

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL  
MARCH 4, 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, March 4, 2014 at 7:15 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 Cecere, Hladik, O'Hern, Wolsky and Docteroff

**ABSENT:** Council President Otterbein

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Brewer, Township Administrator  
Paul G. Jemas, Municipal Attorney  
Mary S. Donovan, Township Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On the recommendation of Councilman O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Wolsky, it was regularly moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 be accepted as amended.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Cecere, O'Hern, Hladik, and Wolsky voted in the affirmative with Councilman Docteroff abstaining because of absence.

**BILLS ORDERED PAID:**

Administrator Brewer reported that because of a change in banks in the past month, there were additional checks written and were added late to the bill list and presented and added to the minutes.

It was regularly moved by Councilmen Wolsky, seconded by Councilman O'Hern that the Bill List as amended by the Chief Financial Officer be attached to the Minutes and be paid and that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to sign the necessary warrants for their payment.

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

**PENDING ORDINANCES:**

The Township Clerk read the title of an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)" and stated that the Ordinance had been published and posted as a Pending Ordinance in the manner required by law and was now due for a hearing and further consideration.

Mayor Tempesta stated that this was the time for a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

No one responded and it was regularly moved that the Public Hearing be closed.

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

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman O'Hern that the Ordinance be passed on second reading.

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

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The Township Clerk read the title of an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)".

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman O'Hern that the Ordinance be passed on third and final reading and that it be published as a passed Ordinance in the manner required by law.

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

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Tempesta asked that the resolution A be removed from the consent agenda. Mayor Tempesta reminded the public that the Council has the right to discuss the resolutions in closed session and to return to open session to vote on resolutions.

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

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

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

No. 9356  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING I.U.O.E. LOCAL 68 CHARITY FUND, INC. ON PREMISE CASH RAFFLE, APRIL 4, JUNE 29, AND OCTOBER 2, 2014, LICENSE NO. 358, ID NO. 535-4-363-2.

No. 9357  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS TYRELL AS JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

No. 9358  
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION –SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2014 BUDGET.

No. 9359  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9360  
By: Mr. Otterbein

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – OMLAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC. RELATING TO WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS IN WESTOVER AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

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No. 9361  
By: Mr. Otterbein

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – OMLAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC. RELATING TO WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS IN FRANCINE AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9362  
By: Mr. Otterbein

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – OMLAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC. RELATING TO WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS IN FRANCISCO AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9363  
By: Mr. Wolsky

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION – APPOINTING MARK DREMEL AS CLASS IV MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9364  
By: Mr. O’Hern

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

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Cecere that the nine Resolutions read by consent be adopted as read.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Cecere, Hladik, O’Hern, Wolsky and Docteroff voted in the affirmative on all except Councilman Cecere and O’Hern abstained on resolutions numbers 9357 and 9359.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Michael Rauschenberger reported on the deer hunt: 46 deer were killed along 4 locations on Passaic Avenue. The team only hunted 12 days because of the presence of PSE&G workers, pedestrians and bad weather and shot deer on 7 days. All 46 deer were recovered without incident and without complaints. Twenty-four were sent to the NJ food bank and 22 were kept by the hunters. The total expense for the hunt was \$2,164.00 for the corn and dressing of the deer. The hunt was deemed successful and more locations will be discussed for next year’s hunt.

Mayor Tempesta stated that it wasn’t a popular thing to do but it was needed because of public safety and the hunt would take place next year.

Councilman Hladik suggested that the team look at suggested numbers and report back to Council.

Councilman Cecere reported the following:

1. He reported that the deer hunt was successful and they would look at more locations in the Township for next year.
2. There will be an Environmental Commission meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2014 and the public is invited.
3. Pool Committee met before tonight’s meeting and wifi will be added to the pools for the benefit of the residents and there will be an open house for prospective members and they will meet again in April.

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Councilman Hladik said the committee consists of 12 members and there was diversity in the committee and discussion was held on opening the membership to businesses around town to their employees for weekend membership. There will not be any closure of the town pools on certain days as discussed previously. Councilman Cecere and Docteroff discussed the new digital badge system that will be in place and how it will help control costs. Mayor Tempesta stated perhaps corporate sponsorships could be open to a limited number of memberships.

### **PUBLIC WORKS & WATER**

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

1. There are upcoming public works projects for the Township.
2. The Board of Health meeting will be held on March 5, 2014 at 7 pm and the public is invited.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Hladik reported the following:

1. A report will be given to the Administrator on what the Pool Committee has discussed in order to provide appropriate insurance coverage.
2. The fields are being readied for the upcoming season.
3. Ray Iodice, Dean Garamella and Joseph Bongo, Caldwell High students, are going to Atlantic City for the State Wrestling Tournament and Councilman Wolsky will be attending the tournament, on behalf of the Mayor and Council.
4. The Library Board's candidate for Library Director, Samantha McCoy, will be starting at the end of March.

### **LEGAL & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Councilman O'Hern reported the following:

1. The Real Estate Committee discussed moving Recreation department into town hall and are reaching out to Brian Altman as the architect.

### **FINANCE AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Wolsky reported on the following:

1. The budget continues to be worked on; there was a special meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2014 and thanked Administrator Brewer and CFO Monroig for their hard work on the budget.

Administrator Brewer reported that the current budget shows a 0.98% increase in the municipal tax levy, which is \$23.85 a year increase for the average assessed home of \$433,700 in West Caldwell. Total appropriations for 2014 versus 2013 are a \$22,637 increase in appropriations or 0.12% increase with an \$18,385,000 budget. The goal is to introduce the budget on March 18 and adoption on April 15, 2014.

Mayor Tempesta stated that he is concerned about any increase and zero is a much better number. He further stated Essex County taxes are going up 1½% for the average homeowner in West Caldwell. Administrator Brewer reported that the increase for the school levy is 4.1%; Mayor Tempesta stated his concern with that number and that the Township has to do better and cut the tax increase to zero. Mayor Tempesta asked that Administrator Brewer and his staff work on the budget and return with no increase for West Caldwell residents.

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Docteroff reported the following:

1. He discussed having wifi at both public pools; Comcast will run the wiring for free at both pools but have yet to settle on a yearly rate for services with the Township.
2. He discussed using a text-based system to send out messages to residents about recreation programs and pools.
3. There was discussion on using various companies to scan digital badges for entrance to the pools. A kiosk may have to be placed at the Westville Avenue pool to house the scanning equipment.
4. The first Camp Wyanokie meeting will be held on March 13, 2013.

Bids have advertised for pool painting and for tank painting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Tempesta reported that Essex County budget presentation was held on February 24, 2014 by County Executive DiVincenzo and he will be anxiously awaiting updates.

Mayor Tempesta also reported that there will be the Fourth Annual Mayors' Breakfast at Crane's Mill on March 22, 2014 where Congressman Frelinghuysen will discuss the impact of the Affordable Health Care Act.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Brewer reported that there was Employment Practices Training for department heads on February 28 that was well attended and informative.

**INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION:**

There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, it was regularly moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Council adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Mary S. Donovan  
Township Clerk