

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

November 22, 2016

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, November 22, 2016 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, Wolsky, Docteroff, Councilwoman Canale and Councilman Crudele.

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam W. Brewer, Business Administrator
Mary S. Donovan, Municipal Clerk
Paul G. Jemas, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Chief Gerard Paris, Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Docteroff
Invocation by Council President Cecere

Council President Cecere asked for guidance for the Council, the military, and especially the West Caldwell Police Department and Sergeant Michael Orr being promoted tonight.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Mayor Tempesta welcomed Chief Paris, Chief Bramhall, Chief Tubbs, Chief Manna and Captain Heines and the West Caldwell Police Department.

Mayor Tempesta welcomed Corporal Michael Orr and his family and described Corporal Orr's background.

Clerk Donovan read the following resolution by title:

No. 16-274
By: Mr. Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF CORPORAL MICHAEL B. ORR TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the West Caldwell Council that the nomination by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. of Corporal Michael B. Orr to the rank of Sergeant in the West Caldwell Police Department be confirmed, effective November 22, 2016 at a salary of \$123,792.

Mayor Tempesta recommended the promotion of Corporal Orr.

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

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

Mayor Tempesta administered the oath of office to Sergeant Orr as his family witnessed the ceremony.

RECESS:

Mayor Tempesta called for a recess at 7:35 pm with a return to the dais at 7:42 pm. The motion moved unanimously.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- A-1 A communication from Nikole Monroig, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available under the 2016 Budget of Appropriations – November 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 number 16-279.
- A-3 A communication from SRG concerning 820 Bloomfield Avenue.
- A-4 A communication from Superior Court of NJ Office of the Ombudsman concerning criminal justice reform.
- A-5 A communication from Kathryn Caplan concerning the 2016 tax sale.

All received and placed on file.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff 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 Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff, Councilwoman Canale and Councilman Crudele voted in the affirmative.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS ORDERED PAID

	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CURRENT ACCOUNT – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	5762-5885	\$6,853,783.10
WATER OPERATING ACCOUNT- VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	9840-9868	\$348,937.81
POOL UTILITY ACCOUNT	2761-2769	\$ 13,303.33
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	2592-2598	\$ 162,768.18
WATER CAPITAL	8125-8129	\$ 189,948.79
GENERAL TRUST – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	5577-5592	\$988,852.20
DOG TRUST	1591	\$4.80
DEVELOPER’S TRUST	398	\$1,330.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the recommendation of Councilwoman Canale, seconded by Councilman Crudele, it was regularly moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 be approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Tempesta stated that 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

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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 Councilman Hladik, seconded by Councilman Wolsky that the six Resolutions on the Agenda this evening be approved.

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

There were no comments.

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

No. 16-275
By: Mr. Hladik

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON ZYLA AS A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Chief of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department that Brandon Zyla, 15 Mayhew Drive, Fairfield, NJ 07004, be designated as a Junior Firefighter of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, effective November 15, 2016.

No. 16-276
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 2016 CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFER #2.

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>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN CAPS		
Public Buildings and Grounds		
Salary and Wages	3,900.00	
Police		
Salaries and Wages	45,000.00	
Road Repair and Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	15,000.00	
Gasoline	10,000.00	
Electricity	5,000.00	
Natural Gas	5,000.00	
Administrative and Executive:		
Salary and Wages		1,000.00
Collection of Taxes		
Salary and Wages		2,500.00
Legal Services and Costs		
Other Expense		15,000.00
Engineering Services and Costs		
Other Expense		15,000.00
Emergency Management Services		
Salaries and Wages		400.00
APPROPRIATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS		
Reserve for Prior Year Tax Appeals		50,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	83,900.00	83,900.00

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No. 16-277
By: Mr. Hladik

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GUSTAVO PACHECO AS A REGULAR FIREFIGHTER OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Chief of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department that Gustavo Pacheco, 75 Richard Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006, be designated as a Regular Firefighter of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, effective November 15, 2016.

No. 16-278
By: Mr. Docteroff

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for the 2016 Pool Concession Security Deposit and Recreation Fees collected in the Recreation Office as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director 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:

POOL UTILITY FUND:

Name	Amount	Reason
SA Food Associates, LLC 1231 Beech Avenue Mountainside, NJ 07092	\$1,000.00	Refund of Security Deposit

TOTAL POOL UTILITY REFUNDS: \$1,000.00

TRUST FUND:

Name	Amount	Reason
Charlie Alberta 15 Lane Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006	\$90.00	Unplayed Men’s Softball Games
Joe Crawley PO Box 1364 West Caldwell, NJ 07006	\$135.00	Unplayed Men’s Softball Games
Steve Eitman 6 Dillon Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	\$45.00	Unplayed Men’s Softball Games
Joe Kostecka 507 Bloomfield Avenue Caldwell, NJ 07006	\$45.00	Unplayed Men’s Softball Games

TOTAL CURRENT FUND REFUNDS: \$315.00

No. 16-279
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 AMOUNTING TO AN INCREASE OF \$12,000.00 FOR THE 3 AND 5 FAIRFIELD AVENUE DEMOLITION PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the 3 and 5 Fairfield Avenue Demolition project to Wild Heart Industries, LLC in the amount of \$110,000.00 (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain changes to this Contract are necessary; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the Contract, it was discovered that the following modifications were required: Mobilization and equipment for the removal and disposal of approximately 750 SF of wood floor tongue and groove with ACM vinyl located on the first floor.

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WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is an increase of \$12,000.00 and results in a 10.91% total increase over the original Contract amount;

WHEREAS, this modification represents no substantial change to the quality or character of the items or work provided or the overall Contract amount;

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, the Governing Body wishes to approve this change order; and

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

1. The above listed change order to the Contract for the 3 and 5 Fairfield Avenue Demolition project with Wild Heart Industries, LLC be and hereby is approved.
2. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
3. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders.
4. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	\$110,000.00
Amount of Change Order #1	12,000.00
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	\$122,000.00
Percent Increase of Change Order #1	10.91%

No. 16-280
By: Mr. Cecere

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

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. Contract Negotiations – Caldwell University/Mount Saint Dominic Academy/Essex Valley School
2. Litigation - Tax appeals: Block 1804, Lot 6; Block 1805, Lot 7; Block 1809, Lot 9; Block 1810, Lot 8; Block 1903, Lot 1.

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

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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.

Administrator Brewer reported on the items for closed executive session.

It was regularly moved by Councilman President Cecere, seconded by Councilman Hladik that the six Resolutions listed be adopted.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff, Councilwoman Canale and Councilman Crudele voted in the affirmative except Council President Cecere abstained on resolutions number 16-275 and 16-277 because of his membership on the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

REPORTS – POLICE CHIEF-JUDGE AND DETECTIVE BUREAU – OCTOBER 2016

On the recommendation of Council President Cecere, the reports submitted by the Police Chief, Judge and Detective Bureau for the month of October 2016 as received, be placed on file. Fines in the amount of \$17,754.00 were collected and apportioned as follows (copy attached to minutes).

REPORTS – VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – OCTOBER 2016

On the recommendation of Council President Cecere, the reports submitted by the Fire Chief of West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department for the month of October 2016 as received, be placed on file.

REPORTS – CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2016

On the recommendation of Council President Cecere, the reports submitted by the Construction Official for the month of October 2016 as received, be placed on file.

Council President Cecere asked Clerk Donovan to read the following ordinance.

The Township Clerk read the title of an Ordinance No. 1788 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 11 (TRAFFIC) SECTION 7.8 (PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LOUGHEED AVENUE”.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell, entitled “*Traffic*”, Section 7.8 entitled “*Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets*” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

<i>Name of Street</i>	<i>Side</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lougheed Avenue	East	From Bloomfield Avenue South for 350 feet
Lougheed Avenue	West	From Bloomfield Avenue South for 155 feet

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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.

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It was regularly moved by Council President Cecere, seconded by Councilman Hladik that the Ordinance be passed on first reading; that it be published and posted as a pending Ordinance in the manner required by law and that the Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Upon the vote being polled, Councilmen Cecere, Hladik, Wolsky, Docteroff and Councilwoman Canale voted in the affirmative with Councilman Crudele abstaining.

Council President Cecere reported on the following:

1. Administrator Brewer was thanked for attending a Women's club meeting at Crane's Mill recently with him.
2. Drivers should be careful at Thanksgiving time and don't drink and drive.

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:

Councilman Hladik reported on the following:

1. The Library has a 3D printer and everyone should check it out.
2. The Library Board will hold their annual staff appreciation event on December 7 at 12 noon. All are invited.

FINANCE:

Councilman Wolsky reported on the following:

1. The staff and department heads are working on the 2017 budget.
2. The Environmental Commission held their swap meet on November 19 and it was not as well as attended as in the past because of the change in dates.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Docteroff reported on the following:

1. Clinton Road will be milled and paved on Tuesday, November 29 and Central Avenue will be milled and paved next year.
2. Eastern Parkway, Distler Avenue and Parkview Place rehabilitation will be done in another month.
3. Mountain Avenue water tank rehabilitation will be finished soon.
4. The Township trucks and briners are ready for winter with plenty of sand.
5. Camp Wyanokie budget meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2016.
6. Junior Chiefs B team were congratulated for winning the super bowl. They were coached by Steve Goodman, Danny Roselle and Lenny Iodice.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilwoman Canale reported on the following:

1. Recreation basketball tryouts will be next week and wrestling program will start after their tryouts.
2. Third grade classes who visited the High Line in New York brought back ideas to add art to the local parks.

TECHNOLOGY AND SHARED SERVICES:

Councilman Crudele reported on the following:

1. Residents were reminded that the senior bus is available to West Caldwell residents and they should take advantage of the system.
2. There is now illumination of the Memorial Park running track evenings 5 to 9 pm until December 16, 2016 as a pilot program.
3. Sincere thanks for the Governing Body and the staff in making West Caldwell a great place to live.

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ADVISORS' REPORTS:

Administrator Brewer reported on professional services bids recently opened which are being reviewed by the Legal and Personnel Committee. Also bids were opened for the Memorial Park Tennis courts and they are being reviewed by the Legal and Personnel Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tempesta wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Tempesta also reported on Governor Christie's appearance at the League of Municipalities' meeting last week.

Sue Hands, Essex County Liaison, extended invitations to Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo's holiday party at McLoone's Boathouse on December 12. All are invited. The holiday lights spectacular started at the Turtle Back Zoo and runs every night from 5 to 9 pm. Essex County is also recruiting for docents at Turtle Back Zoo and applications are available online at the Zoo's website.

Mayor Tempesta questioned Ms. Hands concerning paving on Clinton Road and Central Avenue. Ms. Hands reported that when PSE&G finished their work, the County will pave on Clinton Road and possibly Central Avenue if the weather cooperates.

Councilman Crudele requested that the trees on Runnymede Road be trimmed back for safety.

Chief Paris wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked Mayor and Council for tonight's promotion of Sergeant Orr.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR DISCUSSION:

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Tempesta stated that the Council reserves the right to come out of closed session and vote on any matter.

On the motion of Council President Cecere, seconded by Councilman Hladik, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm to Closed Session.

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

Council President Cecere recused himself from Closed Executive Session at 8:06 pm and left the building.

On the motion of Councilman Hladik, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:25 pm.

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

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

No. 16-281
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION -. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2010-2015 TAX APPEAL – MP W CALDWELL LLC V. TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, BLOCK 1804, LOT 6, 1070 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.

WHEREAS, an appeal of the real property tax assessment for tax years 2010 to 2015, involving Block 1804, Lot 6, 1070 Bloomfield Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed settlement agreement has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, settlement of said matter is more fully set forth below is in the best interest of the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Settlement of the 2010-2015 tax appeal is hereby authorized as follows:

Block 1804, Lot 6, 1070 Bloomfield Avenue

Appeal Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Assessment	Decrease in Assessment	Decrease in Taxes
2010	297,500	297,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2011	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2012	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2013	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2014	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2015	610,500	594,100	(16,400)	\$382.78
Totals	3,350,000	3,333,600	(16,400)	\$382.78

2. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution and authorizes the Special Tax Counsel to enter into the Stipulation of Settlement as provider by Taxpayer.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, that the resolution be adopted.

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

No. 16-282
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2010-2015 TAX APPEAL – MP W CALDWELL LLC V. TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, BLOCK 1805, LOT 7, 1048 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.

WHEREAS, an appeal of the real property tax assessment for tax years 2010 to 2015, involving Block 1805, Lot 7, 1048 Bloomfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement agreement has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, settlement of said matter is more fully set forth below is in the best interest of the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Settlement of the 2010-2015 tax appeal is hereby authorized as follows:

Block 1805, Lot 7, 1048 Bloomfield Avenue

Appeal Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Assessment	Decrease in Assessment	Decrease in Taxes
2010	297,500	297,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2011	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2012	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2013	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2014	610,500	610,500	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2015	610,500	594,100	(16,400)	\$382.78
Totals	3,350,000	3,333,600	(16,400)	\$382.78

2. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution and authorizes the Special Tax Counsel to enter into the Stipulation of Settlement as provider by Taxpayer.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, that the resolution be adopted.

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

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No. 16-283
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2010-2015 TAX APPEAL – MP W CALDWELL LLC V. TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, BLOCK 1809, LOT 9, 1026 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.

WHEREAS, an appeal of the real property tax assessment for tax years 2010 to 2015, involving Block 1809, Lot 9, 1026 Bloomfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement agreement has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, settlement of said matter is more fully set forth below is in the best interest of the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Settlement of the 2010-2015 tax appeal is hereby authorized as follows:
Block 1809, Lot 9, 1026 Bloomfield Avenue

Appeal Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Assessment	Decrease in Assessment	Decrease in Taxes
2010	340,000	340,000	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2011	700,200	700,200	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2012	700,200	700,200	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2013	700,200	700,200	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2014	700,200	700,200	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2015	700,200	681,500	(18,700)	\$436.46
Totals	3,841,000	3,822,300	(18,700)	\$436.46

2. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution and authorizes the Special Tax Counsel to enter into the Stipulation of Settlement as provider by Taxpayer.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, that the resolution be adopted.

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

No. 16-284
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2012-2015 TAX APPEAL GCT CORPORATION V. TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, BLOCK 1810, LOT 8, 1000 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.

WHEREAS, an appeal of the real property tax assessment for tax years 2012 to 2015, involving Block 1810, Lot 8, 1000 Bloomfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement agreement has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, settlement of said matter is more fully set forth below is in the best interest of the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Settlement of the 2012-2015 tax appeal is hereby authorized as follows:
Block 1810, Lot 8, 1000 Bloomfield Avenue

Appeal Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Assessment	Decrease in Assessment	Decrease in Taxes
2012	793,700	793,700	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2013	793,700	793,700	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2014	793,700	793,700	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2015	793,700	765,000	(28,700)	\$669.86
Totals	3,174,800	3,146,100	(28,700)	\$669.86

2. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution and authorizes the Special Tax Counsel to enter into the Stipulation of Settlement as provider by Taxpayer.

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It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, that the resolution be adopted.

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

No. 16-285
By: Mr. Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2012-2015 TAX APPEAL MUNDELEIN DEVELOPMENT CORP. V. TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, BLOCK 1903, LOT 1, 940 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.

WHEREAS, an appeal of the real property tax assessment for tax years 2012 to 2015, involving Block 1903, Lot 1, 940 Bloomfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement agreement has been reviewed and recommended by the Township Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, settlement of said matter is more fully set forth below is in the best interest of the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Settlement of the 2012-2015 tax appeal is hereby authorized as follows:
Block 1903, Lot 1, 940 Bloomfield Avenue

Appeal Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Assessment	Decrease in Assessment	Decrease in Taxes
2012	1,361,400	1,361,400	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
2013	1,361,400	1,311,400	(50,000)	\$1,128.50
2014	1,361,400	1,250,000	(111,400)	\$2,567.77
2015	1,361,400	1,250,000	(111,400)	\$2,600.08
Totals	5,445,600	5,172,800	(272,800)	\$6,296.35

2. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution and authorizes the Special Tax Counsel to enter into the Stipulation of Settlement as provider by Taxpayer.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, that the resolution be adopted.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, on a motion from Councilman Wolsky, and a second by Councilman Hladik, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. All were in favor.

Mary S. Donovan
Township Clerk