

# BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

## AGENDA

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**

Borough Council Chambers  
263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield

7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE:** *An Executive Session on the topic of **Property Update: Villa Maria** is scheduled to be called at the close of regular business of this meeting. It is anticipated that recess for the Executive Session may be called approximately fifteen minutes following the convening of the Regular Meeting.*

### **ROLL CALL:**

Council Members:           Aimee Corzo  
                                      Lawrence La Ronde  
                                      Everett Merrill  
                                      Keiona R. Miller  
                                      Wendy Schaefer  
                                      Douglas M. Singleterry  
                                      Frank “Skip” Stabile, Council President

Statement of Compliance as to Notice of Meeting

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting of January 13, 2020

Roll Call

### **APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

LICENSED SEWER OPERATOR:

Joseph Aidukas

One-year term

### **RESOLUTION:**

Ms. Schaefer:

**01-27-20-01 ORDINANCE NO. 20-01** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER 11, “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

Be read by its title by the Borough Clerk

Roll Call

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Statement by Council President

**RESOLUTION:**

Ms. Miller:

**01-27-20-02** Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
- b. Confirming the appointment of Borough’s Designated C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator
- c. Resolution Appointing Municipal Court Prosecutor and Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor to the North Plainfield Municipal Court
- d. Authorizing Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes – Block 97 Lot 12.02
- e. Authorizing Tax Collector to create Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates
- f. Authorizing Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes – Block 92 Lot 18.02
- g. Authorizing Raffles Licenses for the North Plainfield Youth Sports Association
- h. Approving the Consolidated Bill List of January 27, 2020

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
County of Somerset, Somerville	Newsletters & General Correspondence
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Invoice and Report
Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville, NJ	Newsletters
Comcast, Union, NJ	2019 Franchise Fee
Verizon, Springfield, NJ	Report of 2019 Franchise Fee Remittance
Dennis Passe, North Plainfield	Home Movie: 1960 Parade
Tina Totten, North Plainfield	Meeting Advisory, Green Brook Flood Control Commission
FEMA, Washington, DC	Mitigation Minute
NJ Highlands Coalition, Boonton, NJ	Newsletters
Frank N. D’Amore Sr., North Plainfield	Property Maintenance Report
Green Brook Flood Control Commission	Invoicing
NJ State Treasurer, Trenton, NJ	Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Distribution

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

General public comments shall be limited to five minutes for each individual.  
*(Rule 29 of the Borough Council's Rules of Order)*

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**RESOLUTION:**

Ms. Schaefer:

**01-27-20-03** Convening Executive Session: Property Update: Villa Maria

Roll Call

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. Property Update: Villa Maria – E.M.B.

**RECONVENE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***CONSENT AGENDA***

**January 27, 2020**

**RESOLUTION NOS. 01-27-20-02 a through h**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

01-27-20-02 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h

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

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020

Adopted: January 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02a**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation**

**WHEREAS**, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of North Plainfield has applied for a grant titled Emergency Management Agency Assistance (FY19-EMPG-EMAA-1814) in the amount of \$10,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of North Plainfield has been granted a subaward (CFDA#: 97.042) for the performance period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of North Plainfield, in the County of Somerset, 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 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the subgrant, consisting of a total amount of up to \$20,757.46, including up to \$10,000.00 Federal Award and up to \$10,747.46 Local Matching Funds is for the purpose of enhancing the Borough of North Plainfield's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these funds will be used for the purposes of salary, wages and fringe benefits for the staffing of the Office of Emergency Management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of North Plainfield does accept the Subaward, and authorizes Brian L Martin, the Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management to execute all documents related to this grant program.

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020  
Adopted: January 27, 2020

I, Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk of North Plainfield, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body at a duly convened meeting held on January 27, 2020.

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Richard K. Phoenix, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02b**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
APPOINTING A LICENSED SEWER OPERATOR**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a professional to act as the Borough's C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator for the 2020 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Joseph Aidukas of Mott MacDonald to act as the Borough's C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator and believes that Joseph Aidukas is eminently qualified to perform such engineering services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Joseph Aidukas of Mott MacDonald is hereby appointed as the Borough's C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator for the 2020 calendar year.

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020

Adopted: January 27, 2020



**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02c**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND  
ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR TO THE NORTH  
PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council on January 13, 2020 appointed Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. as Municipal Court Prosecutor to the North Plainfield Municipal Court for calendar year 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Law/Borough Attorney and the Mayor wish to make changes in said designation, effective February 1, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that, as of February 1, 2020, the Municipal Court Prosecutor and Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor to the North Plainfield Municipal Court, as well as Conflict Prosecutor for calendar year 2020 shall be as follows:

Municipal Court Prosecutor: Raymond J. Stine, Esq. of Shain Schaffer P.C. Mr. Stine shall be compensated at an annual salary of \$30,000.00, less all applicable deductions pro-rated from February 1, 2020.

Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor: Franklin G. Whittlesey, Esq. of Scholl Whittlesey & Gruenberg L.L.C. Mr. Whittlesey shall be compensated at an annual salary of \$10,000.00, less all applicable deductions pro-rated from February 1, 2020.

Conflict Prosecutor: Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C., effective February 1, 2020 with compensation to be paid at the Firm's hourly rate for other Borough work.

Messrs. Stine and Whittlesey shall remain in their respective positions until a successor for each is qualified and appointed.

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Frank A. "Skip" Stabile  
Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020  
Adopted: January 27, 2020

## **CERTIFICATION**

By my signature below, I, Richard, K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk for the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that this Resolution adopted by the North Plainfield Borough Council at its regular meeting held on January 27, 2020.

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Richard K. Phoenix, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk, Borough of North Plainfield

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02d**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR  
TO CANCEL TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Church of God Prophecy of NJ also known as Block 97 Lot 12.02 was deemed exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

**WHEREAS**, taxes have been levied on the aforementioned parcel for multiple quarters to include 2019 and 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes on this parcel:

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020

Adopted: January 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02e**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificate(s) as follows:

Block 5 Lot 8.04    260 North Drive                    # 12-00020 issued 10/23/12

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced:    January 27, 2020

Adopted:        January 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02f**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR  
TO CANCEL TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the parcel of 12 Duer Street also known as Block 92 Lot 18.02 (mother lot) was deemed 2 separate properties per the Assessor and assessed as such and;

**WHEREAS**, taxes were been levied on both mother and sub parcels for the same quarters and mother lot was inadvertently sold at tax sale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes on this parcel and refund payment to lienholder:

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020

Adopted: January 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02g**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the following organization has been issued identification number 352-5-31277 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and has submitted applications to conduct raffles; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that this organization meets the requirements for the issuance of raffles licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue raffles licenses to the following:

North Plainfield Youth Sports Association  
233 Henry Court, North Plainfield  
On-premises 50-50 cash draw raffle:

RL -1188

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020

Adopted: January 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-27-20-02h**

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

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Council President

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Council Member

Introduced: January 27, 2020

Adopted: January 27, 2020