

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 12 August 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 Council's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **August 12, 2019** at 7:56 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: David Hollod, Business Administrator
John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

Council President Stabile 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 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."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of July 16, 2019.

The Council President called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Aye: Merrill, Miller, Singleterry, Stabile
Abstain: Corzo

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Stabile 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. Singleterry presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

08-12-19-01 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i

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

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL WAIVING CERTAIN GARAGE SALE LICENSING ORDINANCES IN THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD DURING THE BOROUGH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

WHEREAS, Garage Sales, Yard Sales and Estate Sales are popular in North Plainfield as a means of getting to know neighbors while realizing a modest profit for the sellers; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have heard requests from the citizenry for a Borough-wide, fee-free weekend garage sale that would appeal to the interests of all Borough residences; and,

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Ordinance No. 18-07 calls for a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) fee to be charged for every garage sale permit issued by the Borough Clerk's Office; due to requests heard from residents throughout North Plainfield, the Borough Council is interested in having the above fee waived for such sales throughout the Borough on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and Sunday, September 15, 2019 for a Borough-wide public garage sale; and,

WHEREAS, N.P.R.G.O. 4-11.6 regulates the number of signs advertising a garage sale; the Borough Council is interested in having said sign restriction regarding the number of signs allowed to be posted waived for such sales throughout the Borough

on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and Sunday, September 15, 2019 for a Borough-wide public garage sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Borough-wide garage sale would not impact residents' three (3) per year paid permit allotment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hours of the town-wide garage sale would run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. local time on both Saturday and Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that for purposes of allowing a Borough-wide garage sale on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and Sunday, September 15, 2019, the fee for such a two (2) day sale per Ordinance No. 18-07 shall be waived for this event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that for purposes of allowing a Borough-wide garage sale on Saturday, September 14, 2019 and Sunday, September 15, 2019, the restriction on the number of signs advertising garage sales for such a two (2) day sale per N.P.R.G.O. 4-11.6 shall be waived for this event.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01b REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$36,403.83 FOR THE 2019 BUDGET REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of North Plainfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$36,403.83 which item is now available as a revenue from the Clean Communities Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$36,403.83 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Clean Communities Program Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01c WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield desires to authorize the sale of various surplus equipment no longer in use by the Borough at public sale pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-36 to the highest bidder;

1. The Borough of North Plainfield hereby declares that the above-described surplus equipment is no longer needed for public use.
2. The Borough of North Plainfield, its officers and attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to proceed with a public sale of said surplus equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Police and Fire Departments are and hereby are authorized and directed to sell said surplus equipment at a public auction to be held at Police Headquarters commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 9 September 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any monies received as a result of said auction shall be paid into the general municipal treasury in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-36; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of said auction, designating the time and place therefore, to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough not less than 10 days prior to the date of said public auction.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01d RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset has prepared a contract which would provide Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Two Cents (\$15,459.02) to the Borough of North Plainfield for the provision of North Plainfield Municipal Alliance activities for the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse, and the Borough would provide a seventy-five percent (75%) match of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$11,594.27) in in-kind services, and a twenty-five percent (25%) cash match of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$3,864.75) will be raised by the Municipal Alliance Committee or provided by the Borough, and a copy of the proposed agreement is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the original of this agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01e WHEREAS, St. Luke's Church, 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, has applied for a license to conduct an off-premises 50-50 cash draw raffle on December 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Church has been issued Identification No. 352-1-14479 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that said applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a raffle license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to St. Luke's Church for an off-premises 50-50 cash draw raffle to be held on December 1, 2019 at 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01f BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., it does hereby authorize the issuance of licenses for the owner/operation of limousines to the following for one year in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Adnan Ahmad, t/a
Adnan Ahmad Limousine
10 Stone Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Farhat Sultana, t/a
Watchung Limousine LLC
108 Ridge Avenue
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Asjid A. Shah, t/a
SA Limo LLC
301 Maple Avenue, Apt. 179
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01g BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following:

Refund of Dumpster Permit:

Christian Flores \$ 200.00
205 Warren Street
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01h BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificate(s) as follows:

Block 194 Lot 35 140-42 Harding Avenue # 04-64 issued 10/27/04

Block 178 Lot 11 555 Ayres Avenue #13-00264 issued 12/04/13

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-19-01i 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 12th day of August, 2019 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

COMMUNICATIONS:

8/12/19

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Invoice and Report
Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville, NJ	Newsletters
Somerset Co. Clerk Somerville, NJ	Election Security Preparations
NJ American Water Voorhees, NJ	News Drop Newsletter
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Weekly Update – State Forest Action Plan
Township Clerk, Green Brook, NJ	Zoning Ordinance Amendment
Highlands Coalition, Boonton, NJ	Summer Newsletter
Township Clerk Franklin, NJ	Resolution Supporting Fossil Fuel Project Moratorium
NJ Chapter, American Planning Assocs., New Brunswick, NJ	Great Places in NJ
NJ Dept. of Transportation Trenton, NJ	Complete Streets Study
Capehart-Scatchard, LLC Mount Laurel, NJ	NJ Public Entity Law Monthly
Geoff Penna, Information Station Specialists	Streaming Statistics
Zeeland, Mich	Vapor Intrusion Testing
MidAtlantic Engineering Hamilton, NJ	

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Singleterry requested a resolution honoring Frank Righetti. Reporting on the success of the Act Now Foundation’s free seminar about Alzheimer’s disease, Ms. Miller announced their intent to offer free screenings.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Hollod commented on the passing of Frank Righetti, noting that he will be sorely missed. He reported that National Night Out was well attended. The next installment of the Mayor’s Summer Concert Series will be held Wednesday, August 14. The Harmony Street Sanitary Sewer Project is underway and nearing completion. The Borough-wide yard sale will be held September 14 and 15. Fall Clean Community Day will be held Saturday, September 21 and the North Plainfield Fall Festival will be held

Saturday, September 28. Please visit the Borough's website for further details regarding all events.

Mr. Merrill urged residents to seek answers by reaching out to administration or the Council rather than looking to social media. The information found on social media is often inaccurate and misleading.

Ms. Miller suggested posting more information to social media in an effort to eliminate rumors and speculation.

Ms. Corzo proposed posting video of the Council meetings to the website. Council President Stabile advised of the need to look further into this proposal.

Ms. Miller again encouraged the use of social media as a free platform that remains the first place folks look to gain information.

Mr. Singleterry fondly recalled his time spent sitting beside Mr. Righetti during meetings enjoying his humorous wit.

Sharing his thoughts on the passing of Mr. Righetti, Council President Stabile noted that he would be sincerely missed and fondly remembered for his devotion to his family and to his hometown.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President