

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 10 February 2020.

Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive and conclusive as possible. However, as it is a draft document, it is not to be construed as a formal depiction of the official conduct of business and is subject to revision up to and following the Council's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **February 10, 2020** at 7:59 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

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

The Council President 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 November 18, 2019. 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*, *The Alternative Press*, *WJLP-TV* and *WKMB* Radio on November 19, 2019, 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, Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 27, 2020.

The Council President called for a Roll Call on the minutes: All in favor.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER XI, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, MOST NOTABLY SECTION 11-13, TITLED “VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION.”

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. La Ronde, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

Mr. Merrill presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 20-01 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all seven 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 presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

02-10-20-02 a, b, c, d, e, f, g

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

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02a REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$4,360.99 FOR THE 2020 BUDGET REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE BODY ARMOR GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any 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, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of North Plainfield 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 in the sum of \$4,360.99 which item is now available as a revenue from the Body Armor Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,360.99 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Body Armor Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02b RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE BOROUGH'S SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF TYPE 10 SOLID WASTE FROM THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority are currently parties to a Shared Services Agreement, authorized under the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq., for the removal and disposal of Type 10 Waste from the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the current Shared Services Agreement is set to expire on March 26, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority has expressed an interest in renewing the current Shared Services Agreement for an additional one (1) year term, with the current pricing not to change during said additional one (1) year term and subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth in the current Shared Services Agreement between the parties; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of renewing the Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for the removal and disposal of its Type 10 Waste from the Borough of North Plainfield for an additional one (1) year term, based upon the terms and conditions as set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute the documents necessary to effectuate the one (1) year renewal of its current Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for removal and disposal of Type 10 Waste from within the

Borough of North Plainfield, which Shared Services Agreement is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02c AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Revised Statutes of New Jersey 40A:4-20 provides for the adoption of temporary appropriations in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the Local Budget for the Year 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the following amendments to the temporary appropriations be made in the amounts and for the purposes herein set forth for the period between January 1st, 2020 and the adoption of the Local Budget for the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey for the fiscal Year 2020:

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
20-100	Department of Administration	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 3,575.00
20-110	Borough Council		1,000.00
20-120	Borough Clerk	36,250.00	5,375.00
20-130	Department of Finance	71,250.00	3,500.00
20-135	Annual Audit		10,000.00
20-145	Tax Collection		3,250.00
20-150	Division of Assessments	24,750.00	1,800.00
20-151	Tax Appeals		8,750.00
20-155	Department of Law		70,000.00
20-165	Engineering		12,500.00
20-175	Historical Commission	750.00	250.00
21-180	Planning Board	300.00	1,250.00
21-185	Board of Adjustment	250.00	1,500.00
22-195	Uniform Construction Code	50,000.00	2,250.00
23.210	Liability Insurance		400,000.00
23-220	Group Insurance		525,000.00
23-225	Unemployment Compensation		5,000.00
25-240	Police	1,462,250.00	50,000.00
25-241	Crossing Guards	43,000.00	0.00
25-252	Emergency Management	3,500.00	2,650.00
25-265	Fire Protection	965,250.00	15,700.00
25-266	Fire Hydrant		51,375.00
25-267	Uniform Fire Code	3,000.00	4,426.00
25-268	LOSAP		1,500.00
25-269	Emergency Medical Services		10,500.00
25-275	Borough Prosecutor	6,750.00	0.00
26-290	Streets & Roads	293,750.00	212,500.00
26-310	Building & Grounds		24,000.00

26-315	Vehicle Maintenance		54,125.00
27-330	Health	43,750.00	34,500.00
27-340	Dog Regulation		15,000.00
28-370	Recreation	52,875.00	8,362.50
28-375	Maintenance of Parks		1,625.00
28-380	Shade Tree Advisory Board		2,500.00
30-415	Retirement Benefits		156,250.00
30-420	Celebration of Public Events		3,000.00
31-201	Contingent		2,500.00
31-430	Electricity		100,000.00
31-440	Telephone		19,000.00
31-445	Water		6,500.00
31-446	Natural Gas		15,000.00
31-460	Gasoline		43,750.00

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
31-461	Technology		10,000.00
31-462	Postage		10,000.00
31-471	Employees Retirement System		322,476.25
36-472	Social Security		110,000.00
36-474	Consolidated Police/Fire Retirement		0.00
36-475	Police/Fireman Retirement		1,985,865.75
41-899	Matching Funds for Grants		1,250.00
42-300	COAH Housing		2,500.00
42-305	Somerset County Recycling		50,000.00
42-405	Parking Meters	20,375.00	0.00
42-520	NJDEP Permit Fee		1,312.50
43-490	Municipal Court	79,250.00	5,587.50
43-495	Public Defender		1,000.00
62-405	Capital Equipment		16,950.00
	Totals	<u>\$3,212,800.00</u>	<u>\$4,406,705.50</u>

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
55-501	Sewer Operating	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 50,000.00
55-502	Plainfield Area Regional Sewer		500,000.00
55-541	Social Security		4,250.00
55-542	Unemployment Comp Insurance		250.00
	Totals Sewer Utility	<u>\$ 51,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 554,500.00</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02d RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES

WHEREAS, the parcel of 14 Duer Street also known as Block 92 Lot 18.03 (mother lot) was deemed 2 separate properties per the Assessor and assessed as such and;

WHEREAS, taxes have 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02e WHEREAS, the following applicants have filed applications for coin-operated amusement devices licenses for calendar year 2020 and have submitted the required fees; and

WHEREAS, review of the applications with accompanying sketches and investigations of the sites by appropriate Borough officials disclosed that the granting of these applications would be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that coin-operated amusement devices licenses be granted to the following applicants for calendar year 2020 in accordance with the filed applications, subject to all conditions and requirements set forth in N.P.R.G.O. 4-2:

Mi Mundo Latino, LLC
375 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Tesoro Salvadoreño Restaurant Inc.
64 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02f 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 licenses for the owner/operation of limousines to the following for one year in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Scot Prokocimer, t/a
Adolphs Limo Service
53 Jennings Lane
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10-20-02g 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 10th day of February, 2020 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
County of Somerset, Somerville Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Newsletters & General Correspondence Invoice and Report
Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville, NJ	Newsletters
NJDEP, Trenton, NJ	NJDEP Seeks Community Involvement
Michael Yochim, North Plainfield	Speeding in Duer Street
US Census Bureau, Washington, DC	First Enumeration
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Weekly Update
NJ Poison Information & Education System New Brunswick, NJ	Cold & Flu Season
PARSA, Middlesex, NJ	Agenda and Minutes
Frank N. D'Amore, Sr., North Plainfield	Property Maintenance Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. La Ronde requested the noise ordinance and canvassing ordinance. Mr. Merrill requested a presentation from the property maintenance department.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hollod advised that Mr. DeBlasio would be present at the next meeting to discuss any questions and/or concerns regarding the budget. Winterfest 2020 will be held February 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the high school. Census notices will go out on March 10 and we urge for all residents to complete the paperwork. In 2010, more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the residents did not file the census paperwork.

Mr. Merrill reported on School Resource Officer Stuart Buchman's report about safety protocols in our schools.

Ms. Miller reported that the Black History Month Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the North Plainfield High School Auditorium.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. La Ronde, seconded by Ms. Miller and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President