

CAUCUS MEETING
June 4, 2015

A REGULAR SCHEDULED CAUCUS MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7:15 P.M.

Council President Craig Lahullier asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Councilmen Craig Lahullier, Robert Zimmermann, David Stoltz and Richard Bartlett were present. Mayor William Roseman and Councilmen James Lenoy and Joseph Emerson were absent.

Council President Lahullier led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Lahullier – This meeting has been called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law and in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting having been provided in the annual notice schedule which contained the time, date and location of the meeting, copies of which were sent and advertised in the following official newspapers of Carlstadt: The Record on January 7, 2015 and the Herald News on January 15, 2015 a copy of which is on the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall and a copy on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Gregory Polyniak of Neglia Engineering read his report for the month regarding projects that are being done in the Borough of Carlstadt.

Thomas Maloney, 292 Broad Street was in attendance to tell the Council that recently he was having a stroke and it was determined he had a clot in the back of his head. The Carlstadt Volunteer Ambulance Corps took him to Hackensack Hospital and did not wait for the Paramedics to come. By them doing so they actually saved his life getting him to the hospital as fast as they did. He doesn't know how to thank those members for what they did. If they didn't do that, he said he wouldn't be here today. We have a wonderful Ambulance Corps and he hopes it always stays that way.

Council President Lahullier entertained a motion to approve the Code Update. We have not done this in five years. The amount will be between \$5,110 and \$6,150 and this includes shipping and handling. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier entertained a motion to approve a fruit basket for Bruce Young. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier entertained a motion to ratify a Special Police Officer for the Primary Election on June 2, 2015. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Zimmermann, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier entertained a motion to approve the Neglia Engineering proposal for Broad Street drainage improvements at a cost not to exceed \$18,125.00. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

**CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-137**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
AT 1-15 KERO ROAD, BLOCK 126, LOT 40
FOR TAX YEARS 2011 AND 2012.**

WHEREAS, International Paper Co. has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 1-15 Kero Road and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 126, Lot 40 for tax years 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Appraiser, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney be hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle this matter according to the following proposed terms:

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2011 to be reduced from \$ 2,332,000 to \$ 1,800,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax year 2012 to be reduced from \$2,332,000 to \$ 1,700,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-138

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED NASH ASSOCIATES V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
AT 773 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BLOCK 131.01, LOT 2
FOR TAX YEAR 2013.**

WHEREAS, Nash Associates has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 773 Washington Avenue and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 131.01, Lot 2 for tax year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Appraiser, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney be hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle this matter according to the following proposed terms:

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2013 to be reduced from \$ 1,057,700 to \$ 975,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-139

BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
COUNTY OF BERGEN

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Neglia Engineering Associates, that the plans & specifications for:

**NJDOT FUNDED PROJECT AND
BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDED PROJECT**

**ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, MARSAN DRIVE AND NINTH STREET
(SECTIONS ARE CDBG FUNDED) AND STARKE ROAD (SECTIONS ARE NJDOT
FUNDED)**

**BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

are hereby approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids. This Resolution to take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-140

WHEREAS, notification was received that the following handicapped parking space is no longer needed and should be removed from this location:

1. 720 Washington Street

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that the Borough Clerk notify the DPW to remove the above mentioned handicapped parking space and that the Police Chief remove same from the certified list of handicapped parking spaces.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-141

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that permission is granted for the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt to have Third Street closed off between the intersection of Central and Division Avenues from 12:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 14, 2015 to celebrate the ending of the Sunday school calendar.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-142

WHEREAS, City Access, Inc. operating from 463 Barell Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 has made application to the Borough of Carlstadt for the renewal of one (1) limousine license; and

WHEREAS, the application has been filed together with the requisite fee, and proof of insurance and Power of Attorney as required under N.J.S.A. 48:16-14 and 16 and vehicle and driver information as required by the ordinance to the satisfaction of the Borough Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the renewal application of City Access, Inc. to operate one (1) limousine at 463 Barell Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 be and hereby is approved nunc pro tunc.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to renew the license to operate one (1) limousine at the above referenced location for the period of one year, commencing June 1, 2015 and ending on June 1, 2016 and a Certificate of Compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:16-14 and 16, through the period indicated on the proof of insurance as submitted with the application.

On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier went over the correspondence that was received.

The Carlstadt Girl Scouts are requesting the use of the Washington Street Park and field adjacent to the Carlstadt Public School for their annual end of year party. A theme is not yet determined but music and field day type events are likely. The date for this is July 1, 2015 from noon to 4:00 P.M. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier entertained a motion to go into closed session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss property and personnel. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Stoltz, the meeting unanimously went into closed session.

The meeting went back into open session at 9:35 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Councilmen Lahullier, Zimmermann, Stoltz and Bartlett.

Council President Lahullier said we need to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for Carlstadt to participate in the preparation of a statewide fair share analysis regarding the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing.

On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

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Council President Lahullier said we need to have a motion to ratify Josh Donahue, Esq.'s legal knowledge regarding Petra Holdings, LLC and Robert Regan, Esq. and have no further action to be taken. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Zimmermann, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier said we need to authorize our Borough Attorney to write a letter for Joyce Rotondo to receive her pension. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier said we need to approve the purchase of two Fire Department vehicles. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Council President Lahullier entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Zimmermann, the meeting was unanimously adjourned

APPROVED: _____
CRAIG LAHULLIER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK