

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of North Plainfield, New Jersey held on Monday, 11 April 2016.

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, **April 11, 2016** at 7:55 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
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank "Skip" Stabile
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: David Hollod, Business Administrator
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

Council President La Ronde 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 14, 2015. 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*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on December 15, 2015 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 17, 2015 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016.

Council President La Ronde called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016:

Ayes: Merrill, Righetti, Schaefer, Singleterry, La Ronde

Abstain: Miller, Stabile

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER 3-7, "DISORDERLY CONDUCT," MOST NOTABLY DELETING CHAPTER 3-7.1 AND 3-7.2 AND CREATING NEW SECTIONS 3-7.1 AND 3-7.2, ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Francine Gargano, 57 Willow Avenue, voiced her displeasure with the exclusion of certain noise contributors, specifically taxis horns, early morning garbage collection, loud car stereos, and early morning road repairs. Mr. Phoenix averred that taxi horns being used as doorbells for fares were banned in the current ordinance dealing with taxi licensure.

Dolores Renaud, 33 Vine Street, shared her concerns with weekend parties held in her neighborhood, specifically the amplified music, public intoxication and public urination.

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, questioned section 3-7.2(d), specifically if noise levels would be explained to permit applicants.

Mr. George explained that case law defines noise while sound is defined in the state code. He further explained that a precise measurement would be challengeable in court just as DWI readings would be. Responding to Mr. Stabile, Mr. George advised that violations may be issued to those institutions that receive complaints of loud or excessive noise.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-16-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 16-08 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

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

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER

11, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE," MOST NOTABLY CREATING A NEW SECTION 13, ENTITLED "VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, spoke in favor of the ordinance and called into question how the quarterly inspections would be conducted.

Francine Gargano, 57 Willow Avenue, voiced her support of the ordinance and inquired after the registration procedure.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Righetti, seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-16-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 16-09 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Mr. Stabile and on Roll Call carried all seven 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-16-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

04-11-16-03a, b, c and d

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

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

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-16-03a RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT

WITH THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND VERMEULE COMMUNITY CENTER AS MEETING LOCATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF A SCHOOL IN THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield (the “Borough”) and the North Plainfield Board of Education (the “Board”) wish to enter into an agreement where the Board would have access to the Memorial Library, located at 6 Rockview Avenue, and the Vermeule Community Center, located at 614 Greenbrook Road, as meeting locations in the event of an emergency evacuation of any of the Board’s schools (the “Agreement”); and,

WHEREAS, both the Borough and Board are desirous of entering the Agreement that would run for a period of one (1) year with an automatic renewal term every year unless the Agreement is terminated based upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement attached hereto.

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 Agreement for the Board’s use of the Memorial Library and the Vermeule Community Center as meeting locations in the event of an emergency evacuation of any of the Board’s schools, which 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. 04-11-16-03b WHEREAS, the installation of a solar system at 105 Norwood Avenue was never done. NRG Home Solar now requests refund of their payment of permits.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Treasurer is authorized to make the following refund:

REFUND OF BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE:

NRG Home Solar	\$ 308.00
1917 Atlantic Avenue	
Manasquan, NJ 08736	

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-16-03c BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., it does hereby authorize the issuance of licenses for the owner/operation of limousines/taxicabs to the following for two years in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Todd Garafalo, t/a
TAG Limousine Service
166 Stahls Way
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-16-03d 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 11th day of April, 2016 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 Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, WPQJ970 – 1630-AM Radio	Various Communications, Advisories and News Releases Calendar Updates and Advisories; Time-Sensitive Radio Scripts
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ FEMA, Washington, DC NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Newsletters and Advisories Newsletters and Advisories Flood Insurance Rate Maps (<i>FIRM</i>) Open House at Pequest Trout Hatchery College Recruitment Fair Memo re: greater than 102,000 Seedlings to Replace Trees Lost during Sandy Working Together to Ensure Barnegat Bay Water Quality
NJ American Water Co., Voorhees, NJ NJ Dept. of Transportation, Trenton, NJ	Lead in Drinking Water Memo re: Grants

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, commented on those properties in town that were in disrepair with liens against them, urging for the town to take the initiative with same. Regarding noise, the speaker called for the use of a decibel meter.

Francine Gargano, 57 Willow Avenue, shared her displeasure with the amount of donated library books which have been destroyed and/or weeded-out. She further noted that several library programs would be better suited at a community center.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Speaking on behalf of the Mayor, Mr. Hollod thanked those that participated in the Opening day for baseball and softball events. The annual Friends of Vermeule Yard Sale will be held on April 16 and a tree replacement is underway on Somerset Street, he concluded.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President