

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 10 February 2020.

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 Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **February 10, 2020** at 7:35 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
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Also Present: David Hollod, Business Administrator
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

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

Council President Stabile 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 an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on November 18, 2019. 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*, *WJLP-TV* and *WKMB* Radio on November 19, 2019, 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Boat and R-V Ordinance** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that a complaint was made about a very large boat parked in a front driveway on Willow Avenue. The current ordinance prohibits parking boats on public streets. Potential amendments could impose size limits on stored boats, registration requirements, or require that the boats be stored in a garage or on a setback. A subcommittee would be ideal to research this further.

Voicing his displeasure with the large boat parked by the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant on Somerset Street, Council President Stabile noted that the only water it had seen was rain water. Large boats are an eyesore and should be stored in a marina, he remarked. Concurring with the Council President, Mr. Merrill favored a ban on boats parked in driveways. Ms. Miller indicated her desire to review ordinances from other towns before proceeding. Ms. Schaefer and Ms. Corzo agreed that the boats are an eyesore and favored moving forward. Mr. La Ronde explained that he had purchased a travel trailer and parks it recessed from the house. Responding to Council President Stabile, Mr. Bernstein advised that the Council can require folks to go before the Board of Adjustment. Due to the size of the properties, people are limited as to where they can park boats or trailers. Mr. La Ronde advised of an R-V that parks on Rockview Avenue and hooks up to electric power on most weekends. He called for police enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Singleterry agreed that boats and trailers should be parked in garages or at the back of the property. Council President Stabile indicated that they would move forward with discussion.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill reported that the Recreation Department would sponsor a basketball game between the Harlem Wizards and the North Plainfield Canucks on Saturday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. to benefit Project Graduation. The Board of Education has accepted resignations from the Board Secretary and the Athletic Director, he concluded.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President