

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of North Plainfield, NJ on Monday, 27 February 2012. Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive and conclusive as possible.

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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **February 27, 2012** at 7:52 p.m. at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Mary H. Forbes
 Lawrence La Ronde
 Keiona R. Miller
 Frank Righetti
 Douglas M. Singleterry
 Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano Jr., Mayor
 David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
 Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
 Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

ABSENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill (excused)

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President Stabile.

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on December 12, 2011. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-6 et seq. by transmitting said notice to the *Courier News*, *The Star-Ledger* and *WKMB* Radio on December 13, 2011, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 15, 2011 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of February 14, 2012.

Council President Stabile called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of February 14, 2012: All in favor.

Mrs. Forbes presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 12-02 be read by its title by the Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing March 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, New Jersey as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-02 CALENDAR YEAR 2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. La Ronde presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-02 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2012;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Courier News in the issue of March 12, 2012

The Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2012:

2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of
Somerset for the Fiscal Year 2012.

REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION SUMMARIES

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2012	2011
1. Surplus	800,000.00	700,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	4,096,095.60	3,476,849.32
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	940,000.00	1,000,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	16,204,454.25	16,541,874.29
b) Addition to Local District School Tax	0.00	0.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	16,204,454.25	16,541,874.29
Total General Revenues	22,040,549.85	21,718,723.61

Summary of Appropriations	2012 Budget	2011 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	10,621,300.00	10,521,606.00
Other Expenses	6,001,691.60	5,664,124.32
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,432,117.00	2,519,863.00
3. Capital Improvements	48,500.00	51,000.00
4. Debt Service	1,336,941.25	1,362,130.29
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,600,000.00	1,600,000.00
Total General Appropriations	22,040,549.85	21,718,723.61
Total Number of Employees	132	132

2012 Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2012	2011
1. Surplus	10,000.00	14,952.02
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	1,876,500.00	1,916,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	1,886,500.00	1,930,952.02
Summary of Appropriations	2012 Budget	2011 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	190,000.00	187,000.00
Other Expenses	1,612,000.00	1,549,000.00
2. Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00
3. Debt Service	69,500.00	179,952.02
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	15,000.00	15,000.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations	1,886,500.00	1,930,952.02
Total Number of Employees	4	4

Balance of Outstanding Debt				
	General	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Utility-Other
Interest	158,131.83	n/a	143,071.88	n/a
Principal	2,310,000.00	n/a	620,000.00	n/a
Outstanding Balance	2,468,131.83	n/a	763,071.88	n/a

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset on February 27, 2012.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ, on March 26, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2012 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Richard Phoenix, Borough Clerk, at Borough Hall, 263 Somerset St., North Plainfield, NJ 07060 during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Notice is hereby being given that the Budget and Tax Resolution were approved by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, on February 27, 2012.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, on March 26, 2012 at 7:30 O'clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2012 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Stabile stated that all matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mr. La Ronde requested that item "g" be removed for a separate vote.

Mr. La Ronde presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

02-27-12-03a, b, c, d, e and f

having been placed on the Consent Agenda and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Mr. Righetti and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03a WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Lions Club, 246 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, has applied for a license to conduct an on-premise draw raffle awarding merchandise as a prize on April 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Lions Club has been issued Identification No. 352-8-25800 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that said applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a raffle license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to the North Plainfield Lions Club for an on-premise draw raffle awarding merchandise as a

prize to be held on April 1, 2012 at the Italian American Social Club, 403 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03b BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Borough Tax Collector is authorized to make the following refunds:

Refund Property Tax Overpayment:

Block 131 Lot 5 \$ 1,630.72
1st Quarter 2012

Saxon Mortgage
1 Corelogic Drive
Westlake, TX 76262
Attn: Refund Department

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03c BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Treasurer is authorized to cancel the following outstanding checks:

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unity # 770002392	11224	01/11	\$ 83.44 Current
	11466	02/11	4479.19
	11641	02/11	24184.92
	11678	02/11	75.00
	11760	03/11	120.00
	11805	03/11	25.00
	12177	06/11	629.44
	12345	07/11	25.00
	12403	09/11	25.00
Unity # 7700022830	108507	01/11	247.72 Payroll
	109416	07/11	282.76
	109423	07/11	193.40
	109427	07/11	341.32
	109438	07/11	396.71
	109584	09/11	242.00
Unity # 770002848	3938	01/11	385.00 AGENCY
	3947	02/11	86.25
	3984	02/11	77.94
Wells Fargo # 2000099880190	1209	01/11	465.00 ESCROW
	1230	09/11	503.72

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03d BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following refund:

Refund of Escrow Balance:

Jeffrey & Margaret Bunnell \$ 1,578.69
 c/o John J. Sullivan
 465 Union Avenue
 PO Box 7
 Middlesex, NJ 08846

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03e BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby authorize the issuance of licenses to drive a taxicab for calendar year 2012, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., to the following in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Sonia Y. Cobo
 205 Somerset Street, Apt. 3
 North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Oscar J. Saltos-Villacis
 966 West Front Street
 Plainfield, NJ 07063

Olga M. Shulca-DeFreire
 816 South Avenue
 Plainfield, NJ 07062

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03f BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., it does hereby authorize the issuance of a license for the owner/operation of limousines/taxicabs to the following for calendar year 2012 in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Ramon Chavez, t/a
 Ramon Services
 283 Watchung Avenue
 North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Nelly Calero-Sanchez, t/a
 Flash Taxi LLC
 63 Watchung Avenue
 North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Mr. La Ronde presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-12-03g BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the attached bills of the accounts named and for the amounts stated, having been duly audited and found to be correct as of this 27th day of February, 2012, the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

Seconded by Mr. Righetti with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Miller, Righetti, Singleterry, Stabile
 Abstain: Forbes, La Ronde

Resolution carried 4-0-2.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Frank D'Amore Sr. North Plainfield, NJ	Re: Property Maintenance Violation (Vacant lot Opposite 36 Harmony Street)
	Re: Violation 11-4.3
Board of Adjustment Borough of Watchung	Re: Notice of Public Hearing Applicant: Home Depot March 1, 2012
Comcast Union, NJ	Re: New Package and Exitos TV
HomeSharing, Inc. Bridgewater, NJ	Re: HomeSharing Newsletter Winter 2012
Birdsall Services Group Eatontown, NJ	Re: Toresco Enterprises
	Re: Grove Street Sidewalk Mitigation NJDOT Discretionary Aid Application
Family Foot & Ankle Specialists, LLC Hillsborough, NJ	Re: Emergency Foot Care Day for Those Without Insurance
John and Karen Scapiliati North Plainfield, NJ	Re: Notice of Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Public Hearing March 7, 2012
PSE&G South Plainfield, NJ	Re: North Central Reliability Project Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit – Hardship Exception Notification
PSE&G Newark, NJ	Re: Public Service Electric and Gas Company Application for Modified Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit #2 for Installation of New Natural Gas Distribution Mains in Public Rights-of-Way

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, reported a violation of the commercial vehicle ordinance at 118 Grove Street on January 25, 2012, to be advised by Mr. Rodino that the property in question was not in violation of the new ordinance. The speaker suggested that those employees responsible for enforcing ordinances be tested on their knowledge of those ordinances.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Giordano commented that he had attended the Blue and Gold Dinner for Cub Pack 135. He reminded everyone of the ongoing recreation sign-ups for softball and baseball at the Community Center. Announcing that he will attend the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts on March 11 at Holy Cross Church, he also reported that Brian Kenny from Troop 235 will receive an Eagle Scout award.

Mr. Hollod advised that the public hearing for the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant will be forthcoming at Council's March 12 meeting.

Mr. Singleterry thanked the Administration for their work on the budget.

Mr. La Ronde advised of the adult co-ed softball sign-ups held at the Community Center.

Mrs. Forbes thanked Messrs. Morrison and DeBlasio for attending the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. La Ronde, seconded by Mr. Righetti and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President