

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, January 2, 2023. The meeting began at 10:01am at Borough Hall and was held simultaneously via tele/video-conference.

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Carly and Emmy Levitt, nieces of Mayor-Elect Joshua Raymond, lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Ari Lucas provided an invocation and blessing.

**Certification of Results of November 8, 2022 General Election**

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti presented the Certification of Results of the November 8, 2022 General Election wherein it is stated that:

- Joshua H. Raymond was duly elected as Mayor to a four-year term to expire December 31, 2026;
- Arthur J. Rees was duly elected as Borough Council Member to a three-year term to expire December 31, 2025;
- Stephen C. Weinstein was duly elected as Borough Council Member to a three-year term to expire December 31, 2025.

**Oaths of Office**

The Honorable Mikie Sherrill, U.S. Congresswoman, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Raymond.

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Rees.

The Honorable Josh Gottheimer, U.S. Congressman, administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Weinstein.

Councilman Rees thanked his wife and family and the residents of North Caldwell for their support. He expressed confidence in the governing body to address the significant issues facing the Borough.

Councilman Weinstein thanked Congressman Gottheimer, his cousin and former North Caldwell resident, for swearing him in and providing advice. He thanked Congresswoman Sherrill, County Executive DiVincenzo, and the campaign team for their support. Councilman Weinstein thanked his wife and family and the residents of North Caldwell for their support.

Mayor Raymond thanked his wife and children, family and friends, Congresswoman Sherrill, Congressman Gottheimer, Rabbi Lucas, Former Governor Cody, County Executive DiVincenzo, local dignitaries, members of the local boards of education, Borough staff, his campaign running mates and campaign staff for their support. He acknowledged former mayors and council members for their service to the Borough. He committed to increased communication with residents and prioritizing and planning. He welcomed input from the public to address the issues and concerns in the Borough.

Mayor Raymond called for a brief recess at 10:47am. The meeting reconvened at 10:52am.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Joshua H. Raymond, Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Anthony Floria-Callori, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Arthur Rees, Councilman Stephen Weinstein.

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

**Election of Council President**

Councilman Atlas nominated Councilman Floria-Callori for Council President. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was carried with four (4) affirmative votes and one abstention by Councilman Floria-Callori.

**Council Committee Designations by Council President**

Council President Floria-Callori acknowledged an unexpected departure from the Council which will necessitate a future revision to the following 2023 committee appointments:

**Legal and Ordinance:** Councilman Atlas (Chair), Council President Floria-Callori, TBD

**Personnel and Technology:** Council President Floria-Callori (Chair), Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees

**Finance:** Councilman Weinstein (Chair), Councilman Atlas, TBD

**Public Safety:** TBD (Chair), Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees

**Public Works:** Councilman Rees (Chair), Councilman Atlas, Councilman Weinstein

**Recreation:** Councilman Kessler (Chair), Council President Floria-Callori, Councilman Weinstein

**Citizens to be Heard**

No one from the public came forward.

**Mayoral Appointments of Professional Services with Council Advice and Consent:**

Resolution R-1-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel to Gibbons, P.C. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-2-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Special Counsel for Affordable Housing to Surenian, Edwards and Nolan, L.L.C. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-3-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Tax Appeal Counsel to Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, P.C. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-4-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Auditor/Registered Municipal Accountant to Samuel Klein & Co. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-5-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Engineer to Ferriero Engineering, Inc. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-6-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Planner to Burgis Associates, Inc. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-7-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services to CGP&H was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-8-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Water Superintendent and Water Operator to MJG Services, L.L.C. was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Resolution R-9-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Grant Writing Consulting Services to Millenium Strategies was read and moved by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

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

The following resolutions were read by and moved by Councilman Atlas as a Consent Agenda:

- Resolution R-10-2023 A Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-11-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Fund Commissioner for 2023
- Resolution R-12-2023 A Resolution Reappointing Municipal Court Administrator of the Shared Municipal Court of the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell
- Resolution R-13-2023 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-14-2023 A Resolution Appointing Public Defender
- Resolution R-15-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Crossing Guards
- Resolution R-16-2023 A Resolution Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator
- Resolution R-17-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Officers and Officials for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Association for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-18-2023 A Resolution Appointing a Representative to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)
- Resolution R-19-2023 A Resolution Appointing a Stormwater Coordinator for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-20-2023 A Resolution Appointing a Tree Ordinance Enforcement Officer
- Resolution R-21-2023 A Resolution Appointing a Community Development Representative and Alternate for 2023

Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

**Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board:**

Mayor Raymond announced the following Planning Board appointments:

- Class II Member – One-year term to expire December 31, 2023 – Kevin O’Sullivan
- Class IV Alternate Member – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2024 – Edward Roth

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

Mayor Raymond requested that the following Zoning Board of Adjustment appointments be tabled to the next meeting:

- Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025
- Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2025.

On a motion by Council President Floria-Callori, seconded by Councilman Kessler, the appointments were tabled.

**Council Appointments to Public Bodies:**

Planning Board - Council President Floria-Callori made a motion to appoint Councilman Arthur Rees to the Planning Board as a Class III Regular Member for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2023. Said motion was seconded by Councilman Kessler and carried with four affirmative votes and one abstention from Councilman Rees.

Camp Wyanokie Commission – Councilman Atlas made a motion to appoint Councilman Robert Kessler and Neil Boyle to the Camp Wyanokie Commission for one-year terms expiring on December 31, 2023. Said motion was seconded by Councilman Weinstein and carried with four affirmative votes and one abstention from Councilman Kessler.

**Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

The following resolutions were read by and moved by Council President Floria-Callori as a Consent Agenda:

- Resolution R-22-2023 A Resolution Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-23-2023 A Resolution Authorizing Banking Depositories for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-24-2023 A Resolution Designating Official Newspapers and Electronic News Sources for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-25-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-26-2023 A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Year 2023
- Resolution R-27-2023 A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Assessments or Municipal Liens or Other Charges
- Resolution R-28-2023 A Resolution Authorizing Specific Payments That Can Be Made Outside of a Meeting
- Resolution R-29-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Recreation Programs Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)

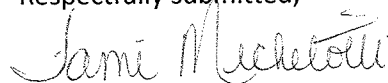
Said motion was seconded by Councilman Atlas and carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

**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 Council President Floria-Callori, seconded by Councilman Atlas, that this meeting be adjourned at 11:13am. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti, RMC  
Borough Clerk