TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the West Caldwell Mayor and Council, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held in the public meeting room of the Municipal Building, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

The Township Clerk announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: Mayor Tempesta, Council Canale, Cecere, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott

OTHERS PRESENT: Nikole H. Baltycki, Township Administrator/CFO
Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk
Paul G. Jemas, Esq., Township Attorney
Chief Dennis Capriglione, Police Department
Kayla Capriglione, Assistant CFO
John Medina, Construction Official
Joseph Faccone, Samuel Klein

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Wolsky

Council President Canale gave the invocation.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Tempesta welcomed and thanked Joe Faccone from Samuel Klein. Councilman Docteroff thanked him as well.

Councilman Docteroff asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following three Resolutions by title:

No. 26-140
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of West Caldwell has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2026 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
   a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
   b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
   c. Cash deficit of preceding year
   d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
   e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
   f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
   a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
   b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
   c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall

not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard on this Resolution. No one wished to be heard.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilwoman Canale, that the resolution be adopted. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor.

No. 26-141
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the Budget as advertised shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by its title only if:

1. At least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the approved Budget, as advertised, has been posted on the Township's website and in the public library located in the municipality and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, that it is hereby declared that the conditions have been met and therefore the Budget for 2026 shall be read by title only.

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard on this Resolution. No one wished to be heard.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilwoman Canale, that the resolution be adopted. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Tempesta declared the Budget Hearing open. He asked if anyone wished to be heard. No one wished to be heard. A motion was made by Councilman Docteroff and seconded by Council President Canale to close the hearing. All were in favor.

No. 26-142
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION 26-142

Be it Resolved by the **COUNCIL MEMBERS** of the **TOWNSHIP** of **WEST CALDWELL**, County of **ESSEX** that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

(a)	$ 17,558,345.73	(Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
(b)	$ -	(Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
(c)	$ -	(Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
(d)	$ -	(Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
(e)	$ -	(Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
(f)	$ 1,195,277.00	(Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE (Insert last name)				
Ayes	KATHY L. CANALE JOSEPH CECERE STEPHEN WOLSKY MICHAEL DOCTEROFF MICHAEL CRUDELE ROBERT SCHOTT	Nays	Abstained	
			Absent	

1.	General Revenues	**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**			
	Surplus Anticipated			**08-100**	$ 2,300,000.00
	Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated			**13-099**	$ 5,795,192.89
	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes			**15-499**	$ 191,496.00
2.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSED (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)			**07-190**	$ 17,558,345.73
3.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:				
	Item 6, Sheet 42	**07-195**	$ -		
	Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	**07-191**	$ -		
	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY				$ -
4.	To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:				
	Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)			**07-191**	
5.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX			**07-192**	$ 1,195,277.00
	Total Revenues			**13-299**	$ 27,040,311.62

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		**XXXXXX**	**XXXXXXXXXXXX**
Within "CAPS"		**XXXXXX**	**XXXXXXXXXXXX**
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent		34-201	$ 15,807,198.24
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		34-209	$ 2,084,533.50
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"		**XXXXXX**	**XXXXXXXXXXXX**
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		34-305	$ 4,237,675.88
(c) Capital Improvements		44-999	$ 425,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		45-999	$ 3,635,904.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal		46-999	$ -
(f) Judgments		37-480	$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		29-405	$ -
(g) Cash Deficit		46-885	$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes		29-410	$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		50-899	$ 850,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)		07-195	
Total Appropriations		34-499	$ 27,040,311.62

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard. No one wished to be heard.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilwoman Canale, that the resolution be adopted. Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Tempesta declared the 2026 municipal budget passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PENDING ORDINANCES

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title:

Ordinance No. 1907

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $4,450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $4,227,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be

undertaken by the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to $4,450,000, and further including the aggregate sum of $222,500 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2.In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $4,227,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3.The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Purpose:	Appropriation & Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) Milling and paving annual program, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$650,000	$617,500	10 years
b) Improvements to various fields including Grover Cleveland Middle School Field and Francisco Park, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$3,800,000	$3,610,000	15 years
Total	$4,450,000	$4,227,500	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4.All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5.The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township 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 6.The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are

all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 14.26 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, 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. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by $4,227,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $890,000 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 purposes or improvements.

Section 7.The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8.Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9.The chief financial officer of the Township 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 Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township 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 Township 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 Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Tempesta declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard. A motion was made by Councilman Docteroff and seconded by Councilman Schott to close the hearing. All were in favor.

Councilman Docteroff moved that the pending Ordinance be passed and published in accordance with the law. It was seconded by Councilman Schott. Upon the vote being polled, Council Canale, Cecere, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title:

Ordinance No. 1908

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND CREATING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, ESTABLISHING THE GRADES OF SUCH OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS AND FIXING THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE PERSONS HOLDING SUCH OFFICES OR POSITIONS, REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created and established in the Township of West Caldwell certain offices and positions of employment, together with the salaries for such positions.

SECTION 2. There shall be paid a longevity increment to full-time employees hired prior to May 1, 1997 (excluding there from the following enumerated employees: Judge and Prosecutor of the Municipal Court and Welfare Director). No longevity will be paid to any employee covered by this ordinance hired on or after May 1, 1997.

Longevity increase shall be due and payable to the annual base salary to such eligible employees who have completed the full period of years of service hereinafter designated: to wit: 2 percent - 5 years; 4 percent - 10 years; 6 percent - 15 years; 8 percent - 20 years; 10 percent - 24 years or more. Such longevity payments shall be made on the pay period next ensuing the anniversary date of full completion of the required period of service.

SECTION 3. Holiday and Overtime Pay. Holiday and Overtime Pay shall be based on 2,080 hours per year. Overtime shall be at the rate of double time for Sundays and Official Holidays; time and one-half for Saturdays and hours worked in the excess of 40 hours per week. A minimum of 2 hours pay at the above prescribed rates will be paid for all emergency calls after regular working hours.

SECTION 4. In the event additional sessions of Court, over and above 48 per year are required, the Judge and Prosecutor shall be paid a stipend equivalent to 1.5% of their annual salary, and the Court Administrator shall be paid a stipend of $125 for each session over and above 36 per year.

SECTION 5. In the event attendance at Board of Health meetings, other than for the Township of West Caldwell, is required, the Health Officer shall be paid a stipend of $125.00 for each session attended. Any inspections or screenings attended by the Health Officer, Registrar or Registered Environmental Health Specialist, or reports prepared for same by the Health Officer, performed by 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or on Saturdays, will be at a reimbursement rate equal to the hourly rate of said employees. The Health Secretary shall be paid $85.00 per meeting for minutes preparation.

SECTION 6. Advancement to Steps 2 and 3 for Fire Chief shall be awarded by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 7. Any Smoke Detector Inspections performed before 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. by the Fire Official, or their designate will be at a reimbursement rate of $45.00 per inspection.

SECTION 8. Any Added Assessment Inspections performed by the Tax Assessor before 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or on Saturdays by the Tax Assessor will be included in their base salary for up to 230 hours of inspection work performed. Any inspections performed over the 230 hours will be reimbursed at a rate equal to either the hourly rate of pay for the Tax Assessor or a stipend established by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 9. The prescribed salaries and increments for officers and employees, set forth on said schedule shall be effective as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION 10. Ordinance No. 1899, adopted November 11, 2025, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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EMPLOYEE TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Accounts Payable Clerk	$ 35,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Acting Clerk	$ 70,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Acting Superintendent of Public Works	$ 64,159.00	$ 150,000.00
Acting Water Foreman	$ 57,220.00	$ 93,000.00
Administrative Assistant	$ 25.00	$ 35.00
Assistant Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Coordinator	$ 45,000.00	$ 88,000.00
Assistant Mechanic	$ 46,945.00	$ 70,418.00
Assistant Prosecutor	$ 2,553.00	$ 15,000.00
Assistant Recreation Director	$ 37,684.00	$ 75,000.00
Athletic Program Supervisor	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Building Subcode Official	$ 32.64	$ 60.00
Certified Public Works Manager License for Individual not Appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Chief Financial Officer/Township Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent	$ 90,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Chief Mechanic	$ 61,045.00	$ 98,000.00
Clerk/Public Agency Compliance Officer	$ 60,000.00	$ 95,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	$ 24.00	$ 45.00
Construction Code Official/Fire Subcode Official/Fire Official	$ 80,000.00	$ 150,000.00
Council	$ 5,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Council President	$ 5,500.00	$ 6,600.00
Court Administrator	$ 42,840.00	$ 95,000.00
Court Attendant	$90.00 per session	$90.00 per session
Crossing Guard	$ 6,028.00	$ 30,000.00
Crossing Guard Per Diem	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Part Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Full Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 36,400.00	$ 70,000.00
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 1,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Deputy Fire Official/Lead Inspector	$ 35,000.00	$ 85,000.00
Dispatcher	$ 45,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Electric Subcode Official	$ 35.00	$ 55.00
Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 3,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	$ 40.00	$ 55.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 1	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,999.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 2	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,600.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 3	$ 6,500.00	$ 7,000.00
Fire Inspector	$ 28,364.00	$ 60,000.00
Fire Official License for Individual not Appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Foreman - Roads, Buildings, Grounds and Facility Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 99,000.00
Foreman of Roads and Building Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 108,000.00
Foreman of Fields and Grounds Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 99,000.00
Full Time Outreach Coordinator	$ 50,000.00	$ 70,000.00
General Clerical	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Health Inspector	$ 28.00	$ 42.00
Health Officer/Assistant Administrator/Safety Coordinator	$ 83,232.00	$ 168,000.00
Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist	$ 40.00	$ 55.00
Intern	$ 15.49	$ 20.00
Judge	$ 22,032.00	$ 45,000.00
Laborer (Pools, B&G, Recreation, DPW, Water)	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Laborer	$ 35,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Laborer/Custodian	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Land Use Administrator/Municipal Housing Liaison	$ 32,512.00	$ 80,000.00
Lifeguard	$ 15.49	$ 20.00
Local Health Outreach Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 52.00
Mayor	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Mechanic	$ 46,343.00	$ 75,000.00
Payroll Clerk	$ 27,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Payroll Clerk- Interlocal Agreement	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,000.00
Planning Board Engineer	$ 13,680.00	$ 17,520.00
Playground Program Coordinator	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Playground Assistant Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Playground Assistant Director	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Playground Assistant Leader	$ 12.00	$ 20.00
Playground Site Supervisor	$ 20.00	$ 40.00
Playground Assistant Site Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$ 32.64	$ 60.00
Police Captain	$ 150,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Police Chief	$ 160,000.00	$ 210,000.00
Pool Door Attendant	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Pool Manager	$ 4,560.00	$ 10,085.00
Pool Manager	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Pool Assistant Manager	$ 3,600.00	$ 8,575.00
Pool Assistant Manager	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Program Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 40.00
Program Supervisor	$ 35,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Prosecutor	$ 15,912.00	$ 30,000.00
Preparedness Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 55.00
Public Defender/Tax Attorney	$ 4,080.00	$ 6,120.00
Public Health Nurse	$ 20.00	$ 45.00
Public Works Specialist	$ 51,226.00	$ 90,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent not appointed	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00
Records Clerk	$ 24,309.00	$ 75,500.00
Recreation Assistant	$ 12.00	$ 20.00
Recreation Coach	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Recreation Director	$ 85,000.00	$ 130,000.00
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	$ 30,552.00	$ 66,300.00
Secretary	$ 20.00	$ 35.00
Secretary	$ 24,309.00	$ 80,000.00
Secretary/Registrar/Recycling Coordinator	$ 25,000.00	$ 70,000.00
Senior Cashier	$ 35,000.00	$ 50,000.00
Site Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Special Needs Program Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 35.00
Special Projects Coordinator	$ 21.78	$ 40.00
Sports Official	$26.00/game	$90.00/game
Sports Scorer	$ 7.25	$ 9.00
Superintendent of Public Works	$ 64,159.00	$ 150,000.00
Supervising Laborer/Specialist	$ 52,800.00	$ 100,000.00
Swim Team Coach	$1,000 per season	$4,000 per season
Swim Team Assistant Coach	$600 per season	$2,000 per season
Tax Assessor	$ 37,650.00	$ 69,400.00
Tax Cashier	$ 29,845.00	$ 55,000.00
Tax Collector	$ 11,920.00	$ 95,000.00
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	$ 44,000.00	$ 70,000.00
Tot Lot Site Director	$ 20.00	$ 40.00
Tot Lot Assistant Site Director	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Part Time Violations Clerk	$ 20.00	$ 32.00
Full Time Violations Clerk	$ 37,345.00	$ 56,500.00
Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 52.00
Water Cashier	$ 28,364.00	$ 65,000.00
Water Foreman	$ 57,220.00	$ 93,000.00
Water License Stipend - C-1/W-1 License - 2% of Salary	$ 800.00	$ 1,800.00
Water License Stipend - C-2/W-2 License - 4% of Salary	$ 1,500.00	$ 4,000.00
Water Operator- Standby W-2 License - 6% of Salary	$ 1,500.00	$ 4,000.00
Water Appointed Operator with C-2/W-2 License - 8% of Salary	$ 3,000.00	$ 13,000.00
Water Operator- Interlocal Agreement	$ 1,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Water Laborer	$ 40,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Zoning Officer	$ 24.00	$ 33.00

Mayor Tempesta declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard. A motion was made by Councilman Wolsky and seconded by Councilman Cecere to close the hearing. All were in favor.

Councilman Wolsky moved that the pending Ordinance be passed and published in accordance with the law. It was seconded by Councilman Cecere. Upon the vote being polled, Council Canale, Cecere, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A-1 A communication from Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Finance Officer, certifying funds are available under the 2026 Budget of Appropriations – June 2, 2026 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 Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available for Resolution number 26-145, 26-148, 26-155, 26-160, and 26-161, and 26-164

Received and placed on file.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Council President Canale 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, Council Canale, Cecere, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS ORDERED PAID MAY 2026

	Checks	Amount
CURRENT ACCOUNT – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	20724-20830	$7,474,412.29
GENERAL CAPITAL	3461-3467	$490,784.34
POOL	4090-4097	$19,745.63
POOL CAPITAL	0	0
WATER CAPITAL	8472-8474	$94,189.49
WATER	12127-12138	$181,903.27
WATER WIRE ACCT	0	0
GENERAL TRUST – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	7334-7363	$71,952.59
DOG TRUST	1187	$18.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST 1	1018-1019	$2,000.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	0	0
COAH-AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	0	0
DEVELOPERS' TRUST	1981-1989	$6,401.25
SUB-TOTAL		**$8,341,406.86**
LIBRARY	14051-14080	$71,004.11
TOTAL		**$8,412,410.97**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the recommendation of Councilman Crudele seconded by Councilman Cecere, it was regularly moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2026 be approved.

Upon the vote being polled, Canale, Cecere, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Tempesta read the following statement: "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."

Administrator Baltycki reported that there were no items for closed session.

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Wolsky that the twenty-three Resolutions on the Consent Agenda this evening be approved. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor. However, Councilman Cecere abstained from Resolutions 26-146, and 26-152.

Mayor Tempesta asked if there were any comments on the consent agenda from Council or the public. There were no comments.

The following twenty-three Resolutions by Consent were made part of these Minutes:

No. 26-143
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF THE CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUNDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

WHEREAS, Gerard Paris was custodian of the Petty Cash Fund in the Office of the Chief of Police, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of West Caldwell is changing custodians to Dennis Capriglione for the Petty Cash Fund in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Capriglione is covered by virtue of a blanket bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

No. 26-144
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF THE CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUNDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, Anisa Mainiero was custodian of the Petty Cash Fund in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of West Caldwell is changing custodians to Gina Binetti for the Petty Cash Fund in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and; and

WHEREAS, Gina Binetti is covered by virtue of a blanket bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

No. 26-145
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC SEWER SERVICE FOR SEWER LINE CLEAN OUT SERVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6

WHEREAS, there was an emergent need to respond to assist with a blockage at Kirkpatrick Pump Station on April 28, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works determined that the blockage at the Kirkpatrick Pump Station constituted an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell declared the need to enter into an emergency contract consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 to clear the blockage in the main sanitary sewer line affected; and

WHEREAS, Public Sewer Service, 190 Main Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057, responded to the emergency and conducted the required services in amount not to exceed $9,225.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose in the Capital Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey that all Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

It is hereby certified by the Township Clerk that at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, New Jersey, being held on the date of June 2, 2026, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

No. 26-146
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SUNRISE SHOPRITE OF PARSIPPANY LLC, 900 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the following plenary retail consumption license be renewed, subject to approval from all applicable municipal agencies:

A Plenary Retail Distribution License 0721-44-003-012 be issued to Sunrise ShopRite of Parsippany LLC, 900 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ for the year 2026-2027; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No. 26-147
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR MOUNTAIN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the following club license be renewed, subject to approval from all applicable municipal agencies:

A Club License No. 0721-31-006-001 be issued to Mountain Ridge Country Club, 713-719 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ for the year 2026-2027; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No. 26-148
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE ELLIS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the Ellis Road improvement project to Granada Construction Corp. in the amount of $524,825.70; 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 minor modification was required:

1. Reset RCP and related curb and sidewalk replacements Increase of $22,598.00

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is a increase of $22,598.00 and results in a 4.31% increase to the original Contract amount;

WHEREAS, this minor 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 recommendations of the Township Administrator and the Township Engineer, the Governing Body wishes to approve this change order.

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 project known as the Ellis Road improvement project to Granada Construction Corp., 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	$524,825.70
Amount of Change Order #1	22,598.00
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$547,423.70
Percent Increase of Change Order #1	4.31%

No. 26-149
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WEST ESSEX FIRST AID SQUAD, INC. CERTIFICATION LIST FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell adopted Ordinance No. 1500 on July 17, 2003, providing Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for members of the West Essex First Aid Squad, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell authorized execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement for LOSAP for the West Essex First Aid Squad, Inc. with the approval of Resolution No. 7610 on October 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell authorized American General Financial Group (VALIC) to administer the LOSAP with the approval of Resolution No. 7671 on January 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services reviewed and approved the length of service award plan submitted by the Township of West Caldwell on May 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the West Essex First Aid Squad, Inc. has presented the attached certified list of active emergency service volunteers who qualify for LOSAP contributions for the year 2025 to the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell.

No. 26-150
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARRY SMITH AS A PART-TIME PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR HHS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a Plumbing Subcode Official and Plumbing Inspector HHS; and

WHEREAS, Garry Smith, 75 Miller Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405 is willing and able to serve as Plumbing Subcode Official and Plumbing Inspector HHS in the Construction 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. Garry Smith is appointed as Plumbing Subcode Official and Plumbing Inspector HHS,effective April 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of $50.00 in accordance with the salary ordinance.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary andappropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-151
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WETLANDS SPIRITS LLC FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

WHEREAS, a Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0721-33-007-005 (pocket license) be issued to Wetlands Spirits LLC, for premises 1200 Bloomfield Avenue, Units 10 & 11, for the year 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, due to the building currently being under construction the license will not expire on August 1, 2026.

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the foregoing pocket license be an active use renewal, subject to approval from all applicable municipal agencies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No. 26-152
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JAN17 BURGER PRIME LLC FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

WHEREAS, a Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0721-33-002-007 (pocket license) be issued to Jan17 Burger Prime LLC, for premises with a mailing address of 71 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, for the year 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, due to the pending purchase of the proposed location in West Caldwell the license will not expire on August 1, 2026.

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the foregoing pocket license be an active use renewal, subject to approval from all applicable municipal agencies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No. 26-153
By: Councilman Crudele

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS IN THE RECREATION OFFICE

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for Recreation Program Fees collected in the Recreation Office as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director recommends the refunds of these fees.

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:

CURRENT FUND

Name	Amount	Reason

Andrea Turco 50 Park Ave Caldwell, NJ 07006	$85.00	Refund- Track

TOTAL CURRENT FUND REFUNDS: $85.00

TRUST FUND

Name	Amount	Reason
Louise Lomonaco 6 Kilmback Court West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$75.00	Refund- Senior Trip- Shore Club
Rose Pettoni 18 Sanford Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$75.00	Refund- Senior Trip- Shore Club

TOTAL TRUST FUND REFUNDS: $150.00

No. 26-154
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALARIES FOR NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell authorizes non-represented employee salaries for 2026 be as follows:

EMPLOYEE TITLE	BASE SALARY
Accounts Payable Clerk	$ 52,428
Assistant Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Coordinator	$ 82,620
Assistant Prosecutor	$ 10,710
Assistant Recreation Director	$ 62,000
Chief Financial Officer/Township Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent	$ 196,350
Chief Mechanic	$ 95,268
Clerk/ Public Agency Compliance Officer	$ 88,332
Construction Code Official/Fire Subcode Official/Fire Official	$ 133,156
Council	$ 5,000
Council	$ 5,000
Council	$ 5,000
Council	$ 5,000
Council	$ 5,000
Council President	$ 5,500
Court Administrator	$ 89,352
Crossing Guard	$ 11,700
Crossing Guard	$ 11,700
Crossing Guard	$ 12,954
Crossing Guard	$ 14,790
Crossing Guard	$ 16,300
Crossing Guard	$ 16,626
Crossing Guard	$ 16,626
Crossing Guard	$ 18,564
Deputy Fire Official/Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor	$ 77,214
Dispatcher	$ 60,000
Dispatcher	$ 60,000
Dispatcher	$ 64,260
Dispatcher	$ 68,238
Dispatcher	$ 68,238
Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 12,000.00

Fire Chief Stipend - Step 2	$ 6,426.00
Fire Inspector	$ 50,286
Foreman of Roads and Building Maintenance	$ 103,122
Full Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 59,364
Health Officer/Assistant Administrator/Safety Coordinator	$ 166,278
Judge	$ 34,272
Laborer	$ 47,000
Laborer	$ 47,940
Laborer	$ 50,000
Laborer	$ 53,000
Laborer	$ 61,608
Laborer	$ 62,730
Laborer	$ 65,178
Land Use Administrator/Municipal Housing Liaison	$ 73,746
Mayor	$ 6,000
Payroll Clerk	$ 49,980
Planning Board Engineer	$ 14,600
Program Supervisor	$ 54,700
Prosecutor	$ 26,775
Public Works Specialist	$ 62,424
Public Works Specialist	$ 82,008
Public Works Specialist	$ 82,200
Records Clerk	$ 58,038
Recreation Director	$ 120,870
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	$ 66,300
Secretary	$ 69,870
Secretary/Registrar/Recycling Coordinator	$ 62,322
Superintendent of Public Works	$ 122,808
Supervising Laborer/Specialist	$ 87,414
Supervising Laborer/Specialist	$ 88,026
Tax Assessor	$ 64,914
Tax Cashier	$ 49,164
Tax Collector	$ 88,842
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	$ 65,000
Water Appointed Operator with C-2/W-2 License - 8% of Salary	$ 6,813.60
Water Cashier	$ 55,284
Water Foreman	$ 85,170
Water Laborer	$ 47,000
Water Laborer	$ 50,400
Water Laborer	$ 61,608
EMPLOYEE TITLE	**HOURLY RATE**
Athletic Program Supervisor	$ 30.60
Building Subcode Official	$ 54.57
Code Enforcement Officer	$ 30.60
Electrical Subcode Official	$ 48.96
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	$ 49.00
Laborer	$ 21.93

Part Time Violations Clerk	$	31.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$	50.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$	50.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$	51.50
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$	52.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$	52.00
Secretary	$	28.56
Special Projects Coordinator	$	36.21

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of West Caldwell of Essex County that the Mayor and Council of West Caldwell does hereby authorize the calendar year 2026 salaries for non-represented employees to be as stated above, effective January 1, 2026.

No. 26-155
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD FOR REVALUATION SERVICES TO PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS, INC. OF BARRINGTON, NJ, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $501,500

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has to perform a revaluation of all properties in the Township; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq, the Township of West Caldwell advertised for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for a revaluation through a fair and open process and opened proposals on April 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Professional Property Appraisers, Inc. of Barrington, NJ has submitted a Proposal in the amount of $501,500; and

WHEREAS, the QPA and Tax Assessor have reviewed the Proposal and recommended the contract be awarded to Professional Property Appraisers, Inc. of Barrington, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the CFO certified funds are budgeted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, may award a contract to Professional Property Appraisers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $501,500.

No. 26-156
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the Township of West Caldwell's tax rate at this time and the Township of West Caldwell Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Township 2026 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell's Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer have computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted tax levies and the estimated third quarter rate for 2026 is $2.863 and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Township of West Caldwell's Mayor and Council approves the estimated tax levy at 105% listed below. Approval will enable the Township to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, and provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest on borrowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, County of Essex, State of New Jersey on this 2nd day of June 2026, as follows:

1. The Township of West Caldwell's Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment of 2026 taxes. The Tax Collector shall process upon approval from the Director and take such actions as permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c. 72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).

2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2025 is hereby set at $65,233,541.90.

Essex County - Estimated	$ 11,800,000.00
C-WC Board of Education	$ 37,951,613.00
West Caldwell - Local	$ 17,558,345.73
West Caldwell – Library	$ 1,195,277.00

3. In accordance with the law, the third installment of 2026 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2026 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

No. 26-157
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR TRIVIA

RESTAURANT GROUP LLC, 811 PASSAIC AVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the following plenary retail consumption license be renewed, subject to approval from all applicable municipal agencies:

A Plenary Retail Consumption License 0721-33-005-009 be issued to Trivia Restaurant Group LLC, 811 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ for the year 2026-2027; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No. 26-158
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S3174 / ASSEMBLY BILL A2137 PRIVATIZATION OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, S3174/A2137, seeks to fundamentally alter the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (UCC) by allowing for the immediate privatization of building inspections; and

WHEREAS, this bill represents a direct threat to the fiscal stability of municipalities and the safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, current law in the Uniform Construction Code already provides a "safety valve "by allowing developers to hire private firms if a municipality fails to provide timely service. This new bill removes that common-sense guardrail, allowing developers to bypass professional municipal staff "for any reason" from day one. This strips the local governing body of its right to manage its own departments and oversee development in its own community; and

WHEREAS, construction offices operate on a budget funded by permit fees. These fees cover the salaries of certified inspectors, many of whom are dedicated, union protected public servants. By allowing developers to opt-out "at will" and demand fee reimbursements, S3174 creates a volatile revenue environment. Municipalities cannot effectively budget or maintain a professional workforce when revenue can be pulled away without cause, potentially shifting the financial burden of running these offices onto local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipal inspectors are neutral public servants whose only priority is the safety of the structure. Allowing a developer to hand-pick and pay their own inspector creates an inherent conflict of interest. Furthermore, because the municipality remains the "custodian of record," the town will carry the administrative costs and the long-term legal liability for these projects, while the revenue needed to fund that oversight is handed back to the developer; and

WHEREAS, public safety should not be a "pay-to-play" private industry; and

WHEREAS, municipal inspectors provide professional and timely service to residents and business owners; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S3174 / Assembly Bill A2137 penalizes high-performing towns and undermines the integrity of local government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell hereby oppose Senate Bill S3174 / Assembly Bill A2137 and urges Legislators to vote "no"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to send this resolution to Assemblymen Barlas and DePhillips; Senator Corrado; the Municipal Construction Officials of New Jersey and the New Jersey Building Officials Association.

No. 26-159
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR OTTO MINELLI LLC, 40 CLINTON ROAD FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the following plenary retail consumption license be renewed, subject to approval from all applicable municipal agencies:

A Plenary Retail Consumption License 0721-33-001-014 be issued to Otto Minelli LLC, (d/b/a Mandara's Ristorante & Pizzeria), 40 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, NJ for the year 2026-2027; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell be and she is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No. 26-160
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FIELDTURF USA, INC. FOR THE FOR THE GROVER CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TURF PROJECT THROUGH THE EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, Education Services Commission of New Jersey has awarded contracts to various vendors as successful bidders for Education Services Commission of New Jersey contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is authorized by law to purchase goods or services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with the Education Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is a member of the Education Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Education Services Commission of New Jersey Bid Number ESCNJ 22/23-37 was awarded for synthetic turf maintenance, repair and replacement to FieldTurf USA, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell desires to install synthetic turf at the Grover Cleveland Middle School field; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined to award the contract for the installation of synthetic turf at the Grover Cleveland Middle School field in the Township pursuant to the Education Services Commission of New Jersey contract to FieldTurf USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said product under the Education Services Commission of New Jersey bid number ESCNJ Co-Op number 22/23-27 in the amount of $433,048.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, FieldTurf, USA, Inc. shall be awarded the contract for the installation of synthetic turf in an amount of $433,048.00 under the Education Services Commission of New Jersey.

No. 26-161
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FIELDTURF USA, INC. FOR THE FRANCISCO PARK FIELD TURF PROJECT THROUGH THE EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, Education Services Commission of New Jersey has awarded contracts to various vendors as successful bidders for Education Services Commission of New Jersey contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is authorized by law to purchase goods or services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with the Education Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is a member of the Education Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Education Services Commission of New Jersey Bid Number ESCNJ 22/23-37 was awarded for synthetic turf maintenance, repair and replacement to FieldTurf USA, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell desires to install synthetic turf at the Fransico Park field; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined to award the contract for the installation of synthetic turf at the Francisco Park field in the Township pursuant to the Education Services Commission of New Jersey contract to FieldTurf USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said product under the Education Services Commission of New Jersey bid number ESCNJ Co-Op number 22/23-27 in the amount of $263,977.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, FieldTurf, USA, Inc. shall be awarded the contract for the installation of synthetic turf in an amount of $263,977.00 under the Education Services Commission of New Jersey.

No. 26-162
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for Construction Fees collected in the Construction Department as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends the refunds of these fees.

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:

Name	Amount	Reason
Kinsella Fence & Rail, LLC 60 Hillcrest Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$150.00	Refund- Zoning Permit
Schumacher Insurance Agency 551 Passaic Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$150.00	Local Registration Fee

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FEE REFUNDS: $300.00

No. 26-163
By: Councilman Docteroff

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:

CODE OF REASONS

1. Incorrect Payment-Refund
2. Duplicate Payment-Refund
8. Overpayment-Refund
9. Tax Title Lien Redemption

3. Vets, Senior Citizen, Exempt Prop Refund/Allow
4. Apply Overpayment to Next Year
5. Cancellation of Balance of Less than $5.00
6. Assessment Changes
7. Tax Appeal
10. Homestead Rebate/NJ Saver
11. Apply Overpayment to Current Year
12. Cancellation of Credit of Less than $5.00
13. Cancellation of Taxes
14. Other - Cancellation of Credit Balance over $5.00

Block	Lot	Qual	Owner Name		Amount	Year	Reason
TTL Certificate #23-00002							
2702	5		Caravella, Joseph III	Lien	$ 53,663.46	2023	9
			16 Westview Avenue	Premium	$ 30,000.00	2024	9
					$ 83,663.46		

Check payable to: Realty Solutions JV LLC
John Venutolo
25 Hughes Place
Summit, NJ 07901

No. 26-164
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS #1 IN AN AMOUNT OF $18,767.47 FOR THE 2025 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the 2025 water main replacement project to John Garcia Contraction Co., Inc. in the amount of $997,531.23; 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 minor modification was required:

2. Washington & Central Avenue Crossing Improvements Increase of $3,959.01
3. Rock Excavation & Removal Increase of $14,808.46

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is an increase of $18,767.47 and results in a 1.88% increase to the original Contract amount;

WHEREAS, this minor 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 recommendations of the Township Administrator and the Township Engineer, the Governing Body wishes to approve this change order.

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

5. The above listed change order to the Contract for the project known as the 2025 various water main project to John Garcia Contraction Co., Inc. be and hereby is approved.
6. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
7. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders.
8. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	$ 997,531.23
Amount of Change Order #1	18,767.47
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$1,016,298.70
Percent Increase of Change Order #1	1.88%

No. 26-165
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: R**ESOLUTION 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:

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Councilman Docteroff asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title:

Ordinance No. 1909

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $3,430,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $3,258,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to $3,430,000, and further including the aggregate sum of $171,500 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2.In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $3,258,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3.The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Purpose:	Appropriation & Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) **Recreation** 1) Improvements to the Westville Pickleball Courts, including lighting and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$100,000	$95,000	15 years
2) Acquisition and installation of security cameras, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$350,000	$332,500	10 years

3) Improvements to the Civic Center, including replacement of windows and front door and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$20,000	$19,000	15 years
4) Acquisition and installation of batting cages, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$25,000	$23,750	15 years
b) **Police** 1) Acquisition of body cameras, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$20,000	$19,000	5 years
2) Acquisition of a marked sport utility vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$90,000	$85,500	5 years
3) Acquisition of computer-aided dispatch and records management system, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$375,000	$356,250	5 years
c) **Fire** 1) Acquisition of an aerial truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$250,000	$237,500	20 years
2) Acquisition of a pick-up truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$75,000	$71,250	5 years
d) **Engineering, Roads and Sewer** 1) Various drainage improvements, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$200,000	$190,000	15 years
2) Improvements and reconstruction to various roads, including, but not limited to, Fairfield Avenue, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$700,000	$665,000	10 years
3) Improvements and reconstruction to various roads, including, but not limited to, Harding Road, Wilson Terrace and Ridge Terrace, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$750,000	$712,500	10 years
4) Improvements to the sewer pump station, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$250,000	$237,500	15 years
e) **Fleet** 1) Acquisition of a mason dump truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$85,000	$80,750	10 years
2) Acquisition of a pick-up truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$140,000	$133,000	5 years
Total	$3,430,000	$3,258,500	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4.All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature

upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5.The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township 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 6.The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10.57 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, 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. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by $3,258,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $686,000 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 purposes or improvements.

Section 7.The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8.Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9.The chief financial officer of the Township 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 Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township 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 Township 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 Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal

of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

The Public Hearing was set for July 7, 2026. A Supplemental Debt Statement was filed.

Councilman Docteroff asked that the Ordinance be moved, published and posted as a pending Ordinance. This was seconded by Councilman Schott. By a roll call vote all were in favor.

Councilman Docteroff asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title:

Ordinance No. 1910

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $1,614,872 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,614,872 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township"). For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to $1,614,872. No down payment is required as the purposes authorized herein are deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Township, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2.In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $1,614,872 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3.The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Purpose	Appropriation & Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) The water meter/radio replacement program, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$50,000	$50,000	15 years
b) Replacement of the water mains on Bloomfield Avenue and Central Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$1,300,000	$1,300,000	40 years
c) Tank management program, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	$126,872	$126,872	40 years
d) Acquisition of a pick-up truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$60,000	$60,000	5 years
e) Acquisition of an excavator trailer, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$22,000	$22,000	15 years

f) Acquisition of an auto flush with sample port, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$16,000	$16,000	15 years
g) Acquisition of leak detection and main location equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	$40,000	$40,000	15 years
Total:	$1,614,872	$1,614,872	

Section 4.All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5.The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township 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 6.The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as self-liquidating purposes of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 36.71 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, 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. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by $1,614,872, but that the net debt of the Township determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $125,000 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 purposes or improvements.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Township solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from the gross debt of the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

Section 7.The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes

described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8.Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9.The chief financial officer of the Township 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 Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township 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 Township 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 Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

The Public Hearing was set for July 7, 2026. A Supplemental Debt Statement was filed.

Councilman Docteroff asked that the Ordinance be moved, published and posted as a pending Ordinance. This was seconded by Councilman Schott. By a roll call vote all were in favor.

Councilman Docteroff reported that the pools are open on weekends until June 19, 2026 when they will be open full time.

Councilman Docteroff thanked CFO Baltycki and Assistant CFO Capriglione for their hard work on the Budget and reminded residents that there is a Planning Board meeting on Monday, June 8.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Cecere reported that the Local Assistance Board met and chose a winner for the 2026 Human Service Award. They had 12 applications. The recipient will receive $2,000.00.

Councilman Cecere said there are 16 families from West Caldwell who use the local food bank so any donations are appreciated. He pointed out that Theresa Camilleri has taken over and is doing an excellent job. Councilman Wolsky said that residents can go online and order from Amazon to have it delivered to the food bank.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

On the recommendation of Council President Canale, the reports submitted by the Construction Official and Court Administrator for April as received, be placed on file.

Council President Canale reported that the Environmental Commission will be meeting this Thursday, June 4. There will be no Environmental Commission meetings in July and August. The Environmental Commission is looking into giving beautification awards around the Township. This was done in the past and they want to bring it back.

Council President thanked Officer Ryan Peter for coming to her house and helping a deer that had a net tangled in its antlers.

Chief Capriglione said that there will be a Touch-A-Truck event at EVS on June 20 from 11 AM – 3 PM. There will be many trucks, pizza and ice cream donated by local families and businesses.

TECHNOLOGY AND SHARED SERVICES:

Councilman Schott reported that there is a Board of Health meeting tomorrow night and then they will be adjourning until September. He also reported that we are waiting to hear if a grant has been funded for a senior citizen bus.

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:

Councilman Wolsky thanked the West Caldwell Police Department because his 90 year old mom fell and needed to go to the hospital. The Police and West Essex First Aid Squad got her out of her house and to the hospital. He commented that "It's nice to know they are there when you need them."

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilman Crudele regrets that we weren't able to have our usual Memorial Day Parade, however, the weather did not allow it. He thanked Mayor Tempesta, the Recreation Department, Mayor Jones, and the American Legion for a very nice ceremony at the Firehouse honoring our fallen heroes.

Councilman Crudele reminded the public that Recreation is still accepting registrations for summer programs.

ADVISORS' REPORT:

There were no reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Tempesta said that rain or shine we always honor our Grand Marshall and remember the fallen heroes on Memorial Day.

Councilman Docteroff thanked Clerk DeBlasis for a good job on this Primary Election Day. Mayor Tempesta pointed out that the turnout is smaller since there are other options to vote.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Jill Goldman, a resident, discussed an issue having to do with her property. Mr. Jemas had some comments. Mayor Tempesta asked Administrator Baltycki to look into this. Administrator Baltycki will do that.

Stephen Maginnis suggested 26 Gates Avenue and 28 Gates Avenue become 164 and 166 Washington Avenue, and Washington Avenue should end at Sanderson Avenue. He also advised the Council that furniture is being dumped on the lawn of 199 Forest Avenue. Mr. Medina explained that they are very slowly working on the house. Mayor Tempesta asked Chief Capriglione to patrol the area.

Glen Snider, a resident, asked if the deer culling program was cut short. Chief Capriglione said that it was not cut short. He is concerned about what will happen when Green Brook Country Club is gone. Mayor Tempesta explained that we are in a highly populated area so we have to be careful how we cull the deer.

Mr. Snider asked if the Town has a sign ordinance regarding advertising signs. Mayor Tempesta said that we have one that regulates size, however, there are first amendment rights.

Mr. Snider asked about the long grass at a business not cutting their grass. Mayor Tempesta explained that it just sold and hopefully the new owner will cut the grass.

Mr. Maginnis spoke again about deer management. Councilman Cecere explained that there is a deer overpopulation because we are feeding them, increasing their diet and they are multiplying.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council on a motion from Councilman Cecere and a second by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm. All were in favor.

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Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk