**BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 17, 2024**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the reading of the following Sunshine Law announcement: ***“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Califon Borough Council has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the annual notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat.”***

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith**

 **Absent: Mayor Daniel**

**Also, Present:**

**Via Zoom, Borough Attorney M. Anderson**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Meeting of October 17, 2024**

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C. Smith suggested that the minutes also memorialize the plaque presented to Clayton and the center island, which will now be referred to as Clayton’s Corner.

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by L. Janas to approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2024.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, M. MedeL. Janas, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by E. Haversang to approve the list of bills for $67,920.96 Seconded by R. Baggstrom.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK’S REPORT**

**\_**Early voting begins Saturday October 26th from 8 am to 6p. It runs through November 3rd—full message posted on the Website.

\_ Clerk attended the recycling / SWAC meeting on October 15th. The transfer station on Petticoat Lane is still in the process of being sold to Waste Management. The county has been advised that Waste Management plans on keeping the dump open to the public on Saturdays, at least for the first two years, once the sale goes through.

\_The NJ Legislature has awarded Califon Borough a citation with commendations and praise for the First Step Safety Award.

\_email from Tax Assessor advising that the county tax board will issue a revaluation order to Califon within the next two years, probably by 2027.

\_email from Lower Valley Presbyterian Church asking if they could set up a table at Califon Commons to hand out candy on Halloween. The council had no problem with this.

Council President Medea asked that Public Comment be moved to the agenda to accommodate a family present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—**Danielle Andreas of 76 Main Street advised that it is difficult to back out of their driveway on Mill Street due to the large vehicles parked there. She wanted to know if the town could place compact car parking only on Mill Street, so they have more room.

Mrs. Andreas also advised that they are concerned about the dam removal, what will be left of the river, and what will happen to the riverbanks. She advised that she and her husband have not had any definitive answers from the Raritan Headwaters Association about when this dam removal will occur and exactly what the banks will look like. A discussion about communication between residents and RHA took place. It was suggested that the Borough invite RHA to attend a council meeting to provide a status report.

Mrs. Andreas advised that she heard that the council was looking at ordinances that may allow short-term rentals in Califon. Mrs. Andreas stated that they were operating an Air BnB at their 76 Main Street location before they knew this was not permitted without a variance. Mrs. Andreas noted that she ran the reservations and only had positive experiences. Mrs. Andreas stated that many fishermen came and stayed the weekend to fish on the river, and they had guests who were attending weddings in the area use air BnB to make reservations for a two-night stay at their home. She provides all guests with a guest book that lists Califon’s local businesses and knows that these businesses, such as the flower shop and Rambo’s, benefited from their part-time business. They hope to be back operating if the council adopts an Ordinance allowing the same.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **RESOLUTION – 2024-64- Authorization for Califon Planning/Zoning Board to request redevelopment assessment of 15 & 25 Academy Street from Califon Planner.**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2024-64**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 6, LOTS 27 AND 41 IS PROPERTY IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, *et seq*., (the “Redevelopment Law”) provides a procedure for designating an Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, prior to the Borough Council making a determination as to whether a study area qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, the Borough Council shall authorize the Borough Planning Board by Resolution to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law for designation as an Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that the Planning Board should be directed to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether property known as Block 6, Lots 27 and 41 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon hereby directs and authorizes the Planning Board to determine whether property known as Block 6, Lots 27 and 41 (the “Study Area”), qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that prior to the public hearing to be held by the Planning Board on the matter, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area and the location of property included therein, and append to the map a statement setting forth the basis for the investigation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Board shall specify a date for and give notice of a public hearing for the purpose of hearing all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination of the Study Area as an Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the hearing notice shall set forth the general boundaries of the Study Area and state that a map has been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Borough Clerk; that a copy of the notice shall be published in an official newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks; that the last publication shall not be less than ten days prior to the date set for the hearing; that a copy of the notice shall be mailed ten days prior to the date set for the hearing to the owners of each parcel of property within the Study Area and within 200 feet of the Study Area, according to the Borough assessment records, and to persons at their last known address, if any, whose names are noted on the assessment records as claimants of an interest of any such parcel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Board shall hear all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area qualifies under the Redevelopment Law as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, and that all objections to such determination and evidence in support of those objections, given orally or in writing, shall be received and made part of the public record; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Borough Council in the form of a resolution with supporting documentation.

R. Baggstrom made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-64 as read seconded by J. Ruggiero.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, M. MedeL. Janas, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **RESOLUTION- 2024-65- ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING A JUVENILE CURFEW IN THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON- HALLOWEEN**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2024- 65**

**ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING A JUVENILE CURFEW IN THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

**WHEREAS,**  (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.52) authorizes and empowers a municipality to adopt a Resolution making it unlawful for a juvenile of any age under 18 years within the discretion of the municipality to be on any public street or in a public place between hours as so designated by the governing body unless engaged in, or traveling from a business or activity which the laws of this State authorize a juvenile to perform and making it unlawful for any parent or guardian to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place during those hours; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon have determined the need for a curfew for juveniles and have determined that the Governing Body shall, by resolution, declare a curfew in the Municipality for a period of not more than ninety (90) days and under such conditions as are prescribed by the Governing Body and such curfew shall commence not earlier than 9:00 p.m. and shall end not later than 5:00 a.m. during each of the curfew dates established.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon as follows:

1. **Establishment of Juvenile Curfew.** A juvenile curfew is hereby established and declared in the Borough of Califon, commencing at 9:00 p.m. and ending 5:00 a.m. on the following curfew dates:

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 through Monday, November 4, 2024

1. **Conditions of Curfew**. During the curfew established herein, it shall be unlawful for any juvenile under the age of 18 years to be on any public street, or in a public place, either on foot or in a vehicle, within the Borough of Califon during the above designated time.
2. **Exceptions to Curfew**. The above-established curfew shall not apply to juveniles:
3. When the juvenile is engaged in an errand involving a medical emergency
4. When the juvenile is in attendance at an extracurricular school activity sponsored by a religious or community-based organization or other cultural, educational, or social event
5. When the work time of the juvenile who is gainfully and lawfully employed overlaps the curfew hours
6. When the juvenile is an attendant as a bona fide student at an evening school of instruction
7. When the juvenile is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult having the care and custody of the juvenile
8. Where the juvenile is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by the juvenile’s parent or guardian
9. **Responsibility of Parent or Guardian**. During the curfew herein established, it shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of a juvenile to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place in violation of hereunder.
10. **Posting, Publication and Distribution of Curfew Notice**. Copies of the above Resolution shall be posted in such public or quasi-public places as may be designated by the Governing Body and may be published in such newspapers as the Governing Body shall designate. Copies shall also be supplied to area schools with a request that they make students aware of the curfew. Failure to post, publish or distribute this Resolution shall not relieve any person from the obligation of complying with the terms of the curfew imposed hereunder.
11. **Notification to Law Enforcement Agencies**. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent by the Municipal Clerk to law enforcement agencies, including the Municipal Police Dept., and the New Jersey State Police.
12. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-65 as read seconded by J. Ruggiero.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, M. MedeL. Janas, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **INTRODUCTION - TO BOND ORDINANCE 2024-08 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $485,000 THEREFOR (INCLUSIVE OF REAPPROPRIATED EXCESS PROCEEDS FROM BOND ORDINANCES 2019-07 AND 2021-10 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $201,482.28 AND A STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $219,330) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $283,517.72 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

Council President Medea read Ordinance 2024-08 by title and opened the meeting for public comment. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by C. Smith, seconded by R. Baggstrom to adopt Ordinance 2024-08 as read by title.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOND ORDINANCE 2024-08**

**Bond Ordinance providing for various roadway improvements, by and in the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey.**

**Appropriating $485,000 Therefore (Inclusive of reappropriated excess proceeds from Bond Ordinances 2019-07 and 2021-10 in the aggregate amount of $201,482.28 and a state of New Jersey, Department of Transportation grant in the amount of $219,330) and authorizing the issuance of $283,517.72 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”), finally adopted bond ordinance number 2019­07 on October 21, 2019, and finally adopted bond ordinance number 2021-10 on November 1, 2021, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (collectively, the “Prior Ordinances”); and

**WHEREAS,** following the effective date of the Prior Ordinances, the Borough issued notes to fully fund same and to finance the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough has determined that the capital improvements or purposes set forth in the Prior Ordinances have either been completed in full or discontinued as a result of events occurring subsequent to the adoption of the Prior Ordinances, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS,** there currently remains on deposit in the Borough’s capital accounts excess note proceeds allocable to the Prior Ordinances (the “Excess Proceeds”), but no longer necessary to complete the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the statutory powers set forth in Section 39 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”), the Borough Council of the Borough has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to reappropriate the Excess Proceeds to finance the costs of various road improvements, as more fully described in Section

5(a) herein (the “New Purpose”), for which bonds or notes may be issued, thereby eliminating the need for the Borough to incur additional debt to finance such current capital needs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Council of the Borough now desires to reappropriate the Excess Proceeds to undertake the New Purpose.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

5(a) herein (the “New Purpose”), for which bonds or notes may be issued, thereby eliminating the need for the Borough to incur additional debt to finance such current capital needs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Council of the Borough now desires to reappropriate the Excess Proceeds to undertake the New Purpose.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Excess Proceeds in the aggregate amount of $201,482.28 ($180,844.10 under Bond Ordinance 2019-07 and $20,638.18 under Bond Ordinance 2021-10) are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were authorized and issued.

SECTION 2. Excess Proceeds in the aggregate amount of $201,482.28 are hereby reappropriated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, and shall be used to finance the cost of the undertaking by the Borough of general capital improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued. Said general capital improvements or purposes are set forth in Section 5(a) of this bond ordinance.

SECTION 3. The improvements or purposes described in Section 5(a) of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Califon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 5(a) hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $485,000, said sum being inclusive of the reappropriated Excess Proceeds in the aggregate amount of $201,482.28, and a grant from the State of New Jersey through the Department of Transportation in the amount of $219,330 (the “State Grant”). No down payment for said improvements or purposes is required pursuant to Section 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”) as said improvements or purposes involve projects funded by a State Grant.

SECTION 4. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 5(a) hereof, and to meet said $485,000 appropriation not provided for by application

hereunder of the Excess Proceeds, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in a principal amount not exceeding $283,517.72, pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding $283,517.72 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 5. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for
the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued are for roadway improvements and repairs for various roads throughout the Borough, including, but not limited to, Philhower Avenue (between Main Street and the border of the Township of Tewksbury). The roadway improvements include, but are not limited to, as applicable, paving or re-paving, milling, and surfacing or resurfacing such roads, drainage improvements, roadway excavation, handicap ramps, upgrades to inlet heads and the repair and/or installation, as applicable, of curbs and sidewalks, roadway painting, traffic signage, traffic striping, landscaping and aesthetic improvements, and all other related improvements, engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection, contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

1. The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is $283,517.72.
2. The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is $485,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor are the Excess Proceeds in the aggregate amount of $201,482.28 available for such improvements or purposes.

SECTION 6. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Hunterdon make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough, including the State Grant, for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received

by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 4 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Hunterdon. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Hunterdon, including the State Grant, shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 4 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 6 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 7. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 8. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough

is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 9. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 5(a) of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
2. The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.
3. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by $283,517.72, and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
4. An aggregate amount not exceeding $80,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes hereinbefore described.

SECTION 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough

shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 11. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 5(a) hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough, or any member of the same “Controlled Group” as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 11 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough’s official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 5(a) hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 12. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all tax-exempt bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 13. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the

requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 14. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the

first publication of this bond ordinance after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**D. APPROVAL OF 2025 ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT**

C. Smith made a motion to approve the 2025 Animal Control Contract seconded by E. Haversang.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE 2024-007 -**AN **ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALIFON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Council President Medea read Ordinance 2024-07 by title and opened the meeting for public comment. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by J. Ruggiero, seconded by C. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2024-07.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Review Calfion’s Rental Code-** This agenda item was tabled.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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A motion was made by J. Ruggiero, seconded by C. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2024-07.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

 **RESOLUTION 2024-66**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon that an Executive Session, not open to the public, shall be held immediately following the adoption of this Resolution for

attorney-client discussion with the Borough Attorney.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the regular meeting will continue, and further public discussion and action may occur.

It is anticipated that minutes of the Executive Session may be disclosed to the public as to

as to discussions with the Borough Attorney, since the attorney-client privilege has no specific expiration date, the Borough Council may disclose the minutes when it determines that the public interest no longer requires confidentiality.

R. Baggstrom made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-66 to seconded by L. Janas.

For: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang, L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**