

## ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 18 November 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, **November 18, 2019** at 8:24 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough 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:           Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor  
                               David Hollod, Business Administrator  
                               Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney  
                               Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk  
                               Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

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 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 October 21, 2019.

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

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

Council President Stabile recognized the following appointment:

**APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Harry Allen, Alternate No. 2

Two-year unexpired term

**HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-09** ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE 12-122 "HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENCE ZONES" OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, expressed concerns that the revisions would weaken the ordinance. The speaker asked if the Borough would still have the responsibility of following the same procedure as home owners. He then voiced his displeasure with the lack of preservation and restoration requirements for blue stone sidewalks.

Mr. Bernstein requested that the public hearing not be closed as the Planning Board had not yet responded. He called for a motion to continue the public hearing on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, as the time and Borough Hall, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey as the place without further notice. Motion was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. La Ronde and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye. Mr. Bernstein then indicated that Resolution No. 11-18-19-01 could not be adopted this evening.

Mr. La Ronde presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-02** BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 19-10 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing December 16, 2019 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 Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-10** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER VII ENTITLED, "TRAFFIC," SECTION 7-3 ENTITLED, "PROHIBITED PARKING," MOST NOTABLY, SECTION 7-3.3, ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED FOR SNOW REMOVAL," SCHEDULE III, "TEMPORARY NO PARKING FOR SNOW REMOVAL."

**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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

11-18-19-03 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q

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

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

**APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03a** AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED MULTI JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR SOMERSET COUNTY

*Explanation: This resolution authorizes the adoption of the 2019 Somerset County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.*

WHEREAS all of Somerset County has exposure to natural hazards that represent risks including damages and losses to life, property, the environment and the County's economy; and

WHEREAS proactive mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risks and associated costs; and

WHEREAS the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) establishes requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS a Mitigation Planning Committee (MPC) comprised of Somerset County jurisdictions, agencies, organizations and other partners with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and work collaboratively to identify appropriate mitigation strategies within Somerset County; and

WHEREAS the MPC has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS maintenance procedures have been defined for monitoring, evaluating, revising, updating and implementing this strategy on an on-going basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of North Plainfield:

1. Adopts in its entirety, the 2019 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Somerset County (HMP) as the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
2. Will use the adopted and approved portions of the HMP to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified therein.
3. Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs, operations, partners, capital investments and other initiatives under its jurisdictional authority.
4. Will continue to provide representatives to serve on the MPC and perform the duties described in the HMP, including but not limited to MPC meeting attendance and the submission of jurisdiction-specific HMP annual monitoring reports to the County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator.
5. Will help promote and support mitigation successes of all participants in the HMP.
6. Will complete an evaluation of the HMP in conjunction with the MPC annually as needed, and a comprehensive update no less than every fifth year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that copies of the jurisdiction's HMP Annex and this resolution be provided to the Borough's Hazard Mitigation Officer, Emergency Management Official, Planning Board Chair, the Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, and the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03b** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF TYPE 13 SOLID WASTE FROM THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a mode and manner by which it can dispose of its Type 13 Solid Waste; and,

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority is created pursuant to municipal ordinance and in accordance with the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority is authorized to provide solid waste, recycling collection and disposal services, both within and outside of its solid waste district; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for the removal and disposal of its Type 13 solid waste from the Borough of North Plainfield (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority desire to renew said Agreement for an additional term of one (1) year, from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “Renewal”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk, on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute a Renewal of a Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority, effective immediately, for removal and disposal of Type 13 solid waste from within the Borough of North Plainfield, which Agreement and Renewal are incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03c RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF TYPE 23 SOLID WASTE FROM THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a mode and manner by which it can dispose of its Type 23 Solid Waste; and,

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority is created pursuant to municipal ordinance and in accordance with the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority is authorized to provide solid waste, recycling collection and disposal services, both within and outside of its solid waste district; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority for the removal and disposal of its Type 23 solid waste from the Borough of North Plainfield (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority desire to renew said Agreement for an additional term of one (1) year, from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “Renewal”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk, on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute a Renewal of a Shared Services Agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority, effective immediately, for removal and disposal of Type 23 solid waste from within the Borough of North Plainfield, which Agreement and Renewal is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03d** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a professional engineer to provide certain general engineering services for the period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, with a principal place of business located at 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, is in the business of providing engineering services and has submitted a proposal for the 2020 Municipal Engineering Services for the Borough of North Plainfield, Somerset County, New Jersey, dated November 5, 2019, in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.00) per month (hereinafter referred to as the “Retainer”) for certain services and on an hourly basis for certain other non-retained services, all of which are contemplated and set forth in the afore-referenced proposal, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk, and the contents of which are incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the engineering services of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC to perform all of those services contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, as contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03e** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE 2020 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT & TO ACT AS ZONING OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain professional services to provide management of the North Plainfield Department of Public Works, as well as act as the Zoning Officer for the Borough of North Plainfield for the calendar year 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, with its principal place of business located at 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, is in the business of providing those certain professional services required of the Project and has submitted a proposal for the Project, dated November 5, 2019, proposing that Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC be compensated on an hourly basis as contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk and the contents of which are incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the professional services of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC for such endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into a contract with Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, as contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03f** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE 2019 STORMWATER REPORTING, OUTFALL INSPECTIONS AND ORDINANCE UPDATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a Professional Engineer to assist the Borough in its compliance with the New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System (“NJPDES”) Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program Tier A Stormwater General Permit requirements for 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, with its principal place of business located at 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, is in the business of providing engineering services and previously submitted a proposal for the Project for the Borough of North Plainfield, Somerset County, New Jersey, dated November 5, 2019, at a per item per project hourly rate not to exceed the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Item 1: 2019 Annual NJDEP Stormwater Reporting	Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00)
Item 2: Stormwater Outfall Inspections	Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00)
<u>Item 3: Stormwater Ordinance Update</u>	<u>One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)</u>
Total Fee Not to Exceed:	Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500.00)

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of Grotto Engineering Services, LLC to perform all of those services contemplated in the aforementioned proposal, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk, the contents of which are incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council does hereby approve said professional service contract to Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 at a per project hourly rate per item not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for Item 1 as stated above, not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for Item 2 as stated above; and, not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for Item 3 as stated above, for a total fee not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500.00) and authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC without the need for any further action of this Borough Council as to the Project and the items discussed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of this Agreement shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of this Agreement is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03g** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION OF A GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MOTT MACDONALD



FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough Council for the Borough of North Plainfield previously approved a General Engineering Services Agreement with Mott MacDonald for the Calendar Year 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of an extension of the General Engineering Services Agreement for the period January 1, 2020 and running through June 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald, with a principal place of business located at 3 Paragon Way, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, is in the business of providing general engineering services and has submitted a proposal dated October 10, 2019, to extend the previously authorized General Engineering Services Agreement for a total proposed budget of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00); One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$127,000.00) for Task 1 – Engineering Services for Application Coordination, Design, Bidding Assistance and Construction Administration and Inspection of Projects funded through the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program; Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00) for Task 2 – Engineering Services for Design, Bidding Assistance and Construction Administration and Inspection Services Necessary for the Borough’s Implementation of Capital Improvements Projects; and, Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000.00) for Task 3 – Additional General Engineering Services, which are contemplated and set forth in the afore-referenced proposal, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk, and the contents of which are incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of extending the term of the previously authorized General Engineering Services Agreement by extending the engineering services agreement of Mott MacDonald to perform all of those services contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute an extension of the General Engineering Services Agreement with Mott MacDonald, 3 Paragon Way, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, as contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds in the 2020 budget for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03h RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. TWO (FINAL) AND CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO JO-MED CONTRACTING CORP. AND THE CLOSING OUT OF THE HARMONY STREET SANITARY AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield previously awarded a contract for certain sanitary sewer improvements with regard to a project known as the “Harmony Street Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvement Project” (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”), with said contract having been awarded Jo-Med Construction Corp., whose main offices are located at 300 South Second Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206 (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”); and,

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald (hereinafter referred to as the “Engineer”), on behalf of the Borough, by letter dated November 5, 2019, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made a part hereof, has reviewed the Contractor’s submission for Payment Application No. 2 (Final) in the total amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$67,910.59), plus the release of any and all of the Contractor’s retained funds held by the Borough for the Project, if any; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineer, on behalf of the Borough, by letter dated November 5, 2019, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made a part hereof, has requested “Change Order Request No. 1-Final” to amend the professional services contract for the Project modifying the quantities to reflect completed As-Built quantities for close out of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. has reviewed the Engineer’s and the Contractor’s submissions and accepts same based on the recommendations of the Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the request for Payment No. 2 (Final), dated November 5, 2019, and the Closeout of the Project known as the Harmony Street Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvements Project is approved with Jo-Med Construction Corp. whose main offices are located at 300 South Second Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206, in the total amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$67,910.59), plus the release of any and all of the Contractor’s retained funds held by the Borough for the Project, which Final Payment Request and Closeout request is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth within and payment for same is authorized to be made to the Contractor, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk, on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute Change Order Request No. 1, dated November 5, 2019, with Jo-Med Contracting Corp., which Change Order Request No. 1 is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03i** PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of surplus funds from one account to the other during the last two months of the calendar year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that transfers be made in the Borough’s 2019 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>			
23-220-200	Group Insurance	\$120,000.00	
25-240-100	Police-S&W		\$100,000.00
26-310-200	Building & Grounds-OE		20,000.00
31-160-200	Gasoline	40,000.00	
31-430-200	Utilities-Electric		20,000.00
31-446-200	Utilities-Natural Gas		20,000.00
22-195-100	Construction-S&W	<u>1,000.00</u>	
22-195-200	Construction-OE		<u>1,000.00</u>
	Totals	<u>\$161,000.00</u>	<u>\$161,000.00</u>

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03j** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that HARRY ALLEN is hereby appointed Alternate Member to the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of this Borough to serve for the balance of an unexpired term expiring at 12:00 noon on January 1, 2021 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03k** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby adopt the following schedule as a schedule of agenda conferences and regular council meetings for the year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to post copies of said Schedule on the bulletin board in Borough Hall reserved for said purpose, to forward copies of same to the *Courier News*, *The Star Ledger*, *WKMB Radio*, *The Alternative Press* and the North Plainfield Memorial Library and to take such other steps as shall be required by law to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act.

*COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE*

Agenda Conferences and Regular Meetings of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2020 shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building,

263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey. Agenda Conferences shall begin at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by Regular Meetings. Executive Sessions and meetings of the Borough Council acting as the local Board of Health may be convened as announced. Said meetings shall be held on the following dates:

January	13	27
February	10	24
March	9	23
April	6	20
May	4	18
June	8	22
July	13	
August	10	
September	14	28
October	13	26
November	16	
December	14	

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03l** 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 181 Lot 27      644 Rockview Ave.      # 09-00351    issued 10/01/09

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03m** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NORTH PLAINFIELD SUSPENDING THE BUSINESS HOUR RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSEES' ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has an ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on January 1, New Year's Day, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Sunday; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has received requests from The Bridge, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-001-003, and Dombar LLC, t/a International Club and Sports Bar, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-007-008 to allow the extension of their hours of operation on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 to better enable them to serve their clientele and to improve their receipts during difficult financial times; and

WHEREAS, The Bridge, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-001-003 and Dombar LLC, t/a International Club and Sports Bar, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-007-008 have requested permission to close at a later hour on Wednesday, January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, New Year's Eve generates a large amount of business for alcoholic beverage licensees in the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to grant the requests of The Bridge and International Club and Sports Bar to remain open until a later hour on January 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the business hours restriction on the sale of alcoholic beverages is hereby suspended on January 1, 2020 to allow The Bridge, and International Club and Sports Bar to sell alcoholic beverages until last call at 2:00 a.m. with non-alcoholic sales permitted until 3:00 a.m. closing at that time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03n** WHEREAS, St. Luke's Holy Name Society, 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, has applied for a license to conduct Bingo games on January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14 and 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Holy Name Society has been issued Identification No. 352-3-12672 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 bingo license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to St. Luke's Holy Name Society to conduct Bingo games on January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14 and 21, 2020 at 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03o** 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:

Imtiaz Ahmed, t/a  
Golden Car Service LLC  
182 Westervelt Avenue  
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03p** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and

engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages and therefore has established a Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the North Plainfield Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2020 - 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 13,158.09
Cash Match	\$ 3,289.52
In-Kind	\$ 9,868.57

2. The Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

3. The Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield accepts the subsequent award of this contract.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-18-19-03q** 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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:**

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ Richard K. Phoenix, RMC Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, 1630-AM County of Somerset, Somerville Plainfield Area Humane Society	Newsletters & Advisories  Updated Radio Reports and Announcements Newsletters & General Correspondence Invoice and Report
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Plainfield, NJ Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville, NJ NJDEP, Trenton, NJ Sustainable Raritan River New Brunswick, NJ	Newsletters  NJDEP Seeks Community Involvement Somerset Street Bridge over Crab Brook
NJ Dept. of Labor, Trenton, NJ NJ Dept. of Transportation, Trenton, NJ Frank N. D'Amore Sr., North Plainfield Friends of Vermeule, North Plainfield	Grants, Growing Apprenticeships Commitment to Communities Property Report Guitar Concert

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, called to attention a possible violation of 22-122.28 by the Borough for the removal of obelisk street signs within the historic district.

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor Giordano announced the Salute North Plainfield Hometown Heroes Banner Program which will recognize North Plainfield men and women who have served, are currently serving, or have given their lives for our country in the United States Armed Forces. He then reported on another successful meeting with the New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding the traffic light at Route 22 and Wilson Avenue. The Grand Opening of the new Wawa store will be Thursday, November 21. A free Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be held at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on November 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Comes to Town and Tree Lighting will be held at the Vermeule Community Center on Sunday, December 1 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Vermeule Community Center on Saturday, December 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Firehouse Pictures with Santa will be held at the North Plainfield Firehouse on Sunday, December 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please visit the Borough's website for further details regarding all events.

All Council members wished everyone a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President