

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2024**

“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this first 2024 regular meeting of the Califon Borough Council has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the legal notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat”.

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

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by M. Medea seconded by C. Smith to approve the minutes from the Reorganization and regular meeting held on January 4, 2024.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: R. Baggstrom

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Councilman Baggstrom suggested that we get a quote from a competitive provider for internet and phone.

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by C. Smith to approve the list of bills for \$11,571.11.

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

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

SWEARING IN

Mayor Daniel swore in Richard Baggstrom into office as Councilman. Councilman Baggstrom will serve three years, ending on 12/31/26.

CORRESPONDENCE

_email-1.15.24-Detective Olah advising that they have confirmed the responsible party for the graffiti vandalism at the Califon park and Califon Commons park.

_1.1.24- JCP&L – application for an extension of Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit to maintain existing PSE&G Natural Gas Transmission System Rights of Way to Permit Selective Herbicide Application within Riparian Zones.

_letter-1.8.24- from M. Tippett, Executive Director of RHA, seeking permission to access Borough-owned property to conduct technical investigations associated with the Coles Mill dam removal project.

_letter-1.11.24- Hunterdon County Planning Board- Public Hearing Notice- February 1, 2024 @8:15 am Growth Management Plan

_email-1.11.24-FY24-Local Recreation Improvement Grant from the Div of Local Govt Services. Deadline 2.27.24.

_letter-1.2.24- Resident S. Mushman & G. Milo outline the flooding that has taken place to their residence since they purchased the home a year ago. I would like to see the town make repairs and plan for mitigation.

_email-1.9.24- T. Boorady concerning Wade Farm Lane- Street is still within Wilmark's possession. We have not received a maintenance bond or deed dedicating the roadway to Borough.

OLD BUSINESS- REVIEW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Council members reviewed the Holiday Schedule for the Municipal Offices. The office observes all Federal and State holidays except Juneteenth and Election Day. In addition to the Federal and State Holidays, the office is closed on the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and the day after Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2024-24- AGREEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF TONNAGE REPORT SERVICES

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2024-24

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LINDA LEIDNER, CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR, FOR CERTIFICATION OF CALIFON'S TONNAGE REPORT IN 2024.

WHEREAS, all municipalities are required to collect their towns' recycling data and produce a tonnage report and

WHEREAS, the State and County require these tonnage reports to be certified by a certified recycling coordinator before submission to the County and

WHEREAS, Califon does not have a certified recycling coordinator. Hampton Borough does, and this recycling coordinator, Linda Leidner, has agreed to review and perform the certification of our tonnage report, before submitting it to the County:

WHEREAS, Linda Leidner has submitted a copy of her Certified Recycling Coordinator certification and W-9 form and has agreed to provide this once-a-year service for \$50.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon that the contract between the Borough of Califon and Linda Leidner for Certification of Tonnage Reports in 2024 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by E. Haversang to adopt Resolution 2024-24 as read.

For: Unanimous

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

**B. APPOINTMENT OF DENEAN PROBASCO AS CALIFON
PLANNING /ZONING SECRETARY**

Mayor Daniel announced that Clerk K. Mastro has advised that she and Chairman Owens would like to extend this part-time position to Denean Probasco for Planning Board Secretary. Mayor Daniel appointed Denean Probasco as the Califon Borough Planning Board secretary effective January 19, 2024.

Positive Consensus

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea advised that PARCS did not meet in January and that a Reorganization meeting is scheduled for February 7th.

Councilman Medea reported that he is writing a notice to the residents advising of the need for volunteers. Notice will be sent to the school for distribution, as well as our website, Facebook, and the Crier.

Councilman Haversang reported that there is an Environmental Commission meeting next Tuesday.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning Board had their reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 17th.

Art Owens was elected Chairman, and the professional services contracts were approved with no changes from last year.

A brief discussion occurred about the need for the board to examine the Air BnB regulations and how the town will respond. The next meeting is February 21st.

Councilwoman Smith advised that the Board of Ed met last night.

Kindergarten Round-Up will take place on March 20th.

Dr. Cone's new employment contract was approved.

Enrollment is 83.

The ARP Grant was discussed as they have \$170,000 remaining of the \$300,000 total grant.

Councilman Baggstrom advised he had nothing to report.

Councilman Ruggiero reported meeting with Clerk Mastro to discuss the website changes and updates needed.

Councilman Ruggiero also reported that the cameras in the park will be reinstalled sometime in the near future.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Daniel advised he had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2024-25

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

attorney-client discussion with the Borough Attorney.

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

It is anticipated that minutes of the Executive Session may be disclosed to the public as to

as to discussions with the Borough Attorney, since the attorney-client privilege has no specific expiration date, the Borough Council may disclose the minutes when it determines that the public interest no longer requires confidentiality.

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by L. Janas to adopt Resolution 2024-25 as read.

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

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by J. Ruggiero to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:35 pm.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, a motion was made by C. Smith, seconded by L. Janas, and unanimously accepted to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Mastro RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator