

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the West Caldwell Mayor and Council, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held in the Public Meeting Room, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, New Jersey, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

The Township Clerk announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: Mayor Tempesta, Councilmen Otterbein, Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, and Docteroff.

ABSENT: Councilman Wolsky

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam W. Brewer, Business Administrator
Paul G. Jemas, Municipal Attorney
Nikole H. Monroig, Chief Financial Officer
Mary S. Donovan, Township Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

COMMUNICATIONS:

A-1 A communication from Nikole Monroig, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available under the 2014 Budget of Appropriations – December Bill Schedule; further certifying that there will be no over-expenditures of any line item in the Budget as a result of this schedule.

Received and placed on file.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

It was regularly moved by Council President Otterbein, seconded by Councilman Hladik, that the Bill List as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer be attached to the Minutes and be paid and the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign the necessary warrants for their payment.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Otterbein, Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, and Docteroff voted in the affirmative.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS ORDERED PAID

	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CURRENT ACCOUNT – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	2519-2655	\$6,737,452.55
WATER OPERATING ACCOUNT- VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	9273-9300	\$ 178,886.96
POOL UTILITY ACCOUNT	2438-2448	\$ 28,639.36
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	2303-2318	\$345,098.30
WATER CAPITAL	8049-8051	\$ 10,605.49
POOL CAPITAL	3007	\$ 47,000.00
GENERAL TRUST – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	5166-5176	\$ 303,460.61
DOG TRUST	1551	\$ 320.00

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the recommendation of Council President Otterbein, and seconded by Councilman O’Hern, it was regularly moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 be accepted.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Otterbein, Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, and Docteroff voted in the affirmative.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

It was regularly moved by Council President Otterbein, seconded by Councilman Cecere, that the eight Resolutions on the Agenda this evening be read by consent.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Otterbein, Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, and Docteroff voted in the affirmative.

The Township Clerk read the following eight Resolutions by Consent, attached and made part of these Minutes:

No. 9568
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AMENDING THE 2015 FEE SCHEDULE FOR PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION.

WHEREAS, the Government Body of the Township of West Caldwell approved Ordinance No. 1354 on March 17, 1998 authorizing amendments to the fee schedule for programs of the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1354 authorizes the Township Council to adopt by resolution amendments, modifications, increases and/or decreases to the fee schedule for programs of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the Township from year to year and time to time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell amends the fee schedule for programs of the Department of Recreation in accordance with the attached schedule.

Fall:	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Soccer						
Grade 2	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
Grade 3	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
Grade 4	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Grade 5	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Grade 6	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$70.00
Grade 7	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$70.00
Grade 8	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$70.00
Cross Country						
Grades 6-7-8	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Girls Volleyball						
Travel Team						
Suburban Volley	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Rec Grade 6-7-8	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Open Basketball						
	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Adult Open Soccer						
		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Adult Open Basketball						
		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Winter	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Basketball - Adult						
Mens slo Break	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
Basketball-Youth						

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Grades K-1	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Basketball-Youth						
Grades 2 - 3	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Basketball-Youth						
Grades 4 - 8 Travel Team Suburban Basketball	\$55.00 \$65.00	\$55.00 \$70.00	\$55.00 \$70.00	\$60.00 \$75.00	\$60.00 \$75.00	\$65.00 \$75.00
Basketball-High School League						
Grades 9-12		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Wrestling -Youth						
Grades 2 - 5	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Wrestling -Youth						
Grades 6 - 8 Fee + Singlet	\$55.00 \$100.00	\$55.00 \$100.00	\$60.00 \$100.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Twirling- Youth						
Grade 3 - 8	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Batting Clinic						
	\$10.00/session	\$10.00/session	\$10.00/session	\$12.00/session	\$12.00/session	\$12.00/session
Student Center						
	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$35.00			
Spring	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Youth Baseball/Softball						
Grade K-1			\$40.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
Grade 2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
Grade 3	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	65/B, 55/G
Grade 4	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Grade 5	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Grade 6	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Grade 7	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Grade 8	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Travel Teams						
Girls Softball	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Boys Baseball	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Pitching Clinic						
	\$10.00/session	\$10.00/session	\$10.00/session	\$12.00/session	\$12.00/session	\$12.00/session
Mens Adult Softball						
Men's Softball Grandfather Fees Adults	\$250.00 \$55.00	\$250.00 \$55.00	\$250.00 \$55.00	\$300.00 \$55.00	\$300.00 \$55.00	\$300.00 \$55.00
Forfeit Fee	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Essex Fells Fee	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Youth Track						
Grade 3 - 8						
Youth Track						
Grade 4 - 5	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
Youth Track						
Grade 6 - 8	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00

No. 9569
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CORRECTION FOR OVERPAYMENT IN THE TAX OFFICE.

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records a correction as shown below; and
WHEREAS, the overpayments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund or transfers of such overpayments;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds or issue checks

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refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

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| 1. Incorrect Payment-Refund | 9. Tax Title Lien Redemption |
| 2. Duplicate Payment-Refund | 10. Homestead Rebate/NJ Saver |
| 3. Vets, Senior Citizen Refund/Allow | 11. Apply Overpayment to Current Year |
| 4. Apply Overpayment to Next Year | 12. Cancellation of Credit of Less than \$5.00 |
| 5. Cancellation of Balance of Less than \$10.00 | 13. Cancellation of Taxes |
| 6. Assessment Changes | 14. Other - Cancellation of Credit Balance over \$5.00 |
| 7. Tax Appeal | 15. Refund - Dog Overpayment |
| 8. Overpayment-Refund | 16. Correction |

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Reason</u>
2901	7.06	Cohen, Michael & Patricia 4 Reiher Court	\$ 165.96	2014	8
1501	6	West Caldwell 2013 LLC 5 Henderson Drive	\$20,700.39	2012	7
1700	1	Hahn Family Trust 1220 Bloomfield Avenue	\$11,968.27	2012	7
					Make check payable to: Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith and Davis LLP, Attorney Trust Account P.O. Box 5600 Woodbridge, NJ 07095-0988
1700	1	Hahn Family Trust 1220 Bloomfield Avenue	\$12,311.94	2013	7
					Make check payable to: Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith and Davis LLP, Attorney Trust Account P.O. Box 5600 Woodbridge, NJ 07095-0988
706	14	Korlishin Robert S & Victoria M 37 Woodland Road	\$3,176.54	2013	2
					Make check payable to: CoreLogic Attn: Refunds Dept. Mail Code: DFW 1-3 1 CoreLogic Drive Westlake, TX 76262

Total: \$48,323.10

No. 9570
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPROVING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES JUNE 3, AUGUST 5 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of West Caldwell acknowledges receipt of, has reviewed and approved, with the advice of staff and legal counsel, the Closed Executive Session minutes of Council meetings held on June 3, 2014, August 5, 2014, and September 2, 2014 through December 2, 2014.

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No. 9571
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM MADE BY MR. GERALD CORSO AND MS. EVE CORSO REGARDING THE WESTOVER WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell (the “Township”) authorized the Westover Water Main Replacement Project (the “Project”) by Resolution Number 9458; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Corso and Ms. Eve Corso (“Mr. and Ms. Corso”) own the property commonly known and designated as 113 Westover Avenue, Essex County, New Jersey 07006, which property is designated on the official tax maps of the municipality as Block 601, Lot 44 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Ms. Corso notified the Township that, in conjunction with the work being performed for the Project, certain damage was caused to the Property and its improvements including, but not limited to, certain damage to the boiler that services the Property improvements, which damage required repair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Ms. Corso notified the Township that Mr. and Ms. Corso incurred certain costs related to the aforementioned work, including costs for the use by Mr. and Ms. Corso of 1,000 gallons or less of water; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned damage to the boiler and the use of the water are collectively referred to in this Resolution as the “aforementioned claim”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Ms. Corso demanded that the Township reimburse Mr. and Ms. Corso for the costs incurred by them with regard to the aforementioned claim; and

WHEREAS, aforementioned claim was carefully reviewed and evaluated by the Township Administrator and staff; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned claim was discussed by the Township Administrator with Mr. and Ms. Corso and, after such discussions, Mr. and Ms. Corso amicably offered to settle, forever relinquish, forever release and forever waive any and all claims that Mr. and Ms. Corso and/or their successors may have, now and in the future, against the Township and its elected officials, appointed officials, employees, representatives, agents and/or consultants with regard to the aforementioned claim for the payment by the Township of a sum of money equal to Two Hundred Fifty-Five and 97/100 Dollars (\$255.97), in the aggregate, and with the further understanding that Mr. and Ms. Corso will execute and deliver a settlement agreement in a form and with terms approved by the Township Administrator and Township Attorney in exchange for such the payment of such settlement amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, staff determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to resolve the aforementioned claim as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township (the “Governing Body”) have carefully considered the aforementioned claim and have carefully considered the recommendations of the Township Administrator, the staff and the Township Attorney and have determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to amicably settle the aforementioned claim on the aforementioned terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows.

1. The Township hereby agrees to settle the aforementioned claim of Mr. and Ms. Corso on the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution, which terms and conditions are incorporated herein by reference.

2. All Township officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take any action and all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution including, but not limited to, the payment of the aforementioned settlement amount upon the execution and exchange of a settlement agreement by Mr. and Ms. Corso on terms and conditions consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution and subject to the approval of the Township Administrator and the Township Attorney as to the form, terms and conditions of the settlement agreement.

No. 9572
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM AIELLO AS AJUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Chief of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department that William Aiello, 24 Kramer Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ, be designated as a Junior Firefighter of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, effective December 16, 2014.

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No. 9573
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 2014 CURRENT FUND AND WATER UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:A-58 provides that all unexpended balances carried during the last two months of the current year are available to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the current fiscal year and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances that are expected to be sufficient during the last two months of the current year; and

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund Transfers between appropriations are necessary:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Employee Health Insurance	\$ 50,000.00	
Assessment of Taxes		
Salary & Wages	\$ 750.00	
Buildings & Grounds		
Salary & Wages	\$ 900.00	
Police Department		
Salary & Wages	\$ 40,000.00	
Sewer System		
Salary & Wages	\$ 950.00	
Gasoline		
Other Expenses	\$ 6,600.00	
Uniform Fire Safety Act-Fire Prevention		
Salaries and Wages	\$3,200.00	
Planning Board		
Salary & Wages	\$ 6,300.00	
Reserve for Tax Appeals	\$45,000.00	
Board of Adjustment		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 15,000.00
Social Security		\$ 10,000.00
Building Standards Board		\$ 6,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal Costs		\$ 30,000.00
Terminal Leave		\$ 25,000.00
Motor Vehicle Equipment Service and Repair		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 17,750.00
Recreation		
Other Expenses		\$ 2,750.00
Garbage Collection		
Other Expenses		\$ 6,400.00
Road Repair and Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 17,800.00
Elections/Municipal Clerk		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 23,000.00
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	\$153,700.00	\$ 153,700.00 <hr/> <hr/>
 <u>ACCOUNT</u>	 <u>TO</u>	 <u>FROM</u>
Other Expenses	\$ 4,632.00	
Interest on Notes		\$ 4,632.00
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	\$ 4,632.00	\$ 4,632.00 <hr/> <hr/>

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No. 9574
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT TIME EXTENSION FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE WEST FIRE HEADQUARTERS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the roof replacement to Patwood Roofing Co. in the amount of \$53,510.00 (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the contract time extension is related to impending adverse weather days encountered during the winter months, which prohibit the start of the construction;

WHEREAS, Element Architectural Group has issued a written report, dated December 10, 2014, explaining the reason for the time extension and recommending approval for same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex that the following contract time extension to the Contract be and is hereby approved:

1. Contract Time extension dated, December 10, 2014, extends the contract for a period of one hundred sixteen (116) days or April 15, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 9575
By: Mr. O’Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED.

WHEREAS, The Township of West Caldwell (the “Township” or the “public body” has been duly created and is validly existing as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey pursuant to applicable laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township constitutes a “public body” as such term is defined in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, constituting Chapter 231 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1975 of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the “Open Public Meetings Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act permits a public body, as such term is defined therein, to exclude members of the public from portions of any “meeting”, as such term is defined therein including N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) et seq., under certain limited circumstances which include, but are not limited to, (a) a discussion of pending or anticipated litigation in which the public body is or may become a party, or (b) a discussion of any matters which fall within the attorney-client privilege, or (c) a discussion of a collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof, or (d) a discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds or (e) a discussion of involving the employment, appointment or termination of employment of an existing or prospective public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township has determined that and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist that permit the governing body of the Township to discuss the matters set forth in this Resolution in executive session; and

WHEREAS, the matters set forth in this Resolution are within the exceptions and the limited circumstances set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) et seq., the governing body of the Township desires to conduct a portion of the meeting in an executive session from which members of the public will be excluded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, in accordance with the provisions of The Open Public Meetings Act, that the governing body of the Township hereby determines to conduct a portion of the meeting in an executive session from which members of the public will be excluded in accordance with the provisions of Open Public Meetings Act; and

There were no items for Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned executive session will be limited to matters relating to the following items and which matters involve, as applicable, pending and anticipated litigation involving or expected to involve the Township, matters which fall within the attorney-client privilege, matters regarding the discussion of a collective bargaining agreement, matters relating to purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds or matters relating to personnel:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of each executive session will be prepared and maintained by the Township and with regard to each of the matters discussed in executive session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes relating to a particular matter discussed will be made available to members of the public – (a) at such time as the matter no longer requires confidentiality as permitted by applicable laws, (b) upon the completion of a pending or anticipated litigation, or (c) upon such matter no longer falling within the attorney-client privilege, (d) upon the completion of a collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof, or (e) upon the

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completion of a purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds, or (f) as such disclosure may otherwise may be required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

It was regularly moved by Council President Otterbein, seconded by Councilman Cecere that the eight Resolutions read by consent be adopted as read.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Otterbein, Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, and Docteroff voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

REPORTS – POLICE CHIEF-JUDGE AND DETECTIVE BUREAU – NOVEMBER 2014

On the recommendation of Councilman Cecere, the reports submitted by the Police Chief, Judge and Detective Bureau for the month of November 2014 as received, be placed on file. Fines in the amount of \$17,484.00 were collected and apportioned as follows (copy attached to minutes).

REPORTS – VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2014

On the recommendation of Councilman Cecere, the reports submitted by the Fire Chief of West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department for the month of November 2014 as received, be placed on file.

REPORTS – CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2014

On the recommendation of Councilman Cecere, the reports submitted by the Construction Official for the month of November 2014 as received, be placed on file.

Councilman Cecere and his family wished everyone a happy Hanukah, happy holiday season and Happy New Year.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER:

Council President Otterbein reported on the following:

1. The snow equipment is ready for the upcoming season and the salt supply is sufficient and paid for by Essex County.
2. Leaf pick up will be ending on December 31.
3. John Pressler was congratulated for passing the state’s public works manager exam.
4. Brook maintenance is being done on streams on Township property.

Council President Otterbein and his family wished everyone a happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilman Hladik reported on the following:

1. The recreation department will be moving to town hall by January 2, 2015.
2. The library board meeting will be held December 17 at 7 pm.
3. The township will be applying for a joint CDBG grant application for a new senior transportation bus.

Councilman Hladik and his family wished everyone a happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:

Councilman O’Hern and his family wished everyone a happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FINANCE AND WELFARE:

In Councilman Wolsky's absence, Council President Otterbein reported the following:

1. CFO Monroig and Administrator Brewer are preparing the budget for the upcoming February budget meeting.

COMMUNITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY:

Councilman Docteroff and his family wished everyone a happy holiday season and Happy New Year.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tempesta and his family wished everyone a happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADVISOR'S REPORT:

Office of Emergency Coordinator Larry Peter reported on the \$19,000 reimbursement from FEMA. The township is expecting \$74,000 still outstanding from the two storms from FEMA.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION:

Robert Massella of West Caldwell congratulated Council President Otterbein on his retirement from the Council and lauded him for his professionalism.

Dominic Aiello of West Caldwell congratulated Council President Otterbein on his volunteerism for West Caldwell.

Christopher Smith of West Caldwell congratulated Council President Otterbein for his work for the Township of West Caldwell.

Chief Michael Bramhall of West Caldwell congratulated Council President Otterbein on his volunteerism.

Karl Otterbein congratulated his father Council President Otterbein for his hard work and love of community and his family.

Carol Otterbein congratulated her husband Council President Otterbein for his work on behalf of West Caldwell.

Mayor Tempesta reminded everyone that there will be a celebration for Council President Otterbein in February and he and his family are a tribute to the American family.

Councilman Cecere wished Council President Otterbein well and stated that it has been an honor to serve with him.

Councilman Hladik thanked Council President Otterbein for his mentoring and his process of decision making.

Councilman O'Hern thanked Council President Otterbein for getting him involved in Township council and his mentoring on the Township Council and on the Fire Department.

Councilman Docteroff wished Council President Otterbein the very best of luck in his retirement.

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Council President Otterbein stated he started with the Fire Department and the joint recreation department with Caldwell and West Caldwell. Mayor Rubino told him that family is first, job is second and government is third priority. Council President Otterbein thanked his family for allowing him to do the things he wanted to do for the community. He thanked his wife Carol, daughter Jennifer and her husband Jim Meredith and Karl ad Eric and his granddaughter Caroline for their tremendous support. Council President Otterbein thanked the Mayor and Council, the residents of West Caldwell, the County committee who nominated him three times and Christopher Smith, the staff, police and fire and all of the departments in the municipal buildings, and the volunteers. He congratulated Mayor Tempesta for his guidance of the Township of West Caldwell.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE:

On the motion of Council President Otterbein, seconded by Councilman Cecere, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Otterbein, Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, and Docteroff voted in the affirmative.

Mary S. Donovan
Township Clerk