ruggiero advised that he went through the website page by page link by link and flagged any dead links or updates that were needed and sent the list to the clerk. Deputy Clerk B. Thomas is working on making the changes.

The digital Crier went out on the first and he has received some great feedback.

Councilman Ruggiero posted a need for photos of the Califon area we could use on our website and he received quite a few from resident P. Nanna.

Clerk Mastro stated that it is so nice to have Councilman Ruggiero as our Tech Consultant and appreciates the help!

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Daniel reported that the Califon Fire Co did receive a grant for $43,000 from the State American Rescue Plan and will be purchasing industrial washer and dryer.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

B. Morrow of Academy St asked the Mayor and Council members if the town was planning on doing any chip n seal or if we know if the County will be doing any? He is concerned about the upcoming car shows as many car show participants will not drive on chip n seal.

Mayor Daniel advised that he does not know of any County plans and we do not have any.

With no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by C. Smith seconded by R. Baggstrom and unanimously accepted at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mastro, RMC