

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the North Plainfield Board of Health meeting held on Monday, 12 September 2022.

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 Board of Health Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **September 12, 2022** at **7:35 p.m.** at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David E. Hollod, P.E., Business Administrator
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Eric Bernstein, Esq. Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Board Secretary
Michele Garry, CMR, Deputy Board Secretary

Ms. Garry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence for the Men and Women Serving in Our Armed Forces and for Queen Elizabeth II of England.

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This 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 August 30, 2022 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Martinak, 67 Washington Avenue, Morristown, NJ, representing Community in Crisis located at 9 Church Street, Bernardsville, New Jersey, a state-funded program that was started in 2017 by parents and members by the community that lost school children from drugs. The program was supported by the State Department of Health and is looking for a Pop-Up Center with peer recovery in the Borough for free once or twice monthly services.

Mr. McIntyre said the Community Center is not a walkable location close to downtown and asked for how long? Mr. Martinak said it would be 3-4 hours for services. Mr. Stabile suggested houses of worship. Mr. McIntyre asked if there is funding for locations, and Mr. Martinak said it is a pilot program with minimal funding at this point.

Ms. Miller wanted to know if they have any information on the program they could send by e-mail and if it is a grant-dependent project or program with time limits? He assured that he could send information by e-mail. Mr. Martinak stated that they would be looking for a one-year commitment. Ms. Schaefer asked if there would be paid counselors or volunteers. Mr. Martinak said it would be both. Officer Canica who was present suggested empty space at Somerset Square where the Quick Chek is located.

Mr. Martinak stated that Somerset County doesn't have treatment centers. Ms. Schaefer wanted to know if multilinguals would be served and he answered in the affirmative. Ms. Schaefer wanted to know if his program was recovery-certified. Mr. Martinak said they were not certified as a recovery center.

The Mayor suggested setting up an appointment with him and Mr. Hollod to discuss locations with a conference group including all churches in town.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. HO-22-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER XXVI, HEALTH REGULATIONS, MORE PARTICULARLY ARTICLE I, BOARD OF HEALTH, SECTION 26-1, "BOARD OF HEALTH ESTABLISHED."

The Board Secretary read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Recognized by the Council President, Michelle Carter, 28 Jefferson Avenue, retired police officer and resident for 24 years, described very bad potholes, and the need to repair a tire for \$425.00 after exiting Route 22 at Maple Avenue. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Hollod if there was a listing of streets to be repaired. Mr. Hollod responded he could get the listing of streets to be repaired. However, he advised that potholes should be reported immediately for urgent repairs. Streets are getting repaved all over town every year.

Ms. Carter also expressed the need for recycle bins. The County had advised the Mayor of a shortage due to back-ordered new trucks. Once he receives the schedule, he will let everyone know. Mr. McIntyre asked about the recycle bins while acknowledging that it would take a while for them to come in. Finally, Ms. Carter reported that neighbors were not picking up after their dogs. She had contacted the Police Department. The Council President also suggested she contact the Humane Society as well. The Mayor said to contact the Police Department non-emergency number, too.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Merrill and on roll call carried unanimously.

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

BH09-12-22-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of North Plainfield Board of Health that an Ordinance numbered HO-22-01 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on roll call carried all seven in favor.

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

BH09-12-22-02 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTING MICHELE IRBY-GARRY AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield Board of Health is authorized, pursuant to Borough Code § 26-1.4(a), to appoint a Registrar and such other Assistants as the Borough of North Plainfield Board of Health shall deem necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield Board of Health deems it necessary to appoint an individual to act as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics in the Health Department of the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the office of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics is currently vacant; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield Board of Health wishes to appoint Michele Irby-Garry to the office of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics in the Health Department for the Borough of North Plainfield for a three (3) year term commencing on September 12, 2022 and expiring on September 11, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of North Plainfield Board of Health that Michele Irby-Garry is hereby appointed as the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of North Plainfield for a three (3) year term commencing on September 12, 2022 and expiring on September 11, 2025.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on roll call carried all seven in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman