

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 24 September 2018.*

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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **September 24, 2018** at 7:34 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Aimee Corzo
Everett Merrill
Keiona R. Miller (7:35 p.m.)
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank "Skip" Stabile
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

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

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

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 27, 2017. 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 28, 2017 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 1, 2017 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: None.

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Agenda Conference and the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2018.

The Council President called for a Roll Call on the minutes: All in favor.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER VII ENTITLED, "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-4 ENTITLED, "LIMITING THE USE OF STREETS TO CERTAIN CLASS OF VEHICLES", MOST NOTABLY, SCHEDULE VI, ENTITLED "TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS."

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title. Mr. George interjected that Mr. Hollod had noted that while the ordinance number as given was correct a scrivener's error in the title as read. So noted by Mr. Phoenix. Mr. George requested a motion to rescind and the correct title be re-read. Mr. Stabile so moved, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried, all seven in favor.

Corrected title appears above as re-read by Mr. George.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-24-18-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 18-14 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

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. 09-24-18-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 18-15 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing October 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer with Roll Call as follow:

Aye: Corzo, Merrill, Miller, Schaefer, Stabile, La Ronde
Nay: Singleterry

Resolution carried 6-1.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-15 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER XXII ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO ADD MARIJUANA RECREATIONAL AND MEDICAL USE RETAIL OUTLETS AS A PROHIBITED USE IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS ZONES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

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. Merrill presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-24-18-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

09-24-18-03 a, b, c, d

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

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

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-24-18-03a WHEREAS, the following applicant has been issued identification numbers by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, has applied for a bingo license for calendar year 2019 and has submitted the required fees:

St. Luke's Church ID No. 352-1-14479

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that said applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of bingo licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a bingo license to the said applicant for games as listed on application filed for calendar year 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-24-18-03b WHEREAS, the following applicant has been issued identification numbers by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, has applied for a bingo license for calendar year 2019 and has submitted the required fees:

St. Luke’s Holy Name Society ID No. 352-3-12672

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that said applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of bingo licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a bingo license to the said applicant for games as listed on applications filed for calendar year 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-24-18-03c WHEREAS, Fortune Title Agency, Inc. overpaid third Quarter Taxes on Block 151 Lot 11 and has requested refund of that over payment, and;

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

Refund Real Estate Over Tax Payment:

Fortune Title Agency, Inc. 39 Woodland Road North Plainfield, NJ 07060	\$ 421.51
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RESOLUTION NO. 09-24-18-03d 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 24th day of September, 2018 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
NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Invoices and Reports
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, Middlesex, NJ	Agenda and Minutes
Frank N. D’Amore Sr. North Plainfield	Property Maintenance Reports
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ	Networking Event
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Weekly Updates
Highlands Coalition	Newsletters

Boonton, NJ	Farmer’s Market Concerts
Paul Alirangues	
North Plainfield	First Responders’ Patriot ‘s Day Recognition
Cordell Toson, Manager, Arooga’s Grille	
North Plainfield	Mayor’s Wellness Campaign
NJ Healthcare Quality Institute	
Princeton, NJ	Complying with NJ Stormwater Regulations
ANJEC	
New Brunswick, NJ	NJ Temporary Employment Services Contract
22 nd Century Technologies	Hotel/Motel Occupancy Taxes
Somerset, NJ	
NJ State Treasurer	Cellular Tower Alterations
Trenton, NJ	
Phoenix Tower International	Dombar LLC Notice of Final Determination
Boca Raton, FL	
NJ Alcoholic Beverage Control	Newsletters
Trenton, NJ	2016 Homestead Benefits
PSE&G, Newark, NJ	
NJ Division of Taxation	Grove Street Sanitary Sewer
Trenton, NJ	
Somerset-Union Soil Conservation District	46 th Annual Golf Classic
Bridgewater, NJ	
Somerset Co. Business Partnership	Bernal, et al v. Borough
Somerville, NJ	
Schiller, McMahan, LLC	Natural Gas Public Awareness Program
Westfield, NJ	
PSE&G, Newark	

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jonathan Hishmeh, 39 Harrison Avenue, North Plainfield, explained that as a medical marijuana patient he had hoped the Council would look at the sale of marijuana as an opportunity to expand the business landscape in the Borough. He further explained that he has worked with a marijuana dispensary in Woodbridge.

Jade Sancho-Duser, LMT, Holistic Cannabis Educator and Chief Operations Officer for RXMaryJade. Ms. Sancho-Duser detailed the many benefits of medical marijuana including relief of gastrointestinal complications and managing seizures and neurological dysfunction. Citing Colorado as an example, the speaker spoke of the potential for major tax revenues.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Giordano announced several upcoming events including an autumn clean the town day to be held September 29 and the annual Senior Picnic to be held on Saturday, October 6. Councilman Frank Righetti will be honored at the next Council meeting and Fire Prevention Week starts October 2.

Mr. Hollod advised that a draft agreement with the Friends of the Carpenter would appear on the next meeting agenda.

Reporting on the success of the summer series of movies and concerts at Vermeule, Mr. Merrill noted that approximately two hundred people attended the final showing.

Ms. Miller announced that she would host a program at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City in November.

Ms. Corzo commended the Police and Fire Departments for their moving September 11 ceremony which was presented with grace and dignity.

Mr. Singletery thanked Mr. Hishmeh and Ms. Sancho-Duser for speaking about the benefits of medical marijuana. Believing the ordinance to be a mistake, he indicated that he was not surprised to learn that crime had decreased in those towns that have legalized marijuana.

Mr. Stabile thanked the public speakers for their poignant medical marijuana stories as it helped to put a face on the issue.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President