

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
North Plainfield Community Center
614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022
(following Agenda Conference)

ROLL CALL:

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

Statement of Compliance as to Notice of Meeting

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Fredeswinda Sepulveda Unexpired three-year term

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Stephanie Sherwood Unexpired one-year term

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of March 28, 2022 Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Merrill:

04-25-22-01 ORDINANCE NO. 22-03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 7A OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED ‘‘TRAFFIC SCHEDULES,’’ MOST NOTABLY: SECTION 7A-25, ENTITLED ‘‘SECTION 7A-25 SCHEDULE XXV: ON-STREET PARKING RESERVED FOR POLICE VEHICLES’’

Be read by its title by the Borough Clerk Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

Ms. Schaefer:

04-25-22-02 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Award of Bid for Somerset Street Resurfacing and Signalization Project
- b. Distracted Driving Resolution
- c. Creating Duplicate Tax Certificate
- d. Requesting Approval of Insertion of \$2,000.00 for the 2022 Budget Revenue Available from the State of NJ-Radon Awareness Program Grant
- e. Appointing Recycling Coordinator
- f. Approving the Consolidated Bill List of April 25, 2022

REPORTS:

First Quarter of 2022 Police Report for Liquor Licensed Establishments

February 2022 Monthly Police Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Various Newsletters and Communications
Somerset County Bd. of Commissioners Somerville	Various Newsletters and Communications
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Invoice and Reports
Somerset County Parks, Somerville	Spring Newsletter
NJ American Water Co., Voorhees, NJ	Newsdrop Newsletter
Somerset County Bd. Of Commissioners Somerville	Executed 2022 Tonnage Report Agreement
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton	EMobility Incentive Bulletin
FEMA, Washington, DC	Newsletter
Office of State Comptroller, Trenton	Newsletter
Sam Redlich Law, LLC, Franklin Park, NJ	Request for Hearing and Reso.
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk Chief Operator, WPQJ970	Financial Disclosure Power Point
North Plainfield	Plenary Retail Renewal Power Point
NJ Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, Trenton	Borough Hall Open Announcement Women’s History Month Spotlight

<p>Betsy G. Ramos, Esq. Capehart & Scatchard, Esqs., Mt. Laurel Tina Totten, North Plainfield NJ Transit, Newark NJ Local Technical Assistance Program New Brunswick NJ Office of Attorney General, Trenton Edward Zimmerman, Somerset County Governing Officials, Somerville Maureen Coxwell, Deputy County Clerk Somerville</p>	<p>NJ Public Entity Law Monthly Green Brook Flood Control meeting notice Full Service restored to rail lines NJ Public Works Expo Renewal Conventions for ABC Licenses April Meeting, Governing Officials Draft Primary Ballots, Updated Congressional District Map</p>
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REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

April 25, 2022

RESOLUTION NOS. 04-25-22-02 a through f

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02

**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

04-25-22-02 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.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022
Adopted: April 25, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02a

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND BOROUGH CLERK TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY FAI-
GON ELECTRIC IN RESPONSE TO BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
SOMERSET STREET SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENT RELATED TO THE
2021 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain improvements to roadways throughout the Borough as part of the Borough's 2021 Capital Road Improvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield retained Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC to prepare and publish public bid design documents for said road improvements, as well as providing bid support and construction administration/observation services related to the project; and,

WHEREAS, bid responses were received by the Borough of North Plainfield on March 10, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Fai-Gon Electric Inc., 140 11th Street Piscataway, NJ 08854, has submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$418,211.88; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, David Testa of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, as well as the Law Office of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, Borough Attorney, have reviewed the bid responses and recommend that the project be awarded to Fai-Gon Electric Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$418,211.88; and,

WHEREAS, the award of contract must be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of bid opening in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the bid response including bid tabulation documentation is attached hereto and made part of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, following the award of contract, Grotto Engineering will prepare contract documents, after review by the Director of Law and conduct a pre-construction meeting with the successful contractor, all appropriate Borough personnel and any affected utility companies. During the course of construction, Grotto will further provide construction observation and administrative services to ensure that the contractor is performing all construction in full accordance with the contract documents; and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering will review and approve all payment applications submitted by the contractor before they are presented to the Borough for payment. As the project

approaches completion, Grotto Engineering will provide the contractor with a detailed punch list of any and all items requiring repair and/or correction. Grotto Engineering will also prepare the final payment and closeout documents; and,

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 accepts the proposal submitted by Fai – Gon Electric Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$418,211.88 for services related to the 2021 Capital improvement Program for the Somerset Street Signalization Improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a contract and all other necessary documents to engage the services of Fai – Gon Electric Inc.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award 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; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award and the contract and its performance shall be consistent with all applicable laws, the Borough’s bid documents and the bid proposal of Fai – Gon Electric Inc., dated March 10, 2022.

Frank A. “Skip” Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022

Adopted: April 25, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard K. Phoenix, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough Council held on April 11, 2022.

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

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02b

***Resolution Supporting the 2022 UDrive. UText. UPay.
Distracted Driving Crackdown
April 1 - 30, 2022***

Whereas, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

Whereas, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

Whereas, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

Whereas, in 2018 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 2,841 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

Whereas, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2018; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

Whereas, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

Whereas, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Borough of North Plainfield declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022

Adopted: April 25, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02c

**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 85 Lot 19 33 Pearl Street # 13-00136 issued 12/04/13

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022
Adopted: April 25, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02d

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

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$2,000.00 FOR THE 2022 BUDGET
REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE OF NJ-RADON AWARENESS
PROGRAM 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 2022 in the sum of \$2,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the State of NJ-Radon Awareness Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

State of NJ-Radon Awareness Program Grant

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022

Adopted: April 25, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02e

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that STEPHANIE SHERWOOD be and hereby is appointed as RECYCLING COORDINATOR of this Borough to serve for the balance of an unexpired term expiring on December 31, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022
Adopted: April 25, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 04-25-22-02f

**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 25th day of April, 2022 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: April 25, 2022
Adopted: April 25, 2022