

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2015**

The Reorganization 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 on Wednesday, January 3, 2015 at 3:30 PM.

At this time, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno administered the oath of office to Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. for his fifth four-year term with his family present.

Acting Governor Guadagno administered the oath of office to Councilman Michael Docteroff for his first three-year term with his family present.

Acting Governor Guadagno administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Kathy L. Canale for her first three-year term with her family present.

Councilman Cecere led the Pledge of Allegiance

At the request of Mayor Tempesta, Reverend Anthony J. Randazzo, Pastor, Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church gave the following invocation:

Let us pray. Generous and loving God we give you thanks for the gift of a day. We give you thanks for the healthy and safe transfer of power and the good people who have been elected to be under the authority of the people. May the ethics of compassion be a part of their governance, may the ethics of justice be a part of their governance and may the ethics of community building be a part of their governance. We pray this prayer in the name of God who is known to all humankind worldwide. Amen.

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, O'Hern, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and Canale.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Hladik, seconded by Councilwoman Canale that Reverend Randazzo's invocation be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Hladik, seconded by Councilman Wolsky, to nominate Thomas O'Hern as Council President for the year 2015.

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

Mayor Tempesta thanked the following dignitaries for coming; Governor Guadagno, Essex County chairman Al Barlas, Assemblyman Jay Webber, East Hanover Mayor Joe Pannullo, Councilman Frank DeMaio, Councilwoman Carol Jandoli, former Mayor Larry Garoserto, County Clerk Christopher Durkin, North Caldwell Councilman Astorino, Essex Fells Mayor Edward Abbott, Roseland Councilman Richard Leonard, Caldwell Councilmen Kris Brown and Richard Hauser, Essex County Freeholder Leonard Luciano, former Councilmen Richard Otterbein, Dominick Aiello, Robert Massella and Roy Ott; Superior Court Judge Ned Rosenberg, retired School Board President Mary Davidson and Assemblyman Thomas Giblin.

No. 9576  
By: Mr. O’Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGET A. STECHER AS  
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, that the nomination of Bridget A. Stecher, 36 Sunset Road, Fairfield, New Jersey, by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr., be and she is hereby approved as Municipal Court Judge of the Township of West Caldwell for a three-year term, commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

It was regularly moved by Council President O’Hern, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the resolution be adopted.

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

Superior Court Judge Ned Rosenberg administered the Oath of Office to Bridget A. Stecher.

Mayor Tempesta recommended the appointment of the following Standing Committees and Special Committees of Council:

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2015:**

PARKS & RECREATION	Hladik	Docteroff	Cecere
PUBLIC SAFETY	Cecere	Hladik	Docteroff
PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY	Docteroff	Cecere	Hladik
LEGAL & PERSONNEL	O’Hern	Canale	Wolsky
FINANCE & WELFARE	Wolsky	O’Hern	Canale
HEALTH & SHARED SERVICES	Canale	Wolsky	O’Hern

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2015:**

POOL UTILITY COMMITTEE: Docteroff, Hladik, Cecere  
REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE: Hladik, Cecere, Docteroff

**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015:**

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD	: Cecere
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	: Wolsky
THE BRIDGE	: Wolsky
SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION BOARD	: Hladik
PLANNING BOARD	: Cecere
BOARD OF HEALTH	: Canale
CAMP WYANOKIE	: Docteroff
DRUG ALLIANCE BOARD	: O’Hern
LIBRARY BOARD	: Hladik

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT & CONTRACT AWARDS BY MAYOR WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL – 2015 (adopted by consent):**

Mayor Tempesta recommended the following Annual Appointments for the year 2015:

Municipal Attorney	Paul G. Jemas, Esq.
Municipal Prosecutor	Thomas Callahan, Jr., Esq.
Assistant Municipal Prosecutor	Joseph A. DeFuria, Esq.
Chief Public Defender	Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., CPA
Municipal Public Defenders	Dennis S. Cleary, Esq. Donald Larsen, Esq. Yesmin Diaz, Esq. Michael Tighe, Esq. William Fried, Esq.
Recycling Coordinator	Sandra Berardi
Municipal Engineer	Ralph J. Tango of Maser Consulting, PA
Consulting Engineering Services	H2M Architects & Engineers; Hatch Mott McDonald; Omland Engineering Associates, Inc.
Special Counsel	Castano Quigley, LLC, Genova Burns; McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney and Carpenter, LLP O'Donnell McCord, P.C.
Real Property Tax Assessments/Litigation	
Tax Appraiser/Tax Assessments	Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC
Bond Counsel	McManimon, Scotland & Bauman
Township Auditor	Samuel Klein & Company
Architectural Services	Brian Altman of Element Architectural Group; Settembrino Architects, LLC; Netta Architects
Risk Management Consultant	IMAC Insurance Agency
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Sean Canning of The Canning Group, LLC
Computer Systems & Software Applications and Maintenance	RAC Systems Corporation

On motion made by Council President O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Cecere, it was regularly moved that the appointments be confirmed.

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

Mayor Tempesta swore in the appointments that were present.

The Township Clerk read the following thirty-three Resolutions by Consent, and made part of these Minutes:

No. 9577  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - OFFICIAL MEETING NIGHTS - 2015.

No. 9578  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS - 2015.

No. 9579  
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - TEMPORARY BUDGET - 2015.

No. 9580  
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR 2015 - MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS.

No. 9581  
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - RATE OF INTEREST FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES.

No. 99582  
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9584  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STANDARD TORT CLAIM ACT NOTICE FORMS REQUIRED BY THE MORRIS COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND.

No. 9584  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING PAUL G. JEMAS, ESQ. MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9585  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMAN – BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9586  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CASTANO QUIGLEY, LLC, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9587  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GENOVA BURNS FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9588  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MCELROY, DEUTSH, MULVANEY & CARPENTER, LLP FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9589  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING MATTHEW J. O'DONNELL, OF O'DONNELL MCCORD P.C., AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS & LITIGATION FOR 2015.

No. 9590  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY, LLC FOR APPRAISER – TAX APPEAL SERVICES AND TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9591  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - APPOINTING SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

No. 9592  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING BRIAN ALTMAN OF ELEMENT ARCHITECTURAL GROUP FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9593  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING SETTEMBRINO ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9594  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING NETTA ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9595  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING HATCH MOTT MCDONALD FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9596  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING RALPH J. TANGO OF MASER CONSULTING, PA AS MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9597  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9598  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING OMLAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9599  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING SEAN CANNING, THE CANNING GROUP LCC AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9600  
By: Mr. Otterbein

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF IMAC INSURANCE AGENCY AS RISK MANAGER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9601  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING TO RAC SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS & MAINTENANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9602  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9603  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APOINTMENT ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

No. 9604  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9605  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

No. 9606  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER - MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

No. 9607  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS – SANDRA BERARDI.

No. 9608  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING RECYCLING COORDINATOR – SANDRA BERARDI.

No. 9609  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR 2015.

No. 9610  
By: Mr. O’Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2015.

No. 9611  
By: Mr. O’Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

No. 9612  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPOINTING DRIVER/OPERATORS OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2015.

No. 9613  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING NONRESIDENT FIREFIGHTERS AS CALL MEMBERS OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2015.

No. 9614  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - APPOINTING JOHN N. MEDINA AS FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9615  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - APPOINTING JOHN N. MEDINA AS FIRE OFFICIAL.

No. 9616  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - APPOINTING DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

No. 9617  
By: Mr. O’Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE YEAR 2015.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen O’Hern, Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and Canale voted in the affirmative, except Council President O’Hern and Councilman Cecere abstained on Resolutions 9612 and 9613 because they are members of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department.

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

No. 9618  
By: Mr. Hladik

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS - WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICERS (One Year Term):

Deputy Chief	Michael Luker, Jr.
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	Robert Hebrank, Jr.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	Jared Z. Fout
Captain	Mark Poli
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Thomas Bradley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Tom Webber
Safety Officer	Richard C. Otterbein
Safety Officer	Jock H. Watkins
Safety Officer	Frank Norton
Safety Officer	Tom King

On motion made by Councilman Hladik, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, it was regularly moved that the appointments be confirmed.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale voted in the affirmative except Council President O’Hern and Councilman Cecere abstained because they are members of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department.

The West Caldwell Fire Department officers present were sworn in by Mayor Tempesta.

**CITIZEN APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS BY MAYOR WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL - 2015:**

**PLANNING BOARD:**

	<b><u>STATUTORY TERM</u></b>	
Christopher Smith	1/1/15 – 12/31/18	4 yrs.
Robert Palmisano	1/1/15 – 12/31/16	2 yrs.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Leo Adriaenssens	1/1/15 – 12/31/18	4 yrs.
Thomas McDonnell	1/1/15 – 12/31/18	4 yrs.
Michael Shannon (to fulfill the unexpired term of Kathy Canale)	1/1/14 – 12/31/17	4 yrs.
Robert Schott	1/1/15 – 12/31/16	2 yrs.

**WEST CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

Michael E. Maguire	1/1/15 – 12/31/19	5 yrs.
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**SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION:**

Serop Basralian	1/1/15 – 12/31/17	3 yrs.
William Pimblott	1/1/15 – 12/31/17	3 yrs.
Carl Justice	1/1/15 – 12/31/17	3 yrs.

**CAMP WYANOKIE:**

William J. Hunter	1/1/15 – 12/31/17	3 yrs.
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**LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:**

Fay Tassoff Susskind	1/1/15 – 12/31/18	4 yrs.
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**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

John Kupcho	1/1/15 – 12/31/17	3 yrs.
Michael P. Rolli	1/1/15 – 12/31/17	3 yrs.

On motion made by Council President O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, it was regularly moved that the appointments be confirmed.

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

Mayor Tempesta administered the oath to the appointments present.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Tempesta presented a proclamation to Jack Kupcho, President of the Environmental Commission, who will be awarded the Citation for Distinguished Service to Agriculture from the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture in February 2015.

## **MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Tempesta presented his Annual Message to those present:

Happy New Year! Let me start by saying thank you to a number of important people in my life. I must thank my wife Anne, and our son Joe for always supporting me, as well as my Mom and my entire family for their support throughout the years.

A special thanks to Mike Crudele and Dora Hillyer, our Chairman and Treasurer of our campaign team and all campaign team members as well as all West Caldwell Republican County Committee members especially our Chairman and vice-chair Chris Smith and Delores Jones for supporting Michael, Kathy and me during the campaign and throughout the years.

Congratulations to Councilman Michael Docteroff and Councilwoman Kathy Canale and their families on winning their election and being sworn-in today and I know they will do a great job on this Council for both are anxious to work on behalf of the community of West Caldwell.

Congratulations to Councilman Tom O'Hern on being selected by our colleagues today Council President for 2015. I look forward to working closely with Tom in developing the agenda for our community throughout the year.

We thank recently retired Councilman and Council President Rich Otterbein for his years of service on Council and service to the community. We wish Rich and Carol many years of health and happiness in retirement but we have at least one last order of business with Rich. On Thursday evening Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, we will honor Rich with a retirement dinner at Green Brook Country Club. Details will follow but Rich congratulations again and on behalf of the entire community we thank you.

We also want to announce that 2015 is a special year for our library. It is in our centennial, in March it will be 100 years since our library was established and the Library will be celebrating throughout the year with a series of events culminating with a Gala event in October. At this time I would like to recognize our Library Board of Trustees President Marilyn Rubino and our Library director Samantha McCoy and her husband Patrick. We wish you well and look forward throughout the year for planned events.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our friend and a mentor to me Bob Reiher our former Mayor who past several months ago. Please take a moment of silence and let us remember Bob.

A special thanks you to all the citizen volunteers who were sworn in today. I thank them on behalf of the community for their willingness to serve. A special thanks to all members of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and West Essex Volunteer First Aid Squad, and congratulations to all of the sworn officers of the Fire Department.

I also want to mention and thank the West Caldwell Police Department. They do a great job and we sometimes take for granted that on a 911 call they are generally there within 120-180 seconds. More importantly, I want our officers to know, that this mayor and Council have your back and we know you have ours. It is unfortunate what is going on across the Hudson River but that will not happen here. Chief Bramhall and Chief Alvine please pass on to the men and woman of both departments that we fully support all of them.

A very special thanks to the men and woman who work for our Township. They do a great job and under the leadership of our Township Administrator Adam Brewer, they continue to provide the necessary services our residents and business deserve. I don't know if the average citizen realizes but over the last 5 or 6 years we had employee staff retire which comprised of over several hundred years of experience which necessitated re-organizations, recruitments of new employees and reassignments of existing employees in key positions including Administrator, CFO, Clerk, Superintendent of Public Works/Water, through the

most difficult of economic times. Adam you've done a good job-stay the course and thank you for a job well done.

I feel very blessed to have a great Town Council. We are a cohesive team working with determination and a combined vision, Together we will accomplish great things as we move forward the next four years.

So let's first briefly highlight what we have accomplished together over the years:

We developed the islands along Bloomfield Avenue, made significant investments on paving, reconstructing, and replacing water main pipes on many streets throughout Town. We renovated and added to this building highlighted by the great renovation to our library. We put in a brand new field that didn't exist 10 years ago with a unique public/private partnership with Essex Valley School. We successfully helped our businesses redevelop the corner of Passaic and Bloomfield Avenue-remember Sizzler steak house and the old post office, we redeveloped our malls. Remember Dr. Lee's building on the corner where TD Bank is. We miss the bowling alley but we got a brand new Walgreens. We've purchased several new fire vehicles during our tenure and completed a significant addition and renovation of our fire house. We reconstructed and painted our McKinley Avenue and Mountain Avenue water tanks. We established and added our buddies and shadow program for children with developmental disabilities. We purchase and maintained our police fleet, supplied the tools necessary for our volunteer Firefighters, donated and supported our first aid squad.

We developed a street master plan and forged new shared service agreements with our neighbors. These include a joint dispatch agreement with the Borough of Caldwell for police dispatching, a joint project agreement with Caldwell for a significant upgrade to Kiwanis Oval including synthetic turf, a recently expanded Health services agreement with Fairfield, North Caldwell, Montville and Mountain Lakes. We added several social functions for our senior citizens including field trips, special events, provided luncheons and senior citizens fitness classes. We upgraded our police headquarters with building reconfiguration and technology upgrades. We renovated memorial Park twice. There is still much more to do.

Our forefathers had the vision to invest in land and buildings a generation ago, resulting in the acquisition of Westville Pool and its surrounding property as well as the current municipal building. That was in 1973 and 1975 respectively. Those investments have served us well. However, a generation has passed since those investments.

It is incumbent upon us to accept the responsibility to plan for our future, the future of our community, and the future of our children. We must make more investments for our future. It is the right thing to do. And we must not be fearful of being creative about these potential investments meaning that we may not do them alone-it may be with unique agreements with neighboring communities or even private businesses. But we must be cognizant that we owe to the next generation to leave this place a little better than we found it.

I believe if we are successful in doing this over the next several years, it will positively affect the quality of life of all our citizens, including our children, senior citizens, and families. I also believe that any investment we make will make our community an even more attractive place to live work and raise a family and increase our property values.

So today I am asking the Council to put in this year's budget, the necessary funding to develop a master plan for the property we own along Clinton Road and Fairfield Avenue which includes our old Borough Hall and recreation building. I also believe this plan should include surrounding properties and the potential, if necessary, of acquiring surrounding properties that border our property as well as adjacent properties next to the Firehouse across the street. Additionally, I am asking the Council to budget a similar plan to examine the feasibility of developing the property around Westville Pool including the possibility of a community type building that can be used for a variety of purposes possibly in conjunction with our High School and surrounding communities and businesses. And while we are developing this plan, we must continue to do the necessary infrastructure of work following our street master plan and continue to pave more street, reconstruct others, and replace water mains when necessary.

I will now end with a few lines that I read at my first inauguration in January of 1999- it is from a document whose author is unknown but I came across this recently and wanted to share it with you.

It is entitled "Things I Have Learned." I've learned that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life...I've learned that no matter how thin you slice it, there's always two sides...I've learned that you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever...I've learned that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back. I've learned that it takes years to build up trust and only seconds to destroy it...I've learned that maturity has more to do with the types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated...I've learned that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change...Ladies and gentlemen I have learned that I have a lot to learn. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor. It is a privilege and honor. West Caldwell is a great place to live, and we intend to make it even better. On behalf of the Tempesta Family, and the entire Governing Body, a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year to everyone and God bless you all. Thank you.

The Mayor then recognized Councilman Docteroff who thanked everyone for coming and Chairman Smith and the opportunity to serve and his friends and family.

Councilwoman Canale thanked her husband Gary and her family. She wished everyone well and a happy and healthy new year.

Council President O'Hern congratulated Mayor Tempesta, Councilman Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale. He congratulated Richard Otterbein on his retirement. He and his family wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Councilman Cecere congratulated Mayor Tempesta, Councilman Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale. He congratulated Richard Otterbein on his retirement, along with his wife Julie Anne and their three children wished everyone a wonderful new year.

Councilman Hladik congratulated Mayor Tempesta, Councilman Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale.

Councilman Wolsky wished everyone well and a happy new year.

**INVITATION TO CITIZENS:**

Mayor Tempesta stated that this was the time for public discussion and asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding any matter appearing on the agenda and acted on by the Council today.

Former Councilman Robert Masella congratulated Mayor Tempesta, Councilman Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale.

Former Councilman Richard Otterbein congratulated Mayor Tempesta, Councilman Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There appearing to be no further business, Councilman Hladik made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cecere.

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

Council adjourned at 4:35 pm.

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Mary S. Donovan  
Township Clerk