Mayor and Council Special Budget Meeting – March 28, 2023

The Special Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The meeting began at 5:16 p.m. at Borough Hall and was held simultaneously via tele/video-conference.

Mayor Raymond 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.

Roll Call indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Joshua H. Raymond, Council President Anthony Floria-Callori, Councilman Arthur Rees, and Councilman Kenneth Tilton. Councilman Kessler arrived at 5:23pm.

Absent: Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Stephen Weinstein.

Also present were: Kevin O'Sullivan, Borough Administrator; Rich Mondelli, Chief Financial Officer; Police Captain Michael Credico; DPW Director Bill Stickles; Recreation Director Bill Maranz; Fire Chief Tim Peterson; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Raymond asked Captain Michael Credico to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens to be Heard

No one from the public came forward.

Capital Budget Requests

Mr. Mondelli reviewed the timeframes for bond ordinance preparation, introduction, adoption and availability of funding.

Road Paving – Mr. O'Sullivan reviewed the road paving priority list, decorative lighting for Gould Avenue and pole installation for LPR camera placement. Additional speed tables, an electronic sign board, and a paving roller were requested by DPW Director Bill Stickles.

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Stickles reviewed improvements to the Mountain Avenue field parking lot and playground. He estimated building repairs for Police Headquarters and the DPW garage at \$25,000.

Water - Mr. Stickles requested a portable generator and repairs to the Skyline Drive water tank. Grant opportunities for water main replacement were discussed.

Vehicles – Repurposing the Administrator's vehicle as an Animal Control vehicle and purchase of a new vehicle for Administration was tabled to the following year. Mr. Stickles requested a replacement of the 2012 DPW pickup truck, a brine tank and a dump truck body.

Sewer – Mr. Stickles presented requests for a jet hose and nozzle replacement and flight pumps for the Summit Drive and Stephanie Drive pumping stations.

DPW Garage – Mr. Stickles reviewed the limitations of the current garage and the lack of storage space for vehicles and equipment. The governing body discussed the need for a comprehensive plan for the Gould Avenue complex.

Capital Budget Summary

Mr. Mondelli would summarize the discussion items for presentation and review at the April 11, 2023 Conference Meeting.

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 Kessler, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:23pm. Said motion was carried unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Michelotti, RMC Borough Clerk

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