

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 14 January 2019.*

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MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **January 14, 2019** at 7:32 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

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

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on November 19, 2018. 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 20, 2018 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of November 24, 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:

Frank D’Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, shared his displeasure with the lack of enforcement of the rebuild provision of our ordinances. Mr. D’Amore recalled that the demolition permits state that garages must be rebuilt. He further noted that garages add to property values and should be rebuilt.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Agreement with Lime Energy re: NJ Direct Install Program for Borough Hall and Vermeule Community Center** – D.E.H. (Laurie Weigand and Fran Burke to be present). Mr. Hollod explained that the program would provide HVAC and lighting improvements for Borough Hall and the Community Center. Ms. Weigand explained that the program is State sponsored and PSE&G implemented. Ms. Burke explained that direct line LED tubes would provide better quality light and the current eleven year old rooftop HVAC unit would be replaced.

Responding to Mr. Singleterry's inquiry about the Energy Aggregation Program, Ms. Weigand reported that electric rates had increased slightly and more electric now comes from natural gas. She then indicated that North Plainfield falls within an expensive region. Solar power remains a viable option and would be discussed further with Mr. Hollod, she concluded.

2. **Creation of On Street Handicapped Parking on Fairview Avenue** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that the Police Department had investigated and recommended the creation of on-street handicapped parking on Fairview Avenue to the east of Watchung Avenue. Ms. Miller, who had advocated the creation of the handicapped parking, noted her appreciation of the responsiveness of Chief Parenti and the Police Department.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Ms. Miller reported that she would host a Black History Celebration on February 17.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council Vice President