

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

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, September 22, 2015 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 O'Hern, Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam W. Brewer, Business Administrator  
Mary S. Donovan, Municipal Clerk  
Paul G. Jemas, Esq., Municipal Attorney  
Nikole H. Monroig, Chief Financial Officer  
Alan Abramowitz, Essex County Representative

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tempesta asked for prayers for Chief Gerard Paris and his family. Mayor Tempesta also asked for prayers for the family of James McHugh, who passed away today.

Councilman Cecere commented on Captain Paris' history with the West Caldwell Police Department.

Mayor Tempesta recognized the following dignitaries who were present for Police Chief Paris' swearing in ceremony: Essex County Sheriff Fontura, former Chief Bramhall of West Caldwell, former Chief Tubbs of West Caldwell, Chief Bongiorno of Caldwell, Chief Vincent Kurik of Essex Fells, Chief Mark Duerr of North Caldwell, Chief Cell of Montclair State University, Chief Strumolo of Nutley, Deputy Chief Manna of Fairfield, Chief Sabagh of Montclair, Detective Fox of the US Attorney's Office, Chief Selel of South Orange, Fire Chief Alvine of West Caldwell, former Montclair Fire Chief Tom Russo, former West Caldwell Fire Chief Jock Watkins, and former councilmen Aiello, Masella and Otterbein and former councilwoman Sutherlin.

Mayor Tempesta explained the process of selecting the new chief Gerard Paris.

No. 9783  
By: Mr. O'Hern

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - PROMOTION OF WEST CALDWELL POLICE CHIEF - GERARD PARIS.**

**RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the West Caldwell Council that the nomination by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. of Captain Gerard Paris to the position of Chief of the West Caldwell Police Department be confirmed, effective September 22, 2015, at a salary of \$141,380.00.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Cecere, seconded by Councilman Hladik that the resolution be adopted.

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

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Mayor Tempesta then administered the oath to Captain Paris with his family by his side. Chief Paris thanked his department for their hard work.

There was a recess at 7:34 pm. The meeting continued at 7:50 pm.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A-1 A communication from Nikole Monroig, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available under the 2015 Budget of Appropriations – September Schedule; further certifying that there will be no over-expenditures of any line item in the Budget as a result of this schedule.
- A-2 A communication from Nikole Monroig, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available for resolution no. 9786.

Received and placed on file.

**BILLS ORDERED PAID:**

It was regularly moved by Councilmen Wolsky, seconded by Council President 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 and Treasurer be authorized to sign the necessary warrants for their payment.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On the recommendation of Councilwoman Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, it was regularly moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 be accepted.

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

**PENDING ORDINANCES:**

The Township Clerk read the title of an Ordinance No. 1775 entitled “ORDINANCE – AMENDING CHAPTER 11-48 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL TO AUTHORIZE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 39 FOR THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL AS BLOCK 1600, LOT 25, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1-44, 46, 48 AND 50 MCNISH WAY IN THE TOWNSHIP ”.

**WHEREAS**, by Resolutions of Memorialization dated August 17, 2009 and October 24, 2011, the Township of West Caldwell Planning Board granted Evans Run Development, LLC (the “Developer”) major reverse subdivision and preliminary and final major site plan approval for the construction and use of the land as a multi-family townhouse development on the property designated as Block 1600, Lot 25, commonly known as 1-44, 46, 48 and 50 McNish Way in the Township (the “Property”) (the “Approval”);

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the Approval, the Developer is required to request enforcement of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey on the Property in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated August 14, 2015, the Developer requested that the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell cause the enforcement of the provisions of Title 39 to be applied at the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, this request has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Township’s Engineer and Officer in Charge and the Governing Body finds it to be in the best interest of the public safety to consent to this request; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to amend Chapter 11-48 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell to authorize enforcement of the provisions of Title 39 on the Property.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, that:

Section 1. Chapter 11-48 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell be and hereby is amended as follows:

[Underlined Text is Added. Strike-Through Text is Deleted].

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**11-48 Title 39 Enforcement**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1, the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey are hereby made applicable to the semi-public roads, streets, driveways and parking lots on the following properties:

147 Clinton Road, Block 1501, Lot 2

1104 Bloomfield Avenue, Block 1800, Lots 25 and 26

1-44, 46, 48 and 50 McNish Way, Block 1600, Lot 25

**Section 2.** All ordinances or part of ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3.** If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

It is hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey being held on the 22nd day of September 2015, the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted.

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 O'Hern, Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale voted in the affirmative.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Cecere, seconded by Councilman Hladik that the Ordinance be passed on second reading.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and be subject to a separate roll call.

It was regularly moved by Council President O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Cecere, that the ten Resolutions on the Agenda this evening be approved.

Mayor Tempesta asked if any member of the public had any comments on any of items on the Consent Agenda.

There were no comments.

The following ten Resolutions by Consent were made part of these Minutes:

No. 9784

By: Mr. Wolsky

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION –AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE.**

**WHEREAS**, there appears on the tax records overpayments or otherwise 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 refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

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**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   |
| 8. Overpayment-Refund                           | 16. Correction   |
|   | 17. Exempt property - refund                           |

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Reason</u>
601	23	Suda, Gary & Gynine 26 Sweetwood Court	\$2,305.04	2015	2
1601	4	Hodgson, Sabrina 10 DeBaun Avenue - Contract # 50205061	\$ 6,085.69 <u>\$ 8,046.76</u> \$14,132.45	2015 2014	1 1
		Make check payable to:	Lereta, LLC Attn: Returns and Refunds 1123 Parkview Drive Covina, CA 91724		
200	50	Michael P. & Jane Falcone 98 Smull Avenue	\$2,485.70	2014	8
		Make check payable to:	Weichert Workforce Mobility, Inc. c/o Nish & Nish, LLC 163 Washington Street Morristown, NJ 07960		
501	12	Ramos, Juan & Erin 14 Farrington Street	\$ 782.32	2013	11
501	12	Ramos, Juan & Erin 14 Farrington Street	\$1,193.89	2013	8
		Make check payable to:	Ramos, Juan & Erin 84 Arlington Avenue Caldwell, NJ 07006		
508	9	Mastropietro, Fabio & Susan 9 Washington Avenue	\$2,042.07	2013	8
508	35	Pasciuto, Alicia 169 Park Avenue	\$2,294.92	2013	8
601	13	DeFilippo, William & Lisa 15 Sweetwood Court	\$2,510.77	2013	8
		Make check payable to:	DeFilippo, William & Lisa 584 Bloomfield Avenue, Apt 12A West Caldwell, NJ 07006		
2200	26	Hodgson, Matthew & Meghan 26 Holiday Drive	\$ 656.84	2013	8
2605	2	Blankenship, Jeffrey & Michelle 24 Sunnie Terrace	\$2,022.99	2013	8
		Make check payable to:	Blankenship, Jeffrey & Michelle 5 Crane Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006		
2803	13	Mills, Michael C. 14 Ellis Road	\$1,593.83	2013	8
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$32,020.82</b>		

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No. 9785  
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS, OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE RECREATION OFFICE.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to issue refunds for Recreation programs and Pool Utility memberships collected in the Recreation Office as shown below; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Recreation recommends the refunds;

**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 to clear the refunds as shown below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Louis LaMedica 39 Washington Avenue	\$60.00	program cancelled

No. 9786  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING AWARD UNDER STATE CONTRACT NO. #A82925 TO WINNER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2016 FORD INTERCEPTORS FOR THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of Officer in Charge Captain Gerard Paris to award under State Contract No. #A82925 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 for the purchase of two 2016 Ford Interceptors for the West Caldwell Police Department in the amount of \$62,726.00.

No. 9787  
By: Mr. Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) WITH THE COUNTY OF ESSEX CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF BARRIER FREE IMPROVEMENTS AT MEMORIAL PARK IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Township of West Caldwell authorized an agreement with the County of Essex for a Community Development Block Grant on June 1, 2014 for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to Memorial Park.

**WHEREAS**, the governing body wishes to amend their agreement, approved by the County of Essex Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 18, 2014 and amended on May 5, 2015.

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

1. The original contract term shall be extended for an additional period of one hundred twenty-two (122) days from September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 9788  
By: Mr. O’Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DONNA M. PAXSON AS A CROSSING GUARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the West Caldwell Police Chief, that the nomination by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr., be approved for the appointment of Donna M. Paxson, 3 Reservoir Place, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009, as a Crossing Guard for the Township of West Caldwell, effective, September 14, 2015, at a salary of \$11,190.14.

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No. 9789  
By: Mr. O'Hern

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2015.**

**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 January 6 through September 8, 2015.

No. 9790  
By: Mr. Docteroff

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ANY AND ALL BIDS FOR THE FRANCINE AVENUE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Caldwell (referred to as the “Township”) solicited bids for the Francine Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project (referred to as the “Project”) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice to Bidders and applicable law provide that that the Township is not obligated to make an award and that the Township reserves the right to and is entitled to reject any and all bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice to Bidders and the Bid Documents have been reviewed by the Township governing body, the Township’s staff and the Township’s professional consultants including, but not limited to Maser Consulting, PA, the engineering consultant to the Township (referred to as the “Township Engineer”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer estimated the cost of the Project to be Five Hundred Forty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$543,715) (referred to as the “Township Engineer’s Project Estimate”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received and opened bids for the Project in conjunction with the aforementioned solicitation on September 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time, in accordance with the Notice to Bidders (referred to as the “Notice to Bidders” or the “Bid Documents”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received bids in response to the solicitation from four (4) bidders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lowest Responsive Bidder submitted a bid in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$752,425.00) and therefore the amount of the bid of the Responsive Bidder exceeds the Township Engineer’s Project Estimate and therefore the remaining bid substantially exceeds the amount of funds appropriate for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law provides that a municipality or applicable governmental entity may reject all bids when the lowest responsive bid substantially exceeds the funds appropriate for the required goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice to Bidders and the Bid Documents have been reviewed by the Township governing body, the Township’s staff, the Township Engineer and the Township’s professional consultants and in conjunction with such review, the governing body of the Township has determined that it is in the better interest of the Township to reject any and all bids in this matter for the aforementioned determinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to re-advertise the Project and to authorize the Township Administrator to arrange to solicit bids for the Project in accordance with applicable laws.

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

1. Any and all bids received and opened for the Francine Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project (the “Project”) be and are hereby rejected in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. including, but not limited to, N.J.S.A. 40A:13-2 et seq., the Notice to Bidder, the Bid Documents and other applicable laws for the statements and determinations set forth in this Resolution.
2. The Township Administrator and Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to prepare the bid documents for the Project to be re-advertised and to solicit bids for the Project in accordance with this Resolution and applicable laws.
3. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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No. 9791  
By: Mr. O'Hern

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRELLA C. HERNANDEZ AS TAX CASHIER IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a tax cashier; and  
**WHEREAS**, Mirella C. Hernandez, 86 Martha Avenue Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, is willing and able to serve as the tax cashier in the Finance Department for the Township of West Caldwell; and;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Mirella C. Hernandez is appointed as a tax cashier, effective October 5, 2015, at a salary of \$35,000, in accordance with the salary ordinance.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 9792  
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE INC. TO ADMINISTER THE WRITTEN AND ORAL EXAMINATIONS FOR SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS FOR THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Caldwell has requested the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. conduct a written and oral examination of candidates for the purposing of assisting the Township in making selections for the positions of police sergeant and police lieutenant; and  
**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to enter an agreement setting the terms and condition of these examinations services according to the attached proposals; and;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 9793  
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

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the provisions of Open Public Meetings Act; and

**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:

1. Attorney/client privilege – tax payment plan request.

**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 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.

Mayor Tempesta reminded the public that the Council reserves the right to come back into open session after closed session to vote on any issues.

It was regularly moved by Council President O’Hern, seconded by Councilman Cecere that the ten Resolutions listed be adopted.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

REPORTS – POLICE CHIEF-JUDGE AND DETECTIVE BUREAU – AUGUST 2015

On the recommendation of Councilman Cecere, the reports submitted by the Police Chief, Judge and Detective Bureau for the month of August 2015 as received, be placed on file. Fines in the amount of \$20,284.00 were collected and apportioned as follows (copy attached to minutes).

REPORTS – VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – AUGUST 2015

On the recommendation of Councilman Cecere, the reports submitted by the Fire Chief of West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department for the month of August 2015 as received, be placed on file.

REPORTS – CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL’S REPORT – AUGUST 2015

On the recommendation of Councilman Cecere, the reports submitted by the Construction Official for the month of August 2015 as received, be placed on file.

Councilman Cecere offered his congratulations to Chief Paris.

**PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY:**

Councilman Docteroff reported on the following:

1. Francisco, Lincoln, St. Charles and Mt. Herman Way roadway construction are finishing up. Clinton Road and Roosevelt Avenue water mains were finished on time and under budget. Westover Avenue will start next week for roadway reconstruction. Mill and repaving was done on Grove, Feldstone, Annin, Dodd, Fairmount and the entrance to the public library. The restriping will be done by Department of Public works.
2. There was a pool meeting before this meeting and discussion was held on the two pools.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Councilman Hladik reported on the following:

1. Essex Valley School is looking good.
2. Bonnel Field can't be used for the July 4' 2016 fireworks; it is possibility to use West Essex Field.
3. Storage was discussed in the municipal building for recreation's supplies.
4. The reorganization of Department of Public Works was discussed.

**LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:**

1. Mirella Hernandez will be joining the tax department in October.
2. There have been some sound issues with TV 36.

**FINANCE AND WELFARE:**

1. The budget process has begun.
2. The Bridge will be opening on October 26.

**HEALTH AND SHARED SERVICES:**

1. A smoke free ordinance is being discussed at the Board of Health.

**ADVISORS' REPORTS:**

Administrator Brewer discussed the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference in November.

Clerk Donovan discussed newcomers' open house to be held on October 20 with letters being sent to new residents soon. A discussion was held.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Tempesta discussed the State's council on affordable housing (COAH) and the Township's filing of declaratory judgment. Mayor Tempesta reported on how COAH counts land within municipalities and the possible effect on West Caldwell.

**INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION:**

John DeBennett, 20 Gates, asked for follow up for Gates Avenue. Mayor Tempesta indicated that Administrator Brewer and Chief Paris will be following up on the issue.

Jennine and Victor Castaneda, 106 Knoll Terrace, discussed problems with drainage on their property. Mayor Tempesta requested that Administrator Brewer and Township Engineer Ralph Tango will be looking into the drainage issue.

Mayor Tempesta recognized Alan Abramowitz, Essex County representative.

Mr. Abramowitz announced the following:

1. There will be a senior wellness day on September 29 at Codey Arena and hazardous recycling and electronics recycling on October 3 and October 17, respectively, at Essex County Old Hospital Center.

In response to a question from Councilman Docteroff, Mr. Abramowitz indicated that the Essex County doesn't have a shredding event.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On the motion of Council President O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 8:21 pm.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen O'Hern, Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and

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Councilwoman Canale voted in the affirmative.

On the motion of Council President O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Wolsky, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:32 p.m.

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

On the motion of Council President O'Hern, seconded by Councilman Wolsky, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. All were in favor.

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Mary S. Donovan  
Township Clerk