

## Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2022

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Sunday, January 2, 2022. The meeting began at 11:01am at Borough Hall and was held simultaneously via tele/video-conference.

Mayor Alessi called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. He provided a statement regarding the conduct of the teleconference which would allow members of the public to participate and be heard during public comment.

Mayor Alessi asked Mrs. Deborah Astorino and Mrs. Leigh Kessler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification of Results of November 2, 2021 General Election – Francis X. Astorino**

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti presented the Certification of Results of the November 2, 2021 General Election wherein it is stated that Francis X. Astorino was duly elected as Council Member to a three-year term to expire December 31, 2024.

The Honorable Joseph C. Angelo administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Astorino. Councilman Astorino thanked the voters for their trust and he presented goals for his new term in office including renovations of the Gould Avenue Recreation Complex, cellular phone service improvements, a strong financial status, electric vehicle charging stations and activities at Walker's Pond. He committed to a dedicated, transparent and fair Council.

### **Certification of Results of November 2, 2021 General Election – Robert C. Kessler, Jr.**

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti presented the Certification of Results of the November 2, 2021 General Election wherein it is stated that Robert C. Kessler, Jr. was duly elected as Council Member to a three-year term to expire December 31, 2024.

The Honorable Joseph C. Angelo administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Kessler. Councilman Kessler congratulated Judge Angelo on his appointment as Municipal Court Judge and thanked former Municipal Court Judge O'Connor for his service. He thanked all who helped his campaign, Mayor Alessi, all who serve the Borough and his family. He reflected on past accomplishments including the renovation of the Liberty Turf Field, the traffic light installation at the West Essex Regional School campus, the dog park and the acquisition of the Walker property. He promised continued improvements of infrastructure and stormwater drainage while maintaining a strong-knit community.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Joseph H. Alessi, Councilman Frank Astorino, Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Anthony Floria-Callori, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Arthur Rees.

Absent: Councilman Tilton.

Also present were: Mr. Mark Semeraro, Esq., Borough Attorney; Kevin O'Sullivan, Borough Administrator; Rich Mondelli, Chief Financial Officer; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

### **Mayor's Annual Address**

Mayor Alessi welcomed The Honorable Judge Joseph Angelo, State Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assemblyman Jay Webber and Assemblyman-Elect Christian Barranco. He thanked Governor Murphy and Essex County Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. for their leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Alessi expressed his appreciation for the past accomplishments of Councilman Astorino and Councilman Kessler and looked forward to continuing their work together for North Caldwell.

### **Election of Council President**

Councilman Rees nominated Councilman Astorino for Council President noting his dedication and leadership skills. He made a motion to elect Councilman Astorino as Council President for the year 2022, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

### **Council Committee Designations by Council President**

Council President Astorino announced the following 2022 committee appointments:

**Legal Ordinance:** Councilman Atlas (Chair), Council President Astorino, Councilman Tilton

**Personnel and Technology:** Councilman Floria-Callori (Chair), Councilman Kessler, Councilman Tilton

**Finance:** Council President Astorino (Chair), Councilman Rees, Councilman Atlas

**Public Safety:** Councilman Tilton (Chair), Councilman Floria-Callori, Councilman Kessler

**Public Works:** Councilman Rees (Chair), Councilman Atlas, Councilman Floria-Callori

**Recreation:** Councilman Kessler (Chair), Council President Astorino, Councilman Rees

**Mayoral Appointments of Professional Services:**

Mayor Alessi announced the proposed appointees for each of the following professional services. The following resolutions were moved in one motion by Councilman Atlas, seconded by Council President Astorino:

- Resolution R-1-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Attorney – Mark Semeraro, Esq. of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole, and Giblin, LLP
- Resolution R-2-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel - John D. Draikiwicz of Gibbons P.C.
- Resolution R-3-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Special Counsel for Affordable Housing - Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC
- Resolution R-4-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Labor Attorney - Mark J. Semeraro, Esq. of Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole, and Giblin, LLP
- Resolution R-5-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Tax Appeal Counsel - Frank Zinna, Esq., of Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo
- Resolution R-6-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Auditor/Registered Municipal Accountant - Joseph J. Faccone, RMA, PA, of Samuel Klein and Company
- Resolution R-7-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Planner - Joseph H. Burgis, PP, AICP of Burgis Associates, Inc.
- Resolution R-8-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Water Superintendent and Water Operator - Michael J. Grosso of MJG Services, LLC
- Resolution R-9-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Insurance Risk Management Consulting Services - Acrisure LLB dba IMAC Insurance Agency
- Resolution R-10-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Grant Writing Consulting Services - Millennium Strategies LLC

Said motion was carried unanimously with five affirmative votes.

**Mayoral Appointments of Municipal Officials with Council Advice and Consent:**

Mayor Alessi announced the proposed appointees for each of the following municipal offices. The following resolutions were moved in one motion by Councilman Rees, seconded by Council President Astorino:

- Resolution R-11-2022 A Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Year 2022 – Kevin O’Sullivan
- Resolution R-12-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Fund Commissioner for 2022 – Kevin O’Sullivan, Tami Michelotti
- Resolution R-13-2022 A Resolution Reappointing Municipal Court Administrator of the Shared Municipal Court of the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell – Ashley McMillion
- Resolution R-14-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Contract for Municipal Prosecutor of the Shared Municipal Court of the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell
- Resolution R-15-2022 A Resolution Appointing Public Defender – Joseph Wenzel, Esq.
- Resolution R-16-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Crossing Guards – Stephen Lerner and Maryann Alamo
- Resolution R-17-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Officers and Officials for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Association for the Year 2022
- Resolution R-18-2022 A Resolution Appointing Municipal Alliance Coordinator of the Borough of North Caldwell – Sean Kinney
- Resolution R-19-2022 A Resolution Appointing an Animal Control Officer for the Borough of North Caldwell – Joseph Mautone
- Resolution R-20-2022 A Resolution Appointing a Representative to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) – Kevin O’Sullivan
- Resolution R-21-2022 A Resolution Appointing a Stormwater Coordinator for the Year 2022 – Kevin O’Sullivan
- Resolution R-22-2022 A Resolution Appointing a Tree Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Kevin O’Sullivan
- Resolution R-23-2022 A Resolution Appointing a Community Development Representative and Alternate for 2022 – Kevin O’Sullivan, Tami Michelotti

Said motion was carried unanimously with five affirmative votes.

**Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board:**

Mayor Alessi announced the following Planning Board appointments:

- Class II Member – One-year term to expire December 31, 2022 – Kevin O’Sullivan
- Class IV Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Joseph Brower
- Class IV Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – James Campbell
- Class IV Alternate Member – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2023 – Sandra Nathans

**Mayoral Appointments with Council Advice and Consent:**

Mayor Alessi presented the following nominations:

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

- Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Ankur Kumar
- Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – David Spindler
- First Alternate Member – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2023 – Laura Drago
- Second Alternate Member – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2023 – Michelle Hawley-Tsay

**Historic Preservation Commission**

- Class A Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Gerald Novak
- Class B Members – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Edith Jenkins, Joyce Pisani
- Class C Members – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Brant Braue, Thomas Agesen, and two additional members to be determined.

Councilman Kessler made a motion to accept the nominations, seconded by Council President Astorino. Said motion passed unanimously with five affirmative votes.

**Council Appointments to Public Bodies:**

**Planning Board**

- Class III Regular Member – One-year term to expire December 31, 2022 – Art Rees

**Camp Wyanokie Commission**

- One-year term to expire December 31, 2022 – Robert Kessler
- One-year term to expire December 31, 2022 – Anthony Prinzo

**Consent Agenda**

The following resolutions were read by and moved by Council President Astorino as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Kessler:

- Resolution R-24-2022 A Resolution Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Year 2022
- Resolution R-25-2022 A Resolution Authorizing Banking Depositories for the Year 2022
- Resolution R-26-2022 A Resolution Designating Official Newspapers and Electronic News Sources for the Year 2022
- Resolution R-27-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the Year 2022
- Resolution R-28-2022 A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Year 2022
- Resolution R-29-2022 A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Assessments or Municipal Liens or Other Charges
- Resolution R-30-2022 A Resolution Authorizing Specific Payments That Can Be Made Outside of a Meeting
- Resolution R-31-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Recreation Programs Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)

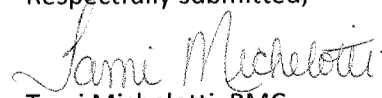
Said motion passed unanimously with five affirmative votes.

**Citizens To Be Heard**

No one from the public came forward.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Council President Astorino, that this meeting be adjourned at 11:54am. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tami Michelotti, RMC  
Borough Clerk