

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 27 February 2017.*

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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **February 27, 2017** at 7:38 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
Dave 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 Ms. Miller.

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 November 28, 2016. 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 November 29, 2016, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* on December 1, 2016 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 Agenda Conference and the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2017.

Council President La Ronde called for a Roll Call on the minutes of the Agenda Conference and the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2017: All in favor.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER XIII ENTITLED, "WATER AND SEWER," ARTICLE II ENTITLED "SEWER," SECTION 13-4.3, ENTITLED "METHOD OF CALCULATION," MOST NOTABLY, THE APPENDIX ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF RATES (SUBSECTION 13-4.3)"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-17-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 17-02 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

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

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER 3, "POLICE REGULATIONS", MOST NOTABLY CREATING A NEW SECTION 17, ENTITLED "DO NOT KNOCK LIST"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his support of the ordinance.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-17-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 17-03 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL LICENSING," MOST NOTABLY AMENDING SECTION 4-6.1, ENTITLED "LICENSE REQUIRED"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, called for an increase to the \$5.00 application fee. Sharing his concerns with the permitted time frame of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., the speaker urged for no solicitation after dark. Mr. Bernstein explained that the courts had ruled acceptable hours as 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Stabile and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

Mr. Bernstein advised that there would be no vote on the ordinance this evening and that it would be carried to the next meeting.

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. Miller presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-17-04 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

02-27-17-04a, b and c

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 four voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-17-04a AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Revised Statutes of New Jersey 40A:4-20 provides for the adoption of temporary appropriations in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the Local Budget for the Year 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the following amendments to the temporary appropriations be made in the amounts and for the purposes herein set forth for the period between January 1st, 2017 and the adoption of the Local Budget for the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey for the fiscal Year 2017:

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
20-100	Department of Administration	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 3,587.50
20-110	Borough Council		1,000.00
20-120	Borough Clerk	32,000.00	5,050.00
20-130	Department of Finance	64,500.00	3,375.00
20-135	Annual Audit		9,500.00
20-145	Tax Collection		3,000.00
20-150	Division of Assessments	22,500.00	1,800.00
20-151	Tax Appeals		8,750.00
20-155	Department of Law		67,500.00
20-165	Engineering		15,000.00
20-175	Historical Commission	500.00	250.00
21-180	Planning Board	300.00	1,475.00
21-185	Board of Adjustment	250.00	1,625.00
22-195	Uniform Construction Code	43,750.00	2,250.00
23-210	Liability Insurance		401,250.00
23-220	Group Insurance		525,000.00
23-225	Unemployment Compensation		6,250.00
25-240	Police	1,374,250.00	15,500.00
25-241	Crossing Guards	42,500.00	0.00
25-252	Emergency Management	1,775.00	2,550.00
25-265	Fire Protection	791,500.00	14,250.00
25-266	Fire Hydrant		48,250.00
25-267	Uniform Fire Code	3,000.00	1,853.00
25-268	LOSAP		2,000.00

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
25-269	Emergency Medical Services		\$8,750.00
25-275	Borough Prosecutor	\$ 6,500.00	0.00
26-290	Streets & Roads	233,750.00	108,750.00
26-310	Building & Grounds		22,500.00
26-315	Vehicle Maintenance		44,450.00
27-330	Health	56,250.00	33,750.00
27-340	Dog Regulation		10,000.00
28-370	Recreation	37,500.00	5,862.50
28-375	Maintenance of Parks		1,625.00
28-380	Shade Tree Advisory Board		2,500.00
30-415	Retirement Benefits		125,000.00
30-420	Celebration of Public Events		2,500.00
31-201	Contingent		1,750.00
31-430	Electricity		95,000.00
31-440	Telephone		18,250.00
31-445	Water		6,000.00
31-446	Natural Gas		15,500.00
31-460	Gasoline		48,750.00
31-461	Technology		35,000.00
31-462	Postage		9,000.00
31-471	Employees Retirement System		256,450.75
36-472	Social Security		96,250.00
36-474	Consolidated Police/Fire Retirement		0.00
36-475	Police/Fireman Retirement		1,759,397.75
41-899	Matching Funds for Grants		1,250.00
42-300	COAH Housing		1,250.00
42-305	Somerset County Recycling		50,000.00
42-405	Parking Meters	18,750.00	0.00
42-520	NJDEP Permit Fee		1,312.50
43-490	Municipal Court	78,750.00	5,475.00
43-495	Public Defender		1,000.00
62-405	Capital Equipment		16,950.00
	Totals	<u>\$2,859,825.00</u>	<u>\$3,925,339.00</u>

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
55-501	Sewer Operating	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 10,750.00
55-502	Plainfield Area Regional Sewer		440,000.00
55-541	Social Security		3,875.00
55-542	Unemployment Comp Insurance		250.00
	Totals Sewer Utility	<u>\$ 50,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 454,875.00</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-17-04b 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 two years, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., to the following in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Angel R. Paredes-Rios
8 Race Street, Apt. 2
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-17-04c 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 27th day of February, 2017 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 and Advisories
NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters and Advisories
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Various Newsletters and Advisories
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ	Agenda and minutes
Information Station Specialists Zeeland, Michigan	The Source Newsletter
Creative Furniture, North Plainfield	Invitation to Grand Opening Event
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Report and Invoicing
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ	Invitation to Event
NJ DEP Trenton	MS4 Permit
Verizon NJ, Newark, NJ	Newsletter
Craig Kruger, North Plainfield, NJ	Feral Feline Information
Butler Printing, South Plainfield	No-Knock Sticker Sample & estimate
Denise Szabo, RMC	MCANJ Annual Educational Conference
Bernards Twp. Clerk	
ATC Group Services Burlington, NJ	Alterations to T-Mobile monopole
Frank N. D'Amore Sr. North Plainfield	Application

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his displeasure with the lack of sponsors for Congressman Lance's zip code bill. He urged that Mayor Giordano contact Congressman Pallone regarding same, and further noted that he would contact Congressman Payne.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Giordano confirmed that he would follow up regarding the zip code bill. He announced that he had attended the Black History month celebration and the grand opening of Creative Furniture.

Mr. Hollod requested discussion of the budget at the next meeting and possibly the Community Block Grant Hearing.

Ms. Miller commented on the celebration of Black History Month, assuring that it was a warm and friendly event, and added that it had probably set a record for attendance at the Community Center. Announcing that East End School would have their Black History month celebration on February 28, she noted that she is happy, humbled and honored to be a guest.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President