The Special Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021. The meeting began at 6:33pm via tele/video-conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Roll Call indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Joseph H. Alessi, Council President Francis Astorino, Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Anthony Floria-Callori, Councilman Robert Kessler. Councilman Arthur Rees joined the meeting at 6:46pm.

Absent: Councilman Kenneth Tilton.

Also present were: Kevin O'Sullivan, Borough Administrator; Mr. Mark Semeraro, Esq., Borough Attorney; Joseph Faccone, Borough Auditor and Registered Municipal Accountant; Rich Mondelli, CFO; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Alessi asked Councilman Atlas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens to be Heard

No one from the public came forward.

Items for Discussion

2021 Operating Budget

Mr. Mondelli reviewed some corrections to the preliminary budget estimates for the pool and water utility budgets as well as for the Current Fund. The Council discussed recommendations for a water rate increase. Mr. Mondelli offered to have the capital budget ordinances prepared for the next council meeting.

Councilman Rees joined the meeting at 6:46pm.

2021 Capital Budget

Mr. Faccone reviewed the purpose and structure of a capital budget. Mr. Mondelli reviewed an additional request since the last budget meeting for a DPW dump truck. He offered to have the capital budget ordinances prepared for the next council meeting.

Mr. Faccone stated that guidelines regarding the American Relief Funding had not yet been distributed. He offered options for the timing of the 2021 Municipal Budget adoption.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Atlas, seconded by Councilman Rees, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Michelotti Borough Clerk