

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of North Plainfield, New Jersey held on Monday, 26 October 2015.

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 Governing Body'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, **October 26, 2015** at 7:33 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill
 Keiona R. Miller
 Frank Righetti (absent – excused)
 Wendy Schaefer
 Douglas M. Singleterry
 Frank “Skip” Stabile (absent – excused)
 Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Bernstein.

Council President La Ronde requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

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 December 8, 2014. 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* and *WKMB* Radio on December 10, 2014 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 12, 2014 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

As a matter of courtesy, Mr. Phoenix interjected that this evening's Regular Meeting was being held as previously announced, although the evening's Agenda Conference, customarily held prior to the Regular Meeting, had been cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his concerns regarding the property located at 40-42 Washington Avenue, specifically the current violation of Ordinance Number 22-119.3. Calling for a stop work order at the property, the speaker reported that no certificate of appropriateness had been issued to the property owner.

The Borough Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015.

Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015:

Ayes: Miller, Schaefer, Singleterry, La Ronde

Abstain: Merrill

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15-01 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD REMEMBERING MABEL 'SKIP' HANSEN AND DESIGNATING MABEL 'SKIP' HANSEN WAY

WHEREAS, MABEL 'SKIP' HANSEN was a Plainfield native and 1946 Plainfield High School graduate, who, with her beloved husband, Harry 'Pete' Hansen, moved to North Plainfield in 1949; and,

WHEREAS, Skip and Pete were admired by their many Warfield Road friends and neighbors. They were blessed in their union with five (5) children and five (5) grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Skip became involved in the civic and school affairs of the Borough of North Plainfield. She was the West End Elementary School secretary for twenty six (26) years and an active member of the North Plainfield Education Association, serving on many committees, as well as an officer and delegate to four (4) National Education Association Conventions; and,

WHEREAS, Skip participated in the West End Parent Teacher Association, the Washington Rock Pop Warner Football Parents Association, the North Plainfield High School Music Parents and the North Plainfield Girl Scouts; and,

WHEREAS, Skip served on the North Plainfield Borough Council for eight (8) years from 1985 through 1992, for two (2) years as President of the Council and the Board of Health, as Chairperson of the Plainfield Joint Meeting, Chairperson of the Planning Board, Chairperson, Secretary and/or Treasurer of the Recreation Advisory Committee for thirty (30) years and as Secretary to the Environmental Commission and through membership on various boards and committees, including the

Library Advisory Board, the Rent Stabilization Board, the Local Assistance Board and the Green Brook Flood Control Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Skip served as Chairperson of the Borough's Green Acres Commission as a powerful advocate for Open Space and was instrumental in securing the Vermeule Mansion property and Green Acres Park as Green Acres Open Space for the Borough. She continued dedicating her time and talent to the advancement of said properties by serving on many committees, especially as a member of the Community Center Committee, which planned the center, and later on, served as secretary to the Senior/Community Center Usage Committee. She was also a member of the Friends of Vermeule Mansion, where she served as Secretary and Trustee; and,

WHEREAS, the community service rendered by Skip to the Borough of North Plainfield earned her two (2) commendations from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, citations from the Somerset County Freeholders, the 2010 Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Distinguished Service and, in 2012, the Peace Works Open Sky Humanitarian Award; and,

WHEREAS, Skip remained active in the civic and social affairs of the Borough of North Plainfield and was a friend and mentor to many, especially within the school, civic, church and senior communities. Throughout her life, Skip devoted herself to the service of her family, church and the community which she loved. She always demonstrated respect and fairness which earned her the admiration of all who knew her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield does hereby honor MABEL 'SKIP' HANSEN for all of her years of dedicated service to her adopted hometown, and on behalf of all the people of this community, it commends and expresses its sincere appreciation for her tireless efforts and honors her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of North Plainfield expresses its gratitude by forever naming the driveway from Clinton Avenue in the Borough of North Plainfield throughout the Community Center and Vermeule Mansion property as "MABEL 'SKIP' HANSEN WAY" and that the Borough records and maps shall reflect such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and all other appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to accomplish the naming of the driveway as set forth herein.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President La Ronde 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. 10-26-15-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

10-26-15-02a, b, c, d and e

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

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15-02a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARDING CONTRACT TO GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. FOR 2015 NJDEP STORMWATER REPORTING

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of an engineer to provide certain specified engineering services; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Grotto Engineering Associates, L.L.C., with its principal place of business located at 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, is in the business of providing Professional Engineering Services and has previously submitted a proposal for the following scope of work:

Proposal, dated October 15, 2015, for 2015 NJDEP Stormwater Reporting in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of Grotto Engineering Associates, L.L.C. to perform all those services contemplated in the afore-referenced Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby award said contract for 2015 NJDEP Stormwater Reporting to Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC and authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grotto Engineering Associates, L.L.C.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15-02b RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS "DPW FACILITY – MASTER PLAN"

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has previously awarded a contract for certain specified engineering services with respect to a certain project known as "DPW Facility – Master Plan," circa May, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the award was made by Council Resolution to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., with a principal place of business located at 100 Valley Road, Suite 202, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856;

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to expand the scope of services of the approved contract to include Change Order No. 1 for Heating Improvements and Construction Administration and Observation, submitted by Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., by proposal, dated September 25, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby approve a Change Order No. 1 for Heating Improvements and Construction Administration and Observation, as proposed by Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., dated September 25, 2015, in an amount set forth therein as not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15-02c 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 certificates as follows:

Block 1 Lot 6
572 Mountain Avenue Certificate #08-00002 issued 10-28-07

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15-02d BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby authorize the issuance of a license to drive a taxicab for calendar years 2016 and 2017, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., to the following in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Jose B. Perez-Garces
84 Park Place
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15-02e 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 26th day of October, 2015 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Somerset County Office of Public Information Somerville, NJ	Various Communications, Advisories and News Releases
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, WPQJ970 – 1630-AM Radio	Calendar Updates and Advisories; Time-Sensitive Radio Scripts
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
PSE&G Newark, NJ	Newsletters and Hearing Notices
NJ Highlands Coalition Boonton, NJ	Newsletters
Frank D'Amore Sr. North Plainfield	Property Maintenance report
Somerset County Health Department Somerville, NJ	Health Advisories
The Alternative Press North Plainfield, NJ	Various North Plainfield-related articles
Ken Wedeen, County of Somerset Somerville, NJ	Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Communication
Danny Dominguez, Owner International Sports Club & Bar North Plainfield, NJ	Extended New Year's Opening Hours
FEMA Washington, DC	External Affairs Bulletin
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Various Communications
Mayors' Wellness Campaign Trenton	Day of Wellness – NJ League of Municipalities
PSE&G Newark, NJ	Energy Insights

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Giordano thanked the members of the Hansen family. He announced that the annual rabies clinic will be held November 21 at the Firehouse and the annual tree lighting at the Community Center will be held November 29.

Mr. Hollod noted that although he had not known Skip Hansen well, he had been impressed by her as she was courteous, professional and dignified. He added that he had availed himself of the opportunity to listen to recordings of Mrs. Hansen at Planning Board meetings, and that she displayed great wisdom and fine judgment in the comments he had heard.

Noting that Mrs. Hansen had reached out and touched the lives of many, Mr. Merrill shared his hopes of the family attending the unveiling of the sign at Vermeule.

Ms. Miller, Ms. Schaefer and Council President La Ronde offered their congratulations to the Hansen family.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President