

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, March 22, 2021.*

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MINUTES of the Regular (virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **March 22, 2021** at 9:15 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Aimee Corzo
Suzette Given
Steven McIntyre
Everett Merrill
Keiona R. Miller
Wendy Schaefer
Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David Hollod, Business Administrator
Phillip La Porta, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer
Kathleen Intravartolo, CTC, QPA, Treasurer
David Testa, Borough Engineer
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This virtual meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, WKMB Radio, WJLP-TV, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 28, 2020 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2021.

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

Ms. Corzo presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 21-01 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing April 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey as the place for hearing and final adoption.

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

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 20-10 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 22 OF NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED ‘WATER RUN-OFF CONTROL,’” MOST NOTABLY PARAGRAPH F OF SECTION 22-101.2, ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL AS TO CHAPTER 22 OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “WATER RUN-OFF CONTROL,” MOST NOTABLY PARAGRAPH F OF SECTION 22-101.2, ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL”

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.

Ms. Schaefer presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

03-22-21-02 a, b, c, d, e, f

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

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

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-02a WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has duly executed a recycling plan for all recyclable materials as designated by the Somerset County Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto; and,

WHEREAS, as part of said Plan, the Borough is desirous to retain the services of Somerset County for its recycling program and the County is equally desirous to provide such services; and,

WHEREAS, an Agreement between the County and the Borough has been created to provide said recycling services for calendar year 2021.

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 of North Plainfield hereby agrees to enter into an Agreement with the County of Somerset for Somerset County to provide recycling services for calendar year 2021 to the Borough under the terms and conditions of said Agreement, which is attached. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-02b 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, 2021; 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. 03-22-21-02c RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR A CERTIFIED

RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL TO SIGN ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has duly enacted a recycling plan for all recyclable materials as designated by the Somerset County Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto codified in the Borough Code under section 14-7, "Recycling Program" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-96.2 et seq., the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a Certified Recycling Professional to approve and sign a mandatory Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, a body politic having its offices located at 20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, New Jersey 08876 (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), has a Certified Recycling Professional on staff; and,

WHEREAS, while it is understood that the responsibility for the accuracy of all tonnage and materials reported lies with the Borough of North Plainfield, the Borough is desirous of retaining the services of the County's Certified Recycling Professional for the signing of said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at a rate of Forty Two Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$42.66) per hour as needed, not to exceed an annual amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

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 does hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into said contract with the County of Somerset, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the services of the County's Certified Recycling Professional to sign the Borough's Annual Recycling Tonnage Reports at a rate of Forty Two Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$42.66) per hour as needed, not to exceed an annual amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Borough to effectuate this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this contract to Somerset County, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.14, is an exception to the bidding requirements as set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2).

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-02d 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 49 Lot 11 4 Verdon Street # 12-00079 issued 10/23/12

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-02e WHEREAS, both, Atlantic Title Services, LLC and Corelogic paid \$2,542.80 on Block 21.02 Lot 6, 150 Norwood Avenue, Atlantic Title Services has requested refund of that payment to the homeowner.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make the following refunds:

Refund Real Estate Erroneous Tax Payment:

Frantz Fitzgerald Tales \$ 2,542.80
 150 Norwood Avenue
 North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-21-02f 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 22nd day of March, 2021 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, NJ Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Newsletters & Communications Report and Invoicing
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ	Minutes and Agenda
F.R. Santana, NJ Transit, Newark Somerset County Commissioners, Somerville	Bus Shelter Damage eNewsletter
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton	Newsletter(s)
Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville	Coming events

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor La Ronde announced that the North Plainfield Recreation Easter Egg Hunt would take place on Saturday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. Clean Community Day is tentatively scheduled for May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Somerset County will soon deliver the new recycling totes to residents

on the west side of town. He thanked Messrs. Hollod and DeBlasio and Ms. Intravartolo for their efforts with preparing the Budget.

Mr. Hollod reported that the new recycling totes would be delivered on our next regularly scheduled recycle pick-up day. He thanked Mr. DeBlasio and Ms. Intravartolo for their work on the Budget, praising Ms. Intravartolo's high tax collection rate. They have presented us with an honest Budget and we need to be mindful of unseen expenses ahead, he concluded.

Comments were made by the Council Members. Mr. Merrill remarked on Covid vaccines for seniors, and the Mayor advised of Katherine Miller's efforts to that end. Ms. Schaefer spoke briefly on the impact to be felt by North Plainfield property taxpayers in relation to the projected budget. She expressed her disappointment that more vaccines were not being provided by the County. Ms. Corzo agreed, with Mr. Hollod rejoicing that one hundred vaccines were a drop in the bucket.

The Council President noted that, per the Governor's executive order, Borough Hall remained closed to the public, which Mr. Hollod confirmed, adding that Borough employees continued reporting with no reduction in their volume of work, dealing with the public via phone, computers and the lobby dropboxes.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President