

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

(Following 7:30 p.m. Agenda Conference meeting)

NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
263 SOMERSET STREET, NORTH PLAINFIELD, NJ

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of
October 24, 2022

Roll Call

HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 22-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," MOST NOTABLY, ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL PROCEDURES," SPECIFICALLY § 2-42, ENTITLED "WEDDING AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES" AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 2-42.1 ENTITLED "FEES."

Reading of title by the Clerk

MOTION: Close public hearing

Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Schaefer:

11-14-22-01 Adoption and advertising of Ordinance No. 22-10

Roll Call

Mr. McIntyre:

11-14-22-02

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE NO. 22-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 14 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION" AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 14-6, ENTITLED "ELECTRICAL LINES," BY AMENDING § 14-6.1 TO CREATE § 14-6.1(A) AND ADD NEW § 14-6.1(B), AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 14-6.2, ENTITLED "ABANDONED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE LINE LINES."

Be read by its title by the Borough Clerk

Roll Call

Ms. Corzo:

11-14-22-03

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE NO. 22-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", MOST NOTABLY ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE", SPECIFICALLY § 2-2, ENTITLED "OFFICE OF THE MAYOR," BY ADDING A NEW § 2.2.3 ENTITLED "SALARY," MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 2-3, ENTITLED "COUNCIL," BY ADDING A NEW § 2.3.12, ENTITLED "SALARY OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS."

Be read by its title by the Borough Clerk

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

Ms. Given:

11-14-22-04 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

- a. Providing for Transfer of Surplus Funds
- b. Award of Contract for Tree Maintenance & Removal Services
- c. Consolidated Bill List of November 14, 2022

Mr. McIntyre:

11-14-22-05 Authorizing Extension of Hours

Roll Call

REPORT

POLICE: September 2022 Monthly Police Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ County of Somerset, Somerville, NJ Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton Richard K. Phoenix, RMC - Borough Clerk Chief Operator, WPQJ970 - 1630-AM Radio Public Service Electric & Gas, Newark Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney	Newsletters & Advisories; League Convention Details Newsletters & Communications Report and Invoicing Minutes and Agenda Newsletters Newsletters Early Voting Radio Script Rate Hearings scheduled Municipal Town Hall
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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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," MOST NOTABLY, ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL PROCEDURES," SPECIFICALLY § 2-42, ENTITLED "WEDDING AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES" AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 2-42.1 ENTITLED "FEES."

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 37:1-13 provides that in every municipality the Mayor or their lawful designee are authorized to solemnize marriages or civil unions between such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation or civil union; and,

WHEREAS, Borough Code § 2-42.1 of the Borough of North Plainfield provides that the Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield or lawful designee may charge such fees as may reasonably provide for the solemnization of such marriages or civil unions; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Administration has found that the fee structure for such marriages and civil unions should be updated to reflect the reasonable amount of time and processing in order to insure compliance with Borough requirements and *N.J.S.A.* 37:1-13, *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend, revise and supplement § 2-42.1 of Chapter 2, Article IV of the Borough Code regarding the fees to be charged for the performance of marriages and/or civil unions and the fees for documents as required thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as to Chapter 2 of the Borough Code, entitled "Administration", most notably Article IV, entitled "Municipal Procedures," specifically § 2-42, entitled "Wedding and Civil Union Ceremonies," and more specifically, § 2-42.1 entitled "Fees," as follows:

§ 2-42 Wedding and Civil Union Ceremonies

§ 2-42.1 Fees.

Persons who are seeking to be married or joined in civil union ceremony by the Mayor (or designee as permitted by law) of the Borough of North Plainfield shall pay to the Borough of North Plainfield a fee of:

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- a. ~~\$100~~ \$125.00 if the marriage/civil union ceremony is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Borough of North Plainfield and occurs at any time between Monday through and including Friday;
- b. \$125 if the marriage/civil union ceremony is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Borough and occurs any time on Saturday and/or Sunday;
- c. \$150 if the marriage/civil union ceremony is conducted outside the geographic boundaries of the Borough of North Plainfield on any day.

In addition, there shall be an administrative fee of ~~\$10~~ \$25.00 added to each marriage/civil union ceremony in all of the categories above.

The Mayor or designee shall obtain payment for his/her services in accordance with Borough Policy for payment for services rendered (voucher or other procedures).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

INTRODUCED: October 24, 2022
PASSED: October 24, 2022
PUBLISHED:
ADOPTED:
ROLL CALL: AYES:
 NAYS:
 ABSTAIN:
 ABSENT:

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: Yes _____ No _____

The above is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Borough of North Plainfield on _____, 2022

ATTEST:	BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
_____	_____
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President

Date signed: _____, 2022 Date signed: _____, 2022

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Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2022

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-22-02

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 22-10 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: November 14, 2022

Adopted: November 14, 2022

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 14 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION” AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 14-6, ENTITLED “ELECTRICAL LINES,” BY AMENDING § 14-6.1 TO CREATE § 14-6.1(A) AND ADD NEW § 14-6.1(B), AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 14-6.2, ENTITLED “ABANDONED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE LINE LINES.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:48-1* and *N.J.S.A. 40:48-2*, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this State and/or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government, order, and protection of person and property and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants and, as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any other law; and,

WHEREAS, *N.J.A.C. 14:18-2.1(a and c)* provide that:

every cable television company shall construct and install its facilities in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code, and subsequent amendments thereto, the National Electrical Code, and subsequent amendments thereto, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws, and any pole, conduit, or trench licensing agreements with utilities or other managers of rights-of-way; and,

Each cable television company shall make reasonable efforts to protect the public and its property from injury or damage and shall execute due care to reduce hazards to which employees, customers or the general public may be subjected by reasons of its equipment or facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is concerned that abandoned, disconnected, loose and/or hanging telecommunications service line wires present a danger to the public from entanglement, overuse of utility poles and/or tripping hazards; and,

WHEREAS, pending action by the New Jersey State Legislature, the Borough Council wishes to protect the public from such hazards regarding removal of abandoned telecommunication service line wires; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend, revise and supplement § 14-6 of the Borough Code regarding electrical lines.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield be amended, revised and supplemented as to Chapter 14 of the Borough Code, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Sanitation", more specifically § 14-6, entitled "Electrical Lines," by amending § 14-6.1 to create § 14-6.1(a) and add new § 14-6.1(b), and by adding a new § 14-6.2, entitled "Abandoned Telecommunication Service Lines" as follows:

§ 14-6.1, Electrical Lines, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 14-6.1 Application to Council Required; Consent by Property Owners.

A. Telegraph, telephone and other electric wire lines may be run and maintained and poles therefor erected within the limits of the Borough, through such streets, roads, avenues and public places and upon such terms as may be prescribed by resolution of the Council of the Borough duly passed by the Council after a petition has been filed with them, the petition to state the streets, and places through which it is proposed to run such wires and accompanied by the consent in writing of the owners of such piece or parcel of land in front of which it is proposed to erect a pole, and such petition shall state as near as may be the number of poles, wires, etc., and other details. In all cases where the Council may grant permission to construct or erect or maintain poles and wires under this Section it shall be subject to any rights that may be vested in the property owners in front of whose property it is proposed to erect such pole and wire, and the petitioner in all cases will be required before doing any work looking to the constructing of any electrical line of wires under a resolution as herein provided to first obtain the consent in writing of the property owners in front of whose property it is proposed to erect a pole, and the Council may in the resolution granting any privileges under this Section state such further conditions as in their judgment each case may require. This Section shall apply to poles and wires now run and maintained, and the same shall be under the like control of the Council.

B. In all cases, any entity which erects, repairs or replaces any telecommunication service line as defined in § 14-6.2 shall insure that such telecommunication service line shall connect from any pole to a residential or commercial property from the area of the same point of origin at the pole to the area of the same point of exterior building connection as other electrical service lines and telecommunication service lines servicing said residential or commercial property.

§ 14-6.2 Abandoned Telecommunications Service Lines

Definitions

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Abandoned shall mean any line that is permanently out of service or which has not been in operation for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months. Abandoned shall also mean a line which has fallen from its attachment at a pole or building or other structure or is sagging or falling from its attachment at a pole or building or other structure and presents a danger or inconvenience to pedestrians or traffic.

Entity means a person, municipality, utility, partnership, association and/or corporation having ownership of a line in this State, including ownership acquired by sale or corporate merger.

Line means an above-ground cable or wire attached to a pole, building or other structure and which is used for the provision of any telecommunication and/or cable service of any type service and shall include any equipment or facility associated with that line attached to that pole or a building or other structure.

Telecommunication service means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video or any other information or signals to a point or between or amongst points.

- A. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, an entity owning a telecommunication service line that is abandoned or permanently out of service shall remove that telecommunication service line from all points of attachment when it determines that such telecommunication service line is abandoned.
- B. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation or order to the contrary, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer or other designated Borough official, as designated by the Mayor, shall notify an entity of an abandoned telecommunication service line by sending a written request to the entity owning that telecommunication service line requesting removal if the telecommunication service line is reasonably believed to be abandoned or permanently out of service.
- C. The entity shall determine if the telecommunication service line is abandoned and shall notify the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer or other designated Borough official, as designated by the Mayor, of its determination within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving notice of the abandoned or permanently out of service telecommunication service line.
- D. The entity shall remove the abandoned or permanently out of service telecommunication service line within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification to the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer or other Borough official as designated by the Mayor of its determination that the telecommunication service line is abandoned or permanently out of service.
- E. The entity shall restore any telecommunication service line which is not determined to be abandoned and/or permanently out of service, but has fallen from its attachment at a pole or building or other structure, or is sagging or falling from its attachment at a pole or building or

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other structure and presents a danger or inconvenience to pedestrians or traffic and has remained in such condition for a period of thirty (30) calendar days, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer or other designated Borough official as designated by the Mayor of its determination that the telecommunication service line is abandoned or permanently out of service.

F. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation or order to the contrary, but subject to any telecommunication service franchise agreement with the Borough of North Plainfield, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer is authorized to issue a summons for failing to remove a telecommunications service line that is abandoned or permanently out of service within sixty (60) calendar days of notification by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer or other designated Borough official, as designated by the Mayor, to the entity that the telecommunication service line is reasonably believed to be abandoned.

G. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction of same, be subject to a penalty as established in Chapter 1, Section 1-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

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ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: Yes _____ No _____

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ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Richard K. Phoenix, RMC
Borough Clerk

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President

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Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: _____, 2022

Date signed: _____, 2022

Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2022

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," MOST NOTABLY ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE," SPECIFICALLY § 2-2, ENTITLED "OFFICE OF THE MAYOR," BY ADDING A NEW § 2.2.3 ENTITLED "SALARY," MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 2-3, ENTITLED "COUNCIL," BY ADDING A NEW § 2.3.12, ENTITLED "SALARY OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS."

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:48-1* and *N.J.S.A. 40:48-2*, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government, order, and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any law; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-29*, each municipality governed by an optional form of government pursuant to the statute shall have full power to organize and regulate its internal affairs and to establish, alter, and abolish offices, positions and employments and to define the functions, powers and duties thereof and fix their terms, tenure and compensation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.40:69A-180(c)* the Council shall fix the compensation of the Mayor, Council Members and department heads immediately after its organization at its organizational meeting; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary, pursuant to said statutes, to enact such Ordinances and Resolutions which may be necessary and appropriate to set such salaries for the Mayor and Council at each reorganization; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend, revise and supplement Chapter 2 of the Borough Code, entitled "Administration", most notably Article I, entitled "Administrative Code", specifically § 2-2, entitled "Office of the Mayor," by adding a new § 2-2.3, entitled "Salary," and to amend, revise and supplement Chapter 2 of the Borough Code, entitled "Administration", most notably Article I of the Borough Code, entitled "Administrative Code", entitled "Council," by adding a new § 2-3.12, entitled "Salary of the Borough Council President and Council Members."

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as to Chapter 2 of the Borough Code, entitled "Administration", most notably Article I, entitled "Administrative Code", specifically § 2-2, entitled "Office of the Mayor," by adding a new § 2-2.3, entitled "Salary," and to amend, revise and supplement Chapter 2 of the Borough Code, entitled "Administration", most notably Article I of the Borough Code, entitled "Administrative Code", entitled "Council," by adding a new § 2-3.12, entitled "Salary of the Borough Council President and Council Members" as follows:

§ 2-2.3 Salary Of The Mayor.

There is established a salary for the office of Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield. The salary of the Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield shall be set forth in the Ordinance adopted at the organizational meeting of the Council immediately after its organization in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:69A-180(c). The filing of the Ordinance with the Borough Clerk shall be in lieu of codification of same.

§ 2-3.12 Salary Of The Borough Council President and Council Members.

There is established a salary for the office of Council President of the Borough of North Plainfield, and for the Members of the Borough Council. The salary of the Council President and Council Members of the Borough of North Plainfield shall be set forth in the Ordinance adopted at the organizational meeting of the Council immediately after its organization in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:69A-180(c).. The filing of the Ordinance with the Borough Clerk shall be in lieu of codification of same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

PUBLISHED:

ADOPTED:

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: Yes _____ No _____

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The above is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Borough of North Plainfield on _____, 2022

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Richard K. Phoenix, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President

Date signed: _____, 2022

Date signed: _____, 2022

Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2022

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-22-04a

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

PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of surplus funds from one account to the other during the last two months of the calendar year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that transfers be made in the Boroughs' 2022 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>			
23-220-299	Medical Insurance	\$ 70,000.00	
25-275-101	Prosecutor-S&W		\$ 3,000.00
26-310-200	Building & Grounds-OE		27,000.00
26-315-220	Vehicle Maintenance		5,000.00
31-460-299	Utilities-Gasoline		35,000.00
25-252-101	Emergency Management-S&W	9,000.00	
25-252-299	Emergency Management-OE		9,000.00
25-265-101	Fire-S&W	11,000.00	
25-265-299	Fire-OE		5,000.00
25-266-299	Fire Hydrant		6,000.00
26-290-100	Streets & Roads-S&W	55,000.00	
26-290-200	Streets & Roads-OE	<u> </u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Totals		<u>\$145,000.00</u>	<u>\$145,000.00</u>

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: November 14, 2022

Adopted: November 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-22-04b

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RICH TREE SERVICE, INC.
FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TREES THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH
OF NORTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain services to maintain and remove trees throughout the Borough for the calendar year 2023 and Alternate A for calendar year 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield solicited bids for the Project and two (2) bids were received, which are as follows:

<u>Bidding Entity</u>	<u>Base Bid Total Amount</u>	<u>Alternate A</u>
Rich Tree Service, Inc.	\$195.00/hour	\$195.00/hour
Harmony Tree Care	\$475.00/hour	\$475.00/hour

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC have reviewed the bid submissions and recommend the award of the bid and contract for the Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Rich Tree Service Inc., whose main offices are located at 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”) as there are no material defects with the bid proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of the Contractor to perform all those services contemplated in the Borough’s bid documents and the bid proposal submitted by the Contractor; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield finds that the Contractor is the lowest responsible bidder for the Project, both the Base Bid and Alternate Bid A, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

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 awards the following Bid and Contract:

Project: Tree Maintenance and Removal Base Bid (and Alternate A, see below)
Successful Bidder: Rich Tree Service, Inc.
Total Bid: In the Amount of One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Zero Cents Per Hour (\$195.00).
Term: Calendar Years 2023 and 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council, at the recommendation of the Director of Law, accepts Alternate Bid A for the services in calendar year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute the contract and all necessary documents to engage the construction services of Rich Tree Service, Inc. for the Project; 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 Rich Tree Service, Inc. for the Project known as the Tree Maintenance and Removal Services.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: November 14, 2022

Adopted: November 14, 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 regular meeting of the Borough Council held on November 14, 2022.

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

Date: November 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-22-04c

**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 14th day of November, 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: November 14, 2022
Adopted: November 14, 2022

Monthly Report

September 2022



Accreditation demonstrates the professional achievements of the men and women of this Department. This recognition further demonstrates our collective dedication to excellence in professional Law Enforcement. By voluntarily meeting New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission standards, the North Plainfield Police Department has shown itself willing to be held to a higher level of professionalism, building trust between the Department and the citizens it serves

Prepared For:
Mayor Lawrence La Ronde

Prepared By:
Chief William Parenti
263 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE SEPTEMBER 2022 MONTHLY REPORT

November 10, 2022

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 2 Patrol Officers
- 2 SLEO III Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ofc. Alexis Castillo transitioned to light duty on June 2, 2022 for maternity leave. She has missed sixty-one (61) days of patrol work thus far.
- Sgt. Donald Everett has been out of work since July 27, 2022 for a non-work related surgery. He returned to light duty on September 14, 2022. He has missed thirty-three (33) days of patrol work thus far.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no new hires, promotions, or retirements this month.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On September 1, 2022 at 0632 hrs., patrol responded to the area of a business on Somerset Street on a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle owner said at 0614 hrs., she parked her vehicle on the west side of Somerset Street, in front of a business near Lincoln Place. The vehicle was left running with keys in the ignition and unlocked as she entered a store on Somerset Street. The victim was in the store for approximately 8 minutes before returning to her vehicle and realizing it was stolen. Her work bag, containing her driver's license and credit card were in the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and a Somerset County alarm was issued.

On September 20, 2022 at 1152 hrs., patrol responded to a bank on Somerset Street for a report of suspicious activity. The branch manager reported someone came to the drive thru window attempting to cash a check. The suspect was described as a white male or female wearing a wig, with a deep voice. The suspect handed the bank teller a NJ driver license and Visa credit card in the name of a female victim from West Caldwell. The suspect also attempted to cash a bank check, with a name of another female victim, in the amount of \$1,980.00. The manager responded to the window and began to verify the documents and while verifying the documents, she observed that the person on the driver's license did not match the suspect and the signature on the check did not match

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the signature in the system. The suspect advised that he or she was in a rush because he or she was currently on lunch. The suspect then pulled away and drove north toward Route 78. The suspect vehicle is a newer white Honda Civic, no registration was observed. The bank manager was notified that one female victim called the West Caldwell branch on September 19, 2022 and reported that her car was broken into and her wallet was stolen.

On September 26, 2022 at 1251 hrs., patrol responded to West 8th Street in Plainfield on a report of a robbery that already occurred in North Plainfield. The victim, a resident of Plainfield, was with a Plainfield Police Officer. The victim reported that at about 1:00 a.m., he was at a bar in North Plainfield. Outside the bar he was assaulted by a group of males. During the fight, someone went into his pants pocket and removed his cell phone. He was able to track the phone to an address on West 8th Street in Plainfield. The victim knocked on the door and attempted to retrieve his phone. Plainfield Police Officers arrived and were able to locate a suspect inside the apartment. The suspect advised the officer that he was at that bar. He and a group of friends came outside and the victim started to look for a fight. A fight ensued between all parties involved. The suspect denied any knowledge of the phone.

NOTE: We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	75	706
Closed	27	364
Active	10	29
Suspended	38	312
Unfounded	9	62
Forwarded to SCPO	1	29

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	13	138
Closed	11	141
Active	2	3
Suspended	0	13
Unfounded	0	11
Forwarded to other Agencies	5	37

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Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made fifteen (15) first time alarm notifications and seventeen (17) general alarm notifications. Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID. Lt. Ciempola, Sgt. Domizi, and Det. DeJesus attended “Active Threats on Campuses Instructor Training” provided by the Department of Homeland Security.

Narcotics Strike Force

The Task Force Officer made undercover buys in Manville and Bound Brook. He attended undercover “Narcotics Investigation Training”. The Task Force Officer participated in the execution of a search warrant in Manville, resulting in three (3) arrests and seizure of cocaine and crack cocaine.

Other Matters

CID tracked fifteen (15) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted fourteen (14) licensing investigations in September (11-Firearms, 1-Limousine, 2-Food Truck Vendor background checks). Lt. Ciempola conducted three (3) sex offender registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Detectives made several appearances in Grand Jury.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of September, there were no internal affairs complaints filed.

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	16,092	136,221
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	1,347
Total miles on patrol	16,092	152,622

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	5	34
Moving Hazardous Violation	72	618
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	142	1,693

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Ordinance Violation	5	130
Parking Violation	140	1,266
Seatbelt	3	143
Radar	28	294
Refusal Breath Test	1	9
Child Restraints	6	39
Reckless Driving	8	43
Cell Phone	3	379
Careless Driving	22	220
Suspended License	10	185
Written Warnings	329	3,533
Totals	774	8,586

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	1 Hour
Clinton Avenue	39 Hours
Columbia Avenue	1 Hour
Grove Street	9 Hours
Leland Avenue	9 Hours
Mountain Avenue	8 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	2 Hours
Norwood Avenue	16 Hours
Oneida Avenue	1 Hour
Rock Avenue	1 Hour
Rt 22 E/Jefferson	4 Hours
Rt 22E/Somerset	4 Hours
Rt 22E/Watchung	8 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Wilson	4 Hours
Rt 22 W/Grove	1 Hour
Rt 22 W/North	6 Hours
Somerset Street	18 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	2 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	192
Total Radar Hours	147 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	135

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Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Oneida Avenue	09/01/22-09/13/22
Westervelt Avenue	09/01/22-09/13/22
Leland Avenue	09/02/22-09/30/22
Fairview Avenue	09/16/22-09/27/22
Jackson Avenue	09/16/22-09/27/22
Parkview Avenue	09/28/22-09/30/22

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	14 Hours
High School	3 Hours
Somerset School	3 Hours
Stonybrook School	10 Hours
West End School	21 Hours
TOTAL	51 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Jackson Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Maple Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Norwood Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Sycamore Avenue	09/01/22-09/12/22
Columbia Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Manning Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Myrtle Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Sandford Avenue	09/12/22-09/30/22
Clinton Avenue	09/29/22-09/30/22
Westervelt Avenue	09/29/22-09/30/22
Willow Avenue	09/29/22-09/30/22

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 88 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 154 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 49 general alarms.
- We made 502 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 104 walking beats.
- We conducted 57 school checks.
- We conducted 91 park checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,745 incidents.

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- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD	Month / YTD
Totals	331	2,004	341	1,865	672	3,869

Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD	Monthly / YTD
10,875.64	92,490.45	850.00	15,470.00	11,725.64	107,960.45

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 72

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	33	Non-Hazardous	19
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	23	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	40	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	0
Private Property-Reportable	6	Private Property Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	69	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	3

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	13
Persons Injured	13
Fatal Accidents	0

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 672

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	4	Driving While Intoxicated	14
Hazardous	245	Non-Hazardous	119
Alcohol Related	1		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	215	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	3
Boro Streets-Reportable	344	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	3
Private Property-Reportable	99	Private Property Non-Reportable	8
Total Reportable Accidents	658	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	14

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Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	121
Persons Injured	165
Fatal Accidents	0

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank - 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- On September 26, 2022, Traffic Safety conducted a mobile inspection detail with MVC MIT. A total of 33 vehicles came through the checkpoint. There were 15 vehicles that passed, 14 that failed, and there were 4 new vehicles. A total of 33 summonses and 6 warnings were issued during the detail.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Sgt. Kardos assisted a resident with a child seat.
- Sgt. Kardos investigated two (2) hit and run accidents.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$139.00	\$3,705.05
Calls for Service/Responses	3,745	32,875
Discovery Requests	33	398
Report Requests	5	777
Pieces of Evidence/Property	32	324

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	1
Rape	0	6
Robbery	2	11
Assault, Agg:	1	10
Assault Simple	10	135
Burglary	2	21
Larceny	20	193
M.V. Theft	3	20
Arson	0	1
Domestic Violence	15	209
Bias Incidents	0	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	3	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	0

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Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	7	1
Burglary	0	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	1	0	9	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	1	0	36	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property	0	0	4	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	2	0
Weapons	0	0	4	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	1	0	7	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	1	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	4	0	31	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	7	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	0	0	25	1
Total UCR Arrests for Month	9	1	142	8
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	4	0	76	2
Grand Total Arrests for Month	13	1	218	10

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,

William Parenti

William G. Parenti
Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14-22-05

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NORTH
PLAINFIELD SUSPENDING THE BUSINESS HOUR RESTRICTION
ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CERTAIN
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSEE'S ESTABLISHMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has an ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a written request from Dombar LLC, t/a International Club and Sports Bar, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-007-008 to allow the extension of their hours of operation on Friday, November 25, 2022 to better enable them to serve their clientele and to improve their receipts during difficult financial times; and

WHEREAS, Dombar LLC, t/a International Club and Sports Bar, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-007-008 has requested permission to close at a later hour on Friday, November 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving Weekend generates a large amount of business for alcoholic beverage licensees in the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to grant the request of International Club and Sports Bar to remain open until a later hour on November 25, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the business hours restriction on the sale of alcoholic beverages is hereby suspended on November 25, 2022 to allow International Club and Sports Bar to sell alcoholic beverages until last call at 2:00 a.m. with non-alcoholic sales permitted until 3:00 a.m. closing at that time.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: November 14, 2022

Adopted: November 14, 2022