

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 20 May 2019.

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, **May 20, 2019** at 7:37 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
David Hollod, Business Administrator
John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Miller.

Council President Stabile requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

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.”

Mayor Giordano presented the following Mayoral Proclamation to Nick and Jean Ciampa:

WHEREAS, METAvivors of NJ, a Chapter of METAvivor Research and Support was launched to support those in New Jersey with metastatic breast cancer by providing information, inspiring action and advocating for better laws and funding; and

WHEREAS, May, 2019 is National Cancer Research Month and May 12-19, 2019 is National Women's Health Week; and

WHEREAS, because breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States, and the second leading cause of death, early detection is essential; and

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and this year over 268,000 American women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and almost 63,000 with pre-invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, stage 4 metastatic breast cancer has no cure and close to 42,000 women in the US will die from this in 2019, equivalent to 115 women a day; and

WHEREAS, the national METAvivor organization strives to educate the public and dramatically increase research dollars and treatment funding; and

WHEREAS, the national campaign #DontIgnoreStageIV and the Facebook group centralize metastatic breast cancer information for those affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, the pink ribbon is well-known for representing the fight against breast cancer, and the metastatic breast cancer awareness ribbon colors also include teal and green. Green represents the triumph of spring over winter, life over death, renewal, hope, and immortality. Teal represents healing and spirituality. The thin pink overlay signifies that the cancer originated in the breast.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Giordano Jr., Mayor and the citizens of the Borough of North Plainfield do hereby recognize and support METAvivors of NJ, a chapter of METAvivor Research and Support, for their continuing efforts towards awareness of metastatic breast cancer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, commenting on the occurrence of false fire alarms, he urged for the consideration of an ordinance which would allow the Borough to assess fines for same.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Salary Resolutions for Exempt Employees** – M.G. Mayor Giordano explained that these resolutions would set the 2019 salaries for exempt employees. Mr. Hollod added that exempt employees continue to contribute towards their health coverage.
2. **Award of Bid to S. Brothers Inc. for 2019 Capital Road Program** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes an agreement with S. Brothers Inc. for the 2019 Capital Road Program. The project includes the resurfacing of twelve roads throughout the Borough.
3. **License Agreement with the County of Union** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes an agreement with the County of Union for the use of Green Brook Park for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display in North Plainfield.
4. **Parking and Traffic Ordinances** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that one ordinance would designate additional parking spaces on Lincoln Place for Fire Department vehicles. The second would amend the street sweeping ordinance.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President