

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 6, 2024**

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: L. Janas, M. Medea, J. Ruggiero, C. Smith**

**Absent: R. Baggstrom, E. Haversang**

**Also Present: Acting CFO Amy Monahan, Borough Attorney M. Anderson  
Members of Califon Environmental Commission**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Meeting of May 16, 2024**

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by J. Ruggiero to approve the meeting minutes of May 16, 2024.

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

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIST OF BILLS**

Motion was made by R. Baggstrom seconded by E. Haversang to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$6,873.53.

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

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Almer reported that the statistics were submitted at the beginning of the month.

There were no questions for the Chief.

**NEW BUSINESS- DISCUSSION – Califon Environmental Commission**

On June 4, 2024, the Califon Council members received a letter from the Califon Environmental Commission regarding garbage pickup in the town. The Environmental Commission expressed concerns over the number of garbage carriers throughout the town every week, the noise of these trucks, and the early pick-up times.

Chairperson Lori Jenssen advised that they were looking to the council for guidance regarding this matter.

Discussion took place concerning this subject. Ultimately, the council felt that these issues may better be dealt with through community involvement rather than the Borough dictating residents'

garbage hauler and price. It suggested that the EC may want to focus on educating town residents on their garbage pick-up choices.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA** (Adoption upon Roll Call)

“Consent Agenda items are routine and will be enacted with a single motion. Any items that require expenditures are supported by a certification of funds; any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be reflected in the full minutes.”

The following Resolutions were introduced for adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-39- through 2024-42**

#### **Resolution 2024-39 41 Approval of 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals for the following Licensees:**

Resolution 2024-39- Jalaram Liquors Inc - DBA; Califon Wine and Spirits- Plenary Retail Distribution License- 1004-44-001-005

Resolution 2024-40 Koha LLC – DBA- Brasserie 513- Plenary Retail Consumption License- #1004-33-003-003.

Resolution 2024-41 Califon Fire Company Inc- Club License- # 1004-31-002-002.

Resolution 2024-42- Approval of hiring Margaret Zabrowski as crossing guard.

Approval of Summer Office Hours- Monday Through Thursday- 7:30 to 4:00 pm and Fridays Closed.

Approval of Blue Light Permit for Califon First Aid member Zoe Laffler.

Acknowledgment of Clayton Huff’s retirement.

Mayor Daniel stated that Clayton Huff has been our crossing guard at Mill and Main for 9 years and is liked by all who travel through our town center, not just the schoolchildren!

Discussed what we can do to recognize Clayton’s contribution to our town. Agreeing to plant a tree in the center island near Clayton’s post with a plaque would be a great, lasting recognition.

Mayor Daniel asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by L. Janas seconded by R. Baggstrom to adopt the Consent Agenda as stated.

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

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION 2024-39**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Distribution License be issued in the Borough of Califon, to be effective at 9:00 a.m. prevailing time on July 1, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk or her duly authorized agent is hereby authorized, directed and ordered to sign, issue and deliver such license to the following licensee:

NAME	LICENSE NO	ADDRESS
Jalaram Liquors INC T/A Califon Wine and Spirits	1004-44-001-005	430 County Rd, Rt. 513 Califon, NJ 07830

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be certified to be a true copy by the Municipal Clerk and forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-40**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License be issued in the Borough of Califon, to be effective at 9:00 a.m. prevailing time, on July 1, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk or her duly authorized agent is hereby authorized, directed and ordered to sign, issue, and deliver such license to the following licensee:

NAME AND TRADE NAME, IF ANY	LICENSE NO.	ADDRESS
<b>KOHA, LLC</b> <b>t/a Brasserie 513</b>	<b>1004-33-003-003</b>	<b>438 Route 513</b> <b>Califon, N.J. 07830</b>

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-41**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following Club Liquor License be issued in the Borough of Califon, to be effective at 9:00 a.m. prevailing time, on July 1, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk or her duly authorized agent is hereby authorized, directed and ordered to sign, issue, and deliver such license to the following licensee:

NAME AND TRADE NAME, IF ANY	LICENSE NO.	ADDRESS
Califon Fire Co.	1004-31-002-002	P.O. Box 178 41 Main St. Califon, N.J. 07830

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution is certified to be true by the Municipal Clerk and forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

## **RESOLUTION 2024-42**

**WHEREAS** with the retirement of Clayton Huff, Califon’s full-time crossing guard, the post of Main St and Mill Street needs to be filled for the 2024/2025 school year,

**WHEREAS** Margaret Zabrowski has served as a substitute crossing guard for Califon for the past three months and has applied for the position of crossing guard for the upcoming school year;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, approves hiring Margaret Zabrowski to serve as the Crossing Guard for the 2024-2025 year.

Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 to 4:00 pm, with the office closed on Fridays.

Approval of Blue Light Permit for Califon First Aid member Zoe Laffler.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Daniel opened the meeting up for public comment. With no comments to be made, Mayor Daniel closed public comment.

## **OLD BUSINESS- ELECTRIC VEHICLE & LEAD PAINT ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Mayor Daniel asked that we begin with the Electric Vehicle Ordinance and asked Borough attorney Mark Anderson to give a synopsis of this ordinance. Council members received a copy of the ordinance with highlighted sections that must be addressed.

M. Anderson advised that this is a state-mandated ordinance already in effect.

This ordinance was submitted to the planning board for review for consistency, and their recommendations were submitted.

Mayor Daniel suggested that council members review the ordinance further and decide on what should be placed in the highlighted areas. These changes can be made, and the ordinance can be introduced at the next meeting.

Lead Paint Ordinance—Califon has conducted lead paint inspections on rental properties since February 2023. B. Thomas, Board of Health secretary, took the training and is certified to conduct the “Visual” inspections required by the Department of Health for Califon.

M. Anderson advised that he does not recommend any changes to the ordinance.

The state would like the Lead Paint ordinances to be adopted by municipalities by July 2024.

It was suggested that the council introduce this Ordinance tonight, with a change in the draft that names the Board of Health Secretary as the inspector.

The public hearing and final adoption will take place on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **INTRODUCTION – ORDINANCE 2024-04- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON BY AMENDING TITLE 8 ENTITLED “HEALTH” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS:**

Motion was made by C. Smith seconded by R. Baggstrom to introduce Ordinance 2024-04- an ordinance.

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

Opposed: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Medea reported that the Parks and Recreation meeting was postponed to Wednesday because the election was taking place at the municipal building.

Councilman Medea advised that the Memorial Day parade was canceled due to rain.

Councilman Ruggiero reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony at the firehouse was very good, and the speakers were excellent.

Councilman Haversang advised that he missed the last Environmental Commission meeting. He did assist in installing the rain barrel at the park. The only thing left is installing the gutters and leaders, which will complete the project. Cm Haversang asked Chairperson Jenssen if the EC would expand the butterfly garden at the park this year. L. Jenssen advised that they are thinking about utilizing their grant funds to install native plants on the little island in front of the post office instead.

Councilman Haversang reported that regarding the noise complaint from the resident who resides by the Califon Bridge, he had the opportunity to discuss this with another resident in this area, who reiterated that when a truck or trailer goes across the bridge, it emits a loud noise. This is due to the expansion joint on the west side of the bridge, closest to the affected residents; the joint is not paved. The other side of the bridge's expansion joint is paved, eliminating the loud, jarring noise.

Councilman Janas reported that the Planning and Zoning met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The EV Ordinance was reviewed, and it was determined that it meets the Borough's Master Plan. The board recommended that the Borough Engineer serve as the Administrative Officer for the installations of EV charging stations.

The rest of the meeting took place in an executive session regarding the recent changes to the affordable housing law.

Councilwoman Smith reported that the Historical Society met on May 21<sup>st</sup>. They reported that they received approval from the Zoning Officer to place the non-permanent shed at the Nellie Hoffman property.

They also advised that an Eagle Scout will be installing stone steps from the Columbia Trail to the Hoffman Property.

Councilman Baggstrom reported that he received the Police report for May. There have been 4,605 calls in Califon to date.

Councilman Baggstrom advised that we are awaiting additional quotes for the inlet repairs.

Councilman Ruggiero reported that he is putting together a slide presentation for the stormwater meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Medea inquired about what we can do to improve our terrible email.

Clerk Mastro advised that she is looking into getting a different email platform.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Daniel reported that on June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss stormwater issues in Califon with the County engineer and Tier A requirements with the Borough and Tewksbury engineers.