

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Friday, 30 July 2018.

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 Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **July 30, 2018** 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
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank "Skip" Stabile
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: 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 Ms. Schaefer.

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 an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield. 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 July 16, 2018 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Holman, 21 Myrtle Avenue, North Plainfield, commented on her desire to keep certain farm animals on her property. She presented a property survey which confirmed the property is approximately 2 acres of land. Advising that they had moved to town 23 years ago, she explained that they had done their best to restore their home to its former glory. The coach house in the rear of the property was once used for horses and would easily accommodate the different animals she would like to keep.

Responding to the Council President, Ms. Holman explained that she had been told that she did not need to apply for permits for the animals. Council President La Ronde advised her to send Mr. Phoenix an email regarding same. Ms. Holman assured that she would formally apply for the proper permits to keep her animals and urged the Council to authorize same.

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, suggested the Borough develop an official policy regarding the alert program as it should be dedicated to emergency warnings and traffic advisories, not recreation programs.

Mark Kelly, 710 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, explained that his eleven year old daughter is active in sports. He then voiced his concerns with the facilities and athletic fields, stating that they are poorly maintained. The Council President assured that the Borough and the Board of Education would continue to work together to get the fields back into shape. Mr. Merrill added that after a recent visit to East End School field, he was embarrassed for our town.

Karen Pisani, 672 Denninger Road, North Plainfield, voiced her displeasure with the athletic field conditions. Explaining that the field had not been prepped, she reported that kids' cleats were getting stuck in the mud. She stressed that the Board of Education does not pay attention to parents' concerns.

James Robertson, 676 Denninger Road, North Plainfield, explained that he has been involved in the girls' softball program for years. He proclaimed that the entire field would need to be redone as it is an embarrassment for the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Amending Borough Code re: Bicycles** – W.S. Ms. Schaefer proposed removing the Borough's bike ordinance as it is outdated and not enforced. Mr. Singletery concurred. Council President La Ronde opted for keeping the ordinance as Limebike has asked for the Borough's support and this ordinance would provide a means to deal with rental bikes. Messrs. Stabile, Singletery and Righetti preferred to eliminate the ordinance while Ms. Miller opposed.

2. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER 22, LAND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE VIII, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 22-101, WATER RUN-OFF CONTROL, MOST NOTABLY, SECTION 22-101.3, MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEMS** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that the ordinance was drafted at the behest of the Borough Engineer as it would allow for inspections of the systems and fees for same.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President