TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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, October 6, 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
Captain Leonard Santiago, Police Department
John Medina, Construction Official

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Crudele

Council President Canale gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PENDING ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 1912

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-38 ENTITLED MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, The Township of West Caldwell recognizes that the solemnization of marriages and civil unions is an important public service that enhances access to municipal government and serves the needs of residents and the public; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature enacted P.L. 2025, c. 222, amending N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 to authorize municipal clerks to solemnize marriages and civil unions; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to make this service available through the Office of the Township Clerk in accordance with New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that authorizing the Township Clerk to perform marriage and civil union ceremonies will provide an additional municipal service, increase accessibility for residents, and promote the efficient delivery of government services; and

WHEREAS, the Township has established fees for marriage licenses and related marriage services; and

WHEREAS, the current fee schedule has remained unchanged since 2007, and a review of administrative and operational costs has determined that adjustments are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee revisions are intended to ensure that the fees charged reasonably reflect the costs associated with processing, issuing, and administering marriage licenses and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that updating the fee schedule is in the best interest of efficient administration and fiscal responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council as follows:

§ 2-38. MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES.

§ 2-38.1. General Provisions.

a. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of marriage or civil union ceremonies by the Mayor **or Township Clerk** of the Township of West Caldwell.

§ 2-38.2. General Regulations.

a. Collection of Fees. Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor **or Township Clerk** of the Township of West Caldwell shall remit the applicable fee delineated below to be paid to the Township of West Caldwell:

1. Residents of West Caldwell ~~$125~~. **$250**
2. Nonresidents of West Caldwell ~~$200~~. **$350**
3. Transportation Allowance Varies (see below).
4. Administrative fee ~~$15~~. **$25**

b. In addition to the fees shown in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, there shall also be a Transportation Allowance for all ceremonies conducted outside of the Township of West Caldwell. Said Allowance shall be based on the actual round trip mileage from the West Caldwell Municipal Building to the place of the ceremony, and shall be based on the then current mileage reimbursement rate established by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

c. Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred Through the Performance of Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies.

1. Receipt of fees. The fees as above calculated shall be paid by check, payable to the Registrar of Township of West Caldwell. Fees collected, other than the administrative fee, shall be deposited into the current account for disbursement to the Mayor **or Township Clerk**. The Township of West Caldwell shall retain the administrative fee.

2. Disbursement of fees and Transportation Allowance. Fees collected for each service and for the Transportation Allowance as above calculated shall be disbursed to the Mayor **or Township Clerk**, upon presentation of suitable documentation, through the appropriate budget line item and with appropriate authorization.

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 – October 6, 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 26-226, 26-227, 26-230, 26-236, 26-237, 26-238 and 26-240

Received and placed on file.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilman Crudele 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 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Checks	Amount
CURRENT ACCOUNT – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	21204-21317	$5,046,982.99
GENERAL CAPITAL	3491-3501	$176,853.88
POOL	4146-4163	$111,779.13
POOL CAPITAL	0	0
WATER CAPITAL	8486-8488	$38,133.80
WATER	12177-12190	$292,057.83
WATER WIRE ACCT	0	0
GENERAL TRUST – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	7444-7463	$154,364.15
DOG TRUST	1192-1194	$7,503.34
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST 1	0	0
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	0	0
COAH-AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	0	0

DEVELOPERS' TRUST	2018-2032	$12,110.00
SUB-TOTAL		**$9,130,523.28**
LIBRARY	14160-14188	$101,032.81
TOTAL		**$5,940,817.93**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the recommendation of Councilman Schott seconded by Councilman Docteroff, it was regularly moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2026 be approved.

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

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."

There were no closed session items.

Administrator Baltycki pointed out a typographical error in Resolution No. 26-238. It should say RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO D. TORLUCCIO LANDSCAPING LLC FOR THE FEMA CULVERTS PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL.

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the twenty Resolutions on the Consent Agenda this evening be approved. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor. However, Councilman Cecere abstained from Resolutions 26-224.

Mayor Tempesta asked if there were any comments on the consent agenda from Council or the public.

There were no comments from the public.

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

No. 26-223
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
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
8. Overpayment-Refund
9. Tax Title Lien Redemption
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 #25-00005						
801	24		Morongell, Douglas M & Richard L	$ 8,711.15	2025	9
			5 Gray Street	$ 30,000.00	2025	9
				$ 38,711.15		

Check payable to: Phoenix Funding Inc.

1148 Springfield Avenue
Mountainside, NJ 07092

504	12	Sciabarasi, Rebecca & Bryant, Thomas A III 12 Elmwood Terrace	$ 2,799.78	2026	3

No. 26-224
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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. 1426 on August 15, 2000, providing Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for members of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department; 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. 7160 on November 20, 2001: and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services reviewed and approved the LOSAP submitted by the Township of West Caldwell on December 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department presented the certified list of active volunteer firefighters, attached, who qualify for LOSAP contributions for the year 2025 to the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council have reviewed and have approved the attached list of volunteer firefighters who qualify for LOSAP contributions for the year 2025 and the Governing Body has included the 3.5% CPI increase authorized by the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with the determinations and recommendations of the West Caldwell Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached certified list and this Resolution shall be posted for thirty (30) days at the West Caldwell Fire Headquarters and in the office of the Municipal Clerk in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-192, et seq.

No. 26-225
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026-2027 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to authorize a Deer Management Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Program goals are to control local deer population, allow forest regeneration, minimize browsing of residential landscaping in the Township and minimize the incidence of deer-related motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Program will take place on the following Township properties: Block 1903, Lot 6 (Township Leaf Composting Facility on Bloomfield Avenue and adjacent to Essex Place and Aldrin Drive); Block 3101, Lot 12; Block 3101, Lot 6 (Hatfield Swamp); Block 3100, Lot 6; Block 102, Lot 7; Block 308, Lot 14; Block 2600, Lot 18; Block 2000, Lot 1 and Block 901, Lot 19 (Cedar Street Pool).

WHEREAS, the Program will commence on October 7, 2026 and end on February 19, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Program will take place on approximately one hundred (100) days during that time period, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded; and

WHEREAS, no more than twelve (12) agents selected from among experienced, licensed hunters who can demonstrate a proficiency in marksmanship and some of whom participated in other similar deer management programs. Agents will take part in this program on a voluntary basis and shall be considered volunteers of the Township for liability purposes; and

WHEREAS, harvested deer will be transported to a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife supervised check station operated by the Township and to a New Jersey Department of Health approved butcher for processing. A substantial portion of all deer harvested will be donated to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township will use signage, mailings and any other forms of communication deemed appropriate by Township officials to inform the public of the details of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, in consultation with the Township Police Department and Township Attorney, shall develop Program regulations consistent with this Resolution to further detail the operation of the Program.

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

1. The Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell hereby authorizes a Deer Management Program in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

2. The Township Administrator, in consultation with the Township Police Department and Township Attorney, shall develop Program regulations consistent with this Resolution to further detail the operation of the Program.

3. All Township employees and officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-226
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO BLUE LINE TECH LLC FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MARK43 CAD/RIMS SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the West Caldwell Police Department recommends that the Township of West Caldwell procure the Mark43 CAD/RIMS software system in fulfilment of their mission to the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the West Caldwell Police Department has researched vendors that would achieve their goals and determined that the sought-after software may be procured through a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contract between NJEdge / Edge Market and Blue Line Tech LLC, Contract # 269EMCPS-25-004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2b.(3) (as amended by P.L. 2011, c.139) and LFN 2012-10, a New Jersey municipality may purchase goods and services without public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contract that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding or contracting process by another contracting unit within New Jersey or another state; and

WHEREAS, NJEdge / Edge Market is a national cooperative procurement organization offering publicly solicited contracts to government entities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the subject cooperative purchasing contract was awarded by NJEdge / Edge Market to Blue Line Tech LLC utilizing a competitive contracting process; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2b.(3) (as amended by P.L. 2011, c.139) and LFN 2012-10, prior to making purchases under nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contracts, the municipality must determine that the use of the cooperative purchasing contract shall result in cost savings after all factors, including charges for service, material, and delivery, have been considered; and

WHEREAS, the West Caldwell Police Department has determined that the Township of West Caldwell's use of the NJEdge / Edge Market cooperative purchasing contract to procure the sought-after breathing air compressor will result in cost savings to the Township; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the NJEdge / Edge Market cooperative purchasing contract and needs of the Township, Blue Line Tech LLC has submitted a proposal to provide the Mark43 CAD/RIMS software system to the Township of West Caldwell for the sum of $339,460.00; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent posted a Letter of Intent to the Township of West Calwell website establishing a ten-day comment period which ended on September 21, 2026 during which no comments from the public were received; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purchase in the General Capital Fund Ordinance 1909, account number C-04-55-504-200-003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby incorporated as if fully restated.

2. A contract for the purchase of Mark43 CAD/RIMS software system the sum of $339,460.00 is hereby awarded to Blue Line Tech LLC without the Township soliciting public bids as permitted by law.

3. The Chief of Police or Township Administrator are hereby authorized to executed documents and/or agreement required.

No. 26-227
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NONFAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO PRIMEPOINT, LLC FOR PAYROLL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell requires the services of a payroll service provider; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to award a contract for payroll services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will be $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Primepoint, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Primepoint, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Primepoint, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for said purpose in the Current Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract not to exceed $30,000.00 with Primepoint, LLC as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 26-228
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING I.U.O.E. LOCAL 68 CHARITY FUND, INC. FOR AN OFF PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2026, APRIL 1, 2027, JUNE 3, 2027, OCTOBER 7, 2027 AND DECEMBER 2, 2027 LICENSE NO. 514, ID NO. 535-4-36302

WHEREAS, I.U.O.E. Local 68 Charity Fund, Inc. has submitted a Raffle License Application No. RA 514, ID No. 535-4-36302 for an off premise 50/50 raffle to be held December 3, 2026, April 1, 2027, June 3, 2027, October 7, 2027, and December 2, 2027 at 11 Fairfield Place, West Caldwell, NJ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, hereby approves Raffle License Application No. RA 514; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

No. 26-229
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell participates in the State Clean Communities Program, which provides grant funding to assist in litter abatement, enforcement, and education efforts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the guidelines of the Clean Communities Program, it is necessary to designate a specific individual to serve as the Clean Communities Coordinator (Point Person) to manage grant implementation, compile program data, and submit required reporting; and

WHEREAS, William Wallace possesses the necessary qualifications and experience to effectively perform the duties associated with this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Willliam Wallace is hereby appointed as the **Clean Communities Coordinator**, effective January 1, 2026, for a term expiring on December 31, 2026.

No. 26-230
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO MASTER LEAK TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, INC. FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to award a contract to Master Leak Technologies, LLC, Inc. for acquisition of leak detection equipment as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Master Leak Technologies, LLC, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Master Leak Technologies, LLC, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Master Leak Technologies, LLC, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract not to exceed the amount of $24,096.09 to Master Leak Technologies, LLC, Inc. as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 26-231
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUSIC AND MORE BOOSTER CLUB FOR ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2026, NOVEMBER 14, 2026, AND NOVEMBER 15, 2026 LICENSE NO. 515, ID NO. 535-5-35501

WHEREAS, The Music and More Booster club has submitted a Raffle License Application No. RA 515, ID No. 535-5-35501 for on premise 50/50 raffle to be held November 13, 2026, November 14, 2026, November 15, 2026 at James Caldwell High School, 265 Westville Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, hereby approves Raffle License Application No. RA 515; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

No. 26-232
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROWLAND FRANCISCO AS WATER LABORER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a Water Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Rowland Francisco, 745 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 is willing and able to serve as Water Laborer in the Department of Public Works for the Township of West Caldwell; and;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Rowland Francisco as Water Laborer is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate physical examination and background check to the satisfaction of the Township; and

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

1. Rowland Francisco is appointed as Water Laborer, effective October 13, 2026, at a salary of $47,000.00 in accordance with the salary ordinance.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-233
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT MONAHAN AS LABORER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a Laborer; and

WHEREAS, Scott Monahan, 64 Preston Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 is willing and able to serve as Laborer in the Department of Public Works for the Township of West Caldwell; and;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Scott Monahan as Laborer is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate physical examination and background check to the satisfaction of the Township; and

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

3. Scott Monahan is appointed as Laborer, effective October 13, 2026, at a salary of $47,000.00 in accordance with the salary ordinance.
4. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-234
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87 – CHAPTER 159 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the county of Essex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of $20,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from:

State of New Jersey
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $20,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from CAPS
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO is directed to report this action to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

No. 26-235
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87 – CHAPTER 159 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM 2027

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the county of Essex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of $119,372.00, which is now available as a revenue from:

State of New Jersey – Division of Local Public Health
Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program 2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $119,372.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:
General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from CAPS
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues
Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program 2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO is directed to report this action to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

No. 26-236
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO YORK MOTOR, INC. FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to award a contract to York Motor, Inc. for acquisition of an excavator trailer as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed $17,500; and,

WHEREAS, York Motor, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that York Motor, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit York Motor, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period, and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract not to exceed the amount of $19,550.00 to York Motor, Inc. as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

No. 26-237
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO STANZIALE CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE MCKINLEY AVENUE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the McKinley Avenue road resurfacing project to Stanziale Construction LLC in the amount of $321,299.30 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 modifications were required:

1. Various extra items, as attached — Increase of $20,271.88
2. Retaining Wall Replacement — Increase of $14,000.00
3. Granite Curb Price Adjustment — Increase of $68,925.00
4. Various reductions, as attached — Decrease of $130,148.36

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is a decrease of $26,951.48 and results in a 8.39% decrease 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 McKinley Avenue road resurfacing project to Stanziale Construction LLC be and hereby is approved.
2. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
3. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders.
4. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	$321,299.30
Amount of Change Order #1	<26,951.48>
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$294,347.82
Percent Increase of Change Order #1	-8.39%

5. The Township Engineer's recommendation that the project is complete is accepted and the Treasurer is authorized to issue a check made payable to Stanziale Construction LLC for full and final payment in the amount of $25,886.96.

No. 26-238
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL PAYMENT TO D. TORLUCCIO LANDSCAPING LLC FOR THE FEMA CULVERT PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the FEMA Culverts project to D. Torluccio Landscaping LLC in the amount of $227,263.97 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 modifications were required:

5.	Extra Item – Slope Protection	Increase of $500.00
6.	Test Pit	Increase of $5,900.00
7.	PSE&G Gas Line	increase of $16,900.00
8.	Lowering of Water Main	Increase of $12,900.00
9.	Additional Boulders	Increase of $5,900.00
10.	Reduction in Police Directors	Decrease of $18,240.00
11.	Reduction in HMA and asphalt quantities	Decrease of $0.93

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is an increase of $23,859.07 and results in a 10.5% 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:

6. The above listed change order to the Contract for the project known as the FEMA Culverts project to D. Torluccio Landscaping LLC be and hereby is approved.
7. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
8. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders.
9. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	$227,263.97
Amount of Change Order #1	23,859.07
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$251,123.04
Percent Increase of Change Order #1	10.5%

10. The Township Engineer's recommendation that the project is complete is accepted and the Treasurer is authorized to issue a check made payable to D. Torluccio Landscaping LLC for full and final payment in the amount of $251,123.04.

No. 26-239
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
Charles Betcher 33 Gladding Road Caldwell, NJ 07006	$85.00	Refund- Soccer
Stephanie Patriarco	$85.00	Refund- Soccer

16 Glenwood Way West Caldwell, NJ 07006		
Lauren Pezold 10 Grove Street Caldwell, NJ 07006	$95.00	Refund- Soccer
Yuting Wu 141 Mountain Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$85.00	Refund- Soccer
Sarah O'Brien 26 Gladding Road Caldwell, NJ 07006	$70.00	Refund- Cross Country
Margaret Reddington 9 Knoll Terrace West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$70.00	Refund- Cross Country
Sharon Finnegan 2 Laurel Place West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$75.00	Refund- Volleyball

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS REFUNDS: $565.00

POOL UTILITY

Name	Amount	Reason
Beth Goldberg 55 Leonard Terrace Roseland, NJ 07068	$230.00	Refund- Pool Membership

TOTAL POOL UTILITY REFUNDS: $230.00

TRUST FUND

Name	Amount	Reason
Catherine Corcoran 585 Bloomfield Ave #69 West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$73.00	Refund- Lake Hopatcong Senior Trip
Margaret Hershkowitz 13 Evergreen Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$73.00	Refund- Lake Hopatcong Senior Trip
Milena Puc 17 Pink Oak Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$73.00	Refund- Lake Hopatcong Senior Trip
Kristin Tesei 44 Brian Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$80.00	Refund- Travel Baseball

TOTAL TRUST FUND REFUNDS: $299.00

No. 26-240
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS #1 TO FIELDTURF USA, INC. FOR THE FRANCISCO PARK FIELD PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for field turf at Francisco Park to FieldTurf USA Inc. in the amount of $263,977.00; 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:

12. Removal of Logo Decrease of $14,065.00
13. Performance & Payment Bod Increase of $2,811.51

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is a decrease of $11,253.49 and results in a 4.26% decrease 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:

11. The above listed change order to the Contract for the project known as the Francisco Park project FieldTurf USA, Inc. be and hereby is approved.
12. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
13. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders.
14. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	$263,977.00
Amount of Change Order #1	-11,253.49
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$252,723.51
Percent Decrease of Change Order #1	4.26%

No. 26-241
By: Councilman Schott

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL / WEST CALDWELL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the County has received grant funding from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to provide comprehensive substance use and substance use disorder services; and,

WHEREAS; the County proposes to contract with Subgrantee to provide said services for prevention, education and intervention for preschoolers through senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the County's Request for Application dated October 23, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee has submitted to the County its Application dated December 17, 2025 for the performance of such services (hereinafter referred to as the "Strategic Plan"); and,

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee certifies to the truth and accuracy of all statements, answers and data contained in this Strategic Plan and hereby authorizes the County of Essex to make any necessary examination or inquiry in order to make a determination as to its qualifications and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee certifies to the truth and accuracy of all statements, answers and data contained in this Strategic Plan and hereby authorizes the County of Essex to make any necessary examination or inquiry in order to make a determination as to its qualifications and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, the parties propose hereby to enter into an agreement in accordance with said "Strategic Plan", the Subgrantee's Application, and the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder Guidelines for the performance of such services; and,

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee has agreed that funds for services provided under this grant will not be used for any other purpose other than those listed in this contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey of the authorizes Township Officials to enter into a contract as described herein.

No. 26-242
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 reported that there will be a Planning Board meeting on October 19.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Cecere welcomed all the new hires and congratulated all the people who retired.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

On the recommendation of Council President Canale, the reports submitted by the Police Chief and Detective Bureau, Construction Official for August and September, and Court Administrator for August as received, be placed on file.

Council President Canale reported that Environmental Commission shredding event that benefitted the James Caldwell High School Scholarship Fund raised over $2,000.

Council President also mentioned that the Wrensch Park cleanup will take place on Saturday, October 17. They meet by the old Friendly's around 9 AM. It takes about 2 hours. It is good for student hours. If you plan on helping, bring gloves.

Councilman Docteroff asked Chief Capriglione about the Deer Management Program. Chief Capriglione said that the program runs now through February. It is done entirely on Township property only when school is in session. There have never been any issues.

TECHNOLOGY AND SHARED SERVICES:

Councilman Schott reported that the Senior Citizens Transportation Committee met for the first time in about a year. They are still waiting to hear about a grant for the bus.

The Board of Health meets tomorrow at 7 PM.

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:

There was no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilman Crudele reported that the annual Trunk or Treat will be held at EVS on Saturday, October 24. There is a parade at 4 PM and the Trunk or Treat begins at 4:30 PM.

ADVISORS' REPORT:

Clerk DeBlasis reported on the upcoming elections.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There was no report.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Jerry Havel, a resident of West Caldwell, asked what was being done about the deer population. Mayor Tempesta replied that the deer culling begins next week.

Mr. Havel asked questions about where we stand on the speed study on Forest Avenue and why are three no speed bumps.

Chief Capriglione explained that speed enforcement was done for 3 weeks every day. There were just over 1400 cars per day southbound. This is a typical number of cars for a thru street. There was a dedicated speed monitor that collects data and determines the average speed over time. The average speed was 30-33 MPH. There was no major high speed. Recommendations were made and DPW has installed crosswalks and brightened them up at Cavell and at Waverly. They also installed signs for pedestrian crosswalks to make it safer for people to cross. He said that he will send enforcement up there again. He explained that speed bumps only push the traffic to other streets, which other residents won't appreciate.

Mayor Tempesta spoke about some

options including blocking one side of Forest and making it a one way.

Laurie Catalano, a resident of West Caldwell, also spoke about speeding on Forest Avenue.

Barbara Piercy, a resident of West Caldwell, spoke about juveniles terrorizing patrons of the West Caldwell Plaza shopping center. She thanked Chief Capriglione for his post on FaceBook. Mayor Tempesta said please don't engage with them. Always call the Police Department. It's unfortunate that kids are so disrespectful to Police and also to adults.

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 7:24 pm. All were in favor.

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Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk