

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Friday, 1 January 2021. 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 Biennial Organization (virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Friday, **January 1, 2021** at 12:12 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Borough Attorney, Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., who then read the following Statement of Compliance:

"This is a Biennial Organization Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on December 28, 2020. 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* December 28, 2020, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 30, 2020 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

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

A moment of silence was observed for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

Mr. Phoenix read the following:

"A statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey, relative to an election held in the County of Somerset on November 3, 2020 for the election of the following mentioned offices in the Borough of North Plainfield.

One (1) Four-Year Mayoral Seat
The said Board does determine that

LAWRENCE LA RONDE

was duly elected Mayor

Three (3) Four-Year Borough Council Seats
The said Board does determine that

AIMEE CORZO

KEIONA R. MILLER

FRANK A. "SKIP" STABILE, III

were duly elected to the Borough Council

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers of Somerset County, New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of November 2020."

Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect:

LAWRENCE LA RONDE

Mayor Lawrence La Ronde administered the Oath of Office to Council Members-Elect:

AIMEE CORZO

FRANK A. "SKIP" STABILE, III

Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Council Member-Elect:

KEIONA R. MILLER

PRESENT:

Council Members: Aimee Corzo
Everett Merrill (absent – excused)
Keiona R. Miller
Wendy Schaefer
Frank "Skip" Stabile

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the "Rules of Order" annexed hereto and made a part hereof are adopted as the Rules of Order for this Council for the years 2021 – 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Stabile and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

Mr. Bernstein called for nominations for President of the Council for the years 2021 and 2022.

Ms. Schaefer nominated Frank “Skip” Stabile for President of the Council, seconded by Ms. Corzo.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that FRANK “SKIP” STABILE be and hereby is elected PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL for the years 2021 – 2022.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Corzo, Miller, Schaefer
Abstain: Stabile

Resolution carried 3-0-1.

Council President Stabile took the chair and called for nominations for Vice President of the Council for the years 2021 – 2022.

Ms. Corzo nominated Mr. Merrill for Vice President of the Council, seconded by Ms. Schaefer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that EVERETT MERRILL be and hereby is elected VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL for the years 2021 – 2022.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and of Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Gary Lewis	Four-year term
Steve McIntyre	Four-year term
Dr. Harry Allen, Alternate 1	Two-year term
Daniel Battista, Alternate 2	Two-year term

COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Frank “Skip” Stabile One-year term

COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Wendy Schaefer One-year term

COUNCIL MEMBER AS CLASS III MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Aimee Corzo One-year term

COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION:

Keiona R. Miller One-year term

COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Frank “Skip” Stabile One-year term

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Everett Merrill

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Everett Merrill

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD: Wendy Schaefer

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD: Wendy Schaefer

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER:

SEWER USAGE CHARGE BOARD OF APPEALS:

Aimee Corzo One-year term

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

David E. Hollod Four-year term

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Patrick J. DeBlasio Four-year term

DIRECTOR OF LAW/BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Eric Martin Bernstein, Esq. Four-year term

DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

William G. Parenti Four-year term

DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

William F. Eaton Four-year term

DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Testa Four-year term

BOROUGH TREASURER:

Kathleen Intravartolo One-year term

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR:

Raymond J. Stine, Esq. One-year term

PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.):

David E. Hollod One-year term

MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON:

David E. Hollod One-year term

BOROUGH HOUSING OFFICER:

Ken Capobianco One-year term

GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND – One-year terms:

William Speck Fund Commissioner
David E. Hollod Alternate Commissioner

LICENSED SEWER OPERATOR:

Joseph Aidukas One-year term

RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Cynthia Danois	One-year term
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**APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION:

Dr. Harry Allen, Alternate	One-year term
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Laly Kuga	Four-year term
Stephen Harlan, Alt. 1	Two-year term

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Suzette Givens	Three-year term
Elizabeth Havrilla	Three-year term
Anne McBride	Unexpired three-year term

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE:

Alicia Carman	Three-year term
Drew Giddings	Three-year term
Joel Kenderdine	Three-year term

MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE – One-year terms:

Lawrence La Ronde	Elected Official
Angelo Bufaino, P.E.	Consultant Engineer
David E. Hollod	Planning Board Member
William F. Crosby III	Utility Authority Representative

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING
COUNCIL:

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

<u>One-year terms:</u>	
Joseph Asprocolas	Deputy Coordinator
Jennifer Bartholomew	Deputy Coordinator
Michael J. Ceccato	Deputy Coordinator
Chief William G. Parenti	Police Department
Chief William F. Eaton	Fire Department

Chief William F. Eaton Emergency Medical Services

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL:

One-year terms:

David E. Hollod	Mayor’s Representative
Keiona Miller	Council Member
Milton Mathis	North Plainfield Public Schools
Joann Righetti	Citizen-at-Large
Richard Phoenix	Media
Angelo Costello	Public Works
Dr. Harry L. Allen	Hazardous Materials
Elizabeth B. Dente	Emergency Animal Shelter

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD:

Bart Thomas	Three-year term
Michael Dellipoali, Alternate	Two-year term

SEWER USAGE CHARGE BOARD OF APPEALS:

Tom Fagan	One-year term
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YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION:

Alicia Carman	Three-year term
Drew Giddings	Three-year term
Joel Kenderdine	Three-year term

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – *One-year terms*

Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
 David E. Hollod, Business Administrator (*requires confirming resolution*)
 Leonard W. Lange, Economic Development Committee
 Daniel Battista, Alternate
 Aimee Corzo, Alternate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Janice Allen	Two-year term
Bruce Heyman	Two-year term
Steve McIntyre	Two-year term

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Dr. Harry Allen	Three-year term
Michael Bellew	Three-year term

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Derek Haley	Three-year term
Dennis Jackson	Three-year term
Mark Kelly	Three-year term
Mark Kruszczyński	Three-year term
Steve Thorpey	Three-year term
Tammy Guevara	Unexpired three-year term

PLANNING BOARD:

Lawrence La Ronde	Four-year term
David E. Hollod	One-year term
Mary “Liz” Appezzato	Four-year term
Mark Kruszczyński, Alt. No. 1	Unexpired two-year term

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD:

Frank D’Amore	Four-year term
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SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Lawrence La Ronde	One-year term
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RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MAYOR FOR APPOINTMENTS BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS:

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Keiona R. Miller	One-year term
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SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Henry R. Stoner	One-year term
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RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENTS BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS:

SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Aimee Corzo	One-year term
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CONSENT AGENDA NO. 1

Council President Stabile stated that all matters listed on 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. 01-01-21-04 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

01-01-21-04a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s,
t, u, v, w, x, y, z, aa, bb, cc, dd, ee

having been placed on Consent Agenda No. 1 and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA NO. 1 RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04a BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that FRANK "SKIP" STABILE be and hereby is appointed to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04b BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that WENDY SCHAEFER be and hereby is appointed to the LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04c BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that AIMEE CORZO be and hereby is appointed as Class III member to the PLANNING BOARD of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04d BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that KEIONA R. MILLER be and hereby is appointed to the YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04e BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that FRANK "SKIP" STABILE be and hereby is appointed to the SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal

term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04f BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, DAVID E. HOLLOD be and hereby is appointed BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04g BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, PATRICK J. DeBLASIO be and hereby is appointed DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04h BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, ERIC MARTIN BERNSTEIN, ESQ. be and hereby is appointed DIRECTOR OF LAW/BOROUGH ATTORNEY of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04i BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, WILLIAM G. PARENTI be and hereby is appointed DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04j BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, WILLIAM F. EATON be and hereby is appointed DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04k BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, DAVID TESTA be and hereby is appointed DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04l BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, KATHLEEN INTRAVARTOLO be and hereby is appointed TREASURER of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04m BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, DAVID E. HOLLOD be and hereby is appointed as PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.) for the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2021 in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04n BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, DAVID E. HOLLOD be and hereby is appointed as MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04o BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, KEN CAPOBIANCO be and hereby is appointed BOROUGH HOUSING OFFICER of this Borough for calendar year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04p BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that WILLIAM SPECK be named as Fund Commissioner and DAVID E. HOLLOD be named as Alternate Commissioner to the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for calendar year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04q RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD APPOINTING A LICENSED SEWER OPERATOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a professional to act as the Borough's C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator for the 2021 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Joseph Aidukas of Mott MacDonald to act as the Borough's C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator and believes that Joseph Aidukas is eminently qualified to perform such engineering services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Joseph Aidukas of Mott MacDonald is hereby appointed as the Borough's C-4 Sanitary Sewer Operator for the 2021 calendar year.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04r BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that CYNTHIA DANOIS be and hereby is appointed as RECYCLING COORDINATOR of this Borough to serve for calendar year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04s BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, DR. HARRY ALLEN be and hereby is appointed to the GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION as the alternate representative of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04t BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby recommend the appointment of AIMEE CORZO by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders to the SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE as representative of the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04u BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, DAVID E. HOLLOD be and hereby is appointed as a member of the Borough Administration to the ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD of this Borough to effectuate Architectural Design Standards pursuant to Chapter XXII, Subsection 22-138 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of North Plainfield to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04v BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, LALY KUGA be and hereby is appointed to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, than upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, STEPHEN HARLAN be and hereby is appointed to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION of this Borough as an alternate member to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04w BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice of consent of this Council, ELIZABETH HAVRILLA and SUEZETTE GIVENS be and hereby are appointed to the LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2024 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, ANNE MCBRIDE be and hereby is appointed to the LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the balance of an unexpired term expiring on January 1, 2023, and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04x BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, ALICIA CARMAN, DREW GIDDINGS, and JOEL KENDERDINE be and hereby are appointed to the MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2024 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04y BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, the following are hereby appointed to the Municipal Wastewater Management Plan Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2021:

Lawrence La Ronde – Elected Official
Angelo Bufaino, P.E. – Consultant Engineer
David E. Hollod – Planning Board Member
William F. Crosby III – Utility Authority Representative; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that by nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, WILLIAM F. CROSBY III is hereby appointed Chair of the Municipal Wastewater Management Plan Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WILLIAM F. CROSBY III be appointed to the Somerset County Wastewater Advisory Committee and David E. Hollod, as alternate, for terms expiring December 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04z BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, JOSEPH ASPROCOLAS, JENNIFER BARTHOLOMEW, and MICHAEL J. CECCATO be and hereby are appointed as Deputy Coordinators to the OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WILLIAM G. PARENTI be and hereby is appointed as Police Department representative to the OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WILLIAM F. EATON be and hereby is appointed as Fire Department representative to the OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DAVID E. HOLLOD be and hereby is appointed as the Mayor's representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that KEIONA R. MILLER be and hereby is appointed as Council Member representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WILLIAM F. EATON be and hereby is appointed as Emergency Medical Services representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MILTON MATHIS be and hereby is appointed as Public Schools representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JOANN RIGHETTI be and hereby is appointed as Citizen-at-Large representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RICHARD PHOENIX be and hereby is appointed as Media representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANGELO COSTELLO be and hereby is appointed as Public Works representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DR. HARRY L. ALLEN be and hereby is appointed as Hazardous Materials representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ELIZABETH B. DENTE be and hereby is appointed as Emergency Animal Shelter Manager representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04aa BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, BART THOMAS be and hereby is appointed to the RENT STABILIZATION BOARD of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2024 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, MICHAEL DELLIPOALI, JR. be and hereby is appointed as an Alternate Member to the RENT STABILIZATION BOARD of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04bb BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, TOM FAGAN be and hereby is appointed to the SEWER USAGE CHARGE BOARD OF APPEALS of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2022 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04cc BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that upon nomination of the Mayor and with the advice and consent of this Council, ALICIA CARMAN, DREW GIDDINGS, and JOEL KENDERDINE be and hereby are appointed to the YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2024 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04dd BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that GARY LEWIS and STEVE MCINTYRE be and hereby are appointed to the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DR. HARRY ALLEN and DANIEL BATTISTA be and hereby are appointed as Alternate Members to the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-04ee RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR TO THE NORTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Mayor requests the appointment of a Municipal Court Prosecutor, an Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor and a Conflict Prosecutor to the North Plainfield Municipal Court for calendar year 2021; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that, as of January 1, 2021, the Municipal Court Prosecutor and Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor to the North Plainfield Municipal Court, as well as Conflict Prosecutor for calendar year 2021 shall be as follows:

Municipal Court Prosecutor: Raymond J. Stine, Esq. and the Law Firm of Shain Schaffer P.C. Mr. Stine shall be compensated at an annual salary of \$30,000.00, less all applicable deductions.

Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor: To be appointed by a separate Resolution.

Conflict Prosecutor: Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C., effective January 1, 2021 with compensation to be paid at the Firm's hourly rate for other Borough work.

Messr. Stine shall remain in his respective position until a successor is qualified and appointed.

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2

Council President Stabile read the Consent Agenda Statement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

01-01-21-05 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j

having been placed on Consent Agenda No. 2 and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2 RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05a BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the *COURIER NEWS* be named the official newspaper of the Borough of North Plainfield for the publication of legal notices for calendar year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meeting notices of the Borough of North Plainfield shall be transmitted to the *COURIER NEWS* and *THE STAR-LEDGER*, *THE ALTERNATIVE PRESS*, *WJLP-TV*, *WKMB Radio* and posted on the official bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the North Plainfield Memorial Library for calendar year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tap into North Plainfield be and hereby is designated as the electronic news source for which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05b BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the following are hereby designated as depositories for Borough funds for calendar year 2021:

Unity Bank
Valley National Bank
United Roosevelt Savings Bank

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05c BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the following are hereby authorized to sign checks for the Borough of North Plainfield for calendar year 2021:

Lawrence La Ronde – Mayor

Patrick J. DeBlasio - Chief Financial Officer

Kathleen Intravartolo - Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05d BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge interest on delinquent tax, assessment, and sewer user accounts for calendar year 2021, as follows:

Eight percent (8%) on the first one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) which is delinquent for a period in excess of ten (10) calendar days, which said percentage shall be chargeable from the due date of the payment; and

Eighteen percent (18%) on any amount in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) which is delinquent for a period in excess of ten (10) calendar days, which said percentage shall be chargeable from the due date of the payment; and

Six percent (6%) yearly penalty on any tax delinquency, as defined by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, which exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), provided said delinquency has not been paid prior to the end of the calendar year.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05e BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that Borough Tax Assessor BARBARA A. FLAHERTY is hereby authorized to file corrective appeals for errors in assessments or counterclaims to increase assessments, defend tax appeals filed by taxpayers, and agree to the terms of any stipulations of settlement of tax appeals as she deems necessary and in the best interest of the Borough for calendar year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05f BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of North Plainfield is hereby authorized to establish change funds for calendar year 2021 for the following departments in the amounts designated:

Borough Clerk	\$100.00
Construction Office	50.00
Health Office	50.00
Municipal Court	300.00
Police	50.00
Public Works	50.00

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05g WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts of less than \$10.00.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to cancel all property tax overpayments and/or delinquencies in the amounts of less than \$10.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05h A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 38 Race Street also known as Block 83 Lot 11 was deemed as a 100 % Disabled Veteran and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, taxes have been paid on the aforementioned parcel for fourth quarter 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the overpayment on this parcel:

Refund \$ 1606.40

Wayne E. Pyron
38 Race Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 01-1-21-05i PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-19

WHEREAS, the Revised Statutes of New Jersey 40A:4-19 provides for the adoption of temporary appropriations for the period between the beginning of the Budget Year and the date of the adoption of the Local Budget for the Year 2021 for the purposes and amounts required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the following temporary appropriations be made in the amounts and for the purposes herein set forth for the period between January 1st, 2021 and the adoption of the Local Budget for the Borough of North Plainfield, Somerset County and State of New Jersey for the Year of 2021:

Salaries	Other		
<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>& Wages</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
20-100	Department of Administration	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 3,575.00
20-110	Borough Council		1,000.00
20-120	Borough Clerk	36,250.00	5,375.00
20-130	Department of Finance	73,750.00	3,500.00
20-135	Annual Audit		10,000.00
20-145	Tax Collection		3,250.00
20-150	Division of Assessments	25,000.00	1,550.00
20-151	Tax Appeals		8,750.00
20-155	Department of Law		72,500.00
20-165	Engineering		12,500.00

20-175	Historical Commission	750.00	250.00
21-180	Planning Board	300.00	1,250.00
21-185	Board of Adjustments	300.00	1,500.00
22-195	Uniform Construction Code	37,500.00	2,375.00
23-210	Liability Insurance		400,000.00
23-220	Group Insurance		525,000.00
23-225	Unemployment Compensation		5,000.00
25-240	Police	1,486,250.00	50,000.00
25-241	Crossing Guards	43,750.00	0.00
25-252	Emergency Management	3,500.00	2,750.00
25-265	Fire Protection	972,250.00	16,000.00
25-266	Fire Hydrant		49,502.50
25-267	Uniform Fire Code	3,000.00	5,003.58
25-268	LOSAP		1,250.00
25-269	Emergency Medical Services		10,500.00
25-275	Borough Prosecutor	6,750.00	0.00
26-290	Street & Roads	300,000.00	112,500.00

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
26-310	Building & Grounds		25,000.00
26-315	Vehicle Maintenance		57,750.00
27-330	Health	43,750.00	35,000.00
27-340	Dog Regulation		15,000.00
28-370	Recreation	54,875.00	8,362.50
28-375	Maintenance of Parks		1,625.00
28-380	Shade Tree Advisory Board		2,500.00
30-415	Retirement Benefits		75,000.00
30-420	Celebration of Public Events		3,750.00
31-201	Contingent		2,500.00
31-430	Electricity		100,000.00
31-440	Telephone		20,000.00
31-445	Water		6,750.00
31-446	Natural Gas		20,000.00
31-460	Gasoline		43,750.00
31-461	Technology		50,000.00
31-462	Postage		10,000.00
31-471	Employees Retirement System		105,129.75
36-472	Social Security		112,500.00
36-474	Consolidated Police/Fire Retirement		0.00
36-475	Police/Fireman Retirement		651,376.75
41-899	Matching Funds for Grants		1,250.00
42-300	COAH Housing		2,500.00
42-305	Somerset County Recycling		50,000.00
42-405	Parking Meters	21,000.00	0.00

42-520	NJDEP Permit Fee		1,312.50
43-490	Municipal Court	84,250.00	5,462.50
43-495	Public Defender		1,000.00
62-405	Capital Equipment		<u>17,150.00</u>

Totals		\$3,248,725.00	\$2,729,550.08
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45-920	Payment of Bond Principle	\$	\$2,020,000.00
45-925	Note Principle		0.00
45-930	Interest on Bonds		416,164.79
45-935	Interest on Notes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Totals		<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$2,436,164.79</u>
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<u>A/C #</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
55-501	Sewer Operating	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 25,000.00
55-502	Plainfield Area Regional Sewer		525,000.00
55-541	Social Security		4,250.00
55-542	Unemployment Comp Insurance		<u>250.00</u>

Totals Sewer Utility		<u>\$ 51,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 554,500.00</u>
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55-520	Payment of Bond Principal		\$ 225,000.00
55-522	Interest on Bonds	0.00	81,176.05
55-523	Principal/Interest-Notes		<u>0.00</u>

Totals		<u>\$ 00.00</u>	<u>\$ 306,176.05</u>
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RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-21-05j 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 1st day of January, 2021 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Giordano, 6 Berry Hill Court, North Plainfield, congratulated Mayor La Ronde and the re-elected Council members and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Ed Zimmerman, 3 Lemore Circle, Rocky Hill, NJ, congratulated Mayor La Ronde and the re-elected Council members and wished everyone a happy New Year.

New Jersey Assemblywoman Linda Carter congratulated Mayor La Ronde and the re-elected Council members, noting that she would look forward to working with them.

Michelle Robertson, 676 Denninger Road, North Plainfield, thanked Mayor Giordano and Councilman Singleterry for their years of service and congratulated Mayor La Ronde and the re-elected Council members.

Janice Allen, 83 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, congratulated Mayor La Ronde and the re-elected Council members and thanked Mayor Giordano for his years of service. Congratulating Commission member-elect Singleterry, she noted that North Plainfield would finally enjoy representation in Somerset County.

Doug Singleterry, 59 Mali Drive, North Plainfield, thanked everyone for their support and wished Mayor La Ronde and the re-elected Council members well.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Mr. Hollod provided a brief re-cap of the previous years' events.

Mayor La Ronde thanked his wife, Tracy, as well as Mr. Giordano and Ms. Allen for their guidance and support. He thanked the Council members, Department Heads, and Borough employees for their support as well. He spoke of remaining transparent and open to the public and urged residents to call him with questions or concerns.

All Council members wished everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President