

# ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 10 January 2022. 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 Regular (virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **January 10, 2022** at 7:34 p.m. via Zoom.

**PRESENT:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo  
Suzette Given  
Steven McIntyre  
Everett Merrill, Council Vice President  
Keiona R. Miller  
Wendy Schaefer  
Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor  
David Hollod, Business Administrator  
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk  
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

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

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

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This virtual meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, WKMB Radio, WJLP-TV, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on January 6, 2022 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2021.

The Council President called for a roll call on the minutes: All in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Joel Kenderdine	Four-year term
Daniel Battista	Unexpired four-year term
Michelle Brown, Alt. No. 1	Unexpired two-year term
Bryan F. Carley, Alt. No. 2	Unexpired two-year term

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE:

Suzette Given	One-year term
---------------	---------------

COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Steven McIntyre	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:**

**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

**APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

**GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION:**

Dr. Harry Allen	One-year term
-----------------	---------------

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Janice Allen	Four-year term
--------------	----------------

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Barbara Kreder	Three-year term
Jane Thoner	Three-year term

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE:

Christal Blue	Three-year term
Frank DaSilva	Three-year term
Albert Domizi	Three-year term
Joan L. Graham	Three-year term
Rev. Kevin Henry	Three-year term
Jodi Silverman	Three-year term
Samantha Smith	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:

One-year terms:

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
Everett Merrill	Council Member

Jody Karcher	North Plainfield Public Schools
Joann Righetti	Citizen-at-Large
Sumera Khurram	Health
Richard K. Phoenix	Media
Angelo Costello	Public Works
Dr. Harry L. Allen	Hazardous Materials
Elizabeth B. Dente	Emergency Animal Shelter

**RENT STABILIZATION BOARD:**

Leonard Lange	Three-year term
Keiona R. Miller, Alternate	Two-year term

**SEWER USAGE CHARGE BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Tom Fagan	One-year term
-----------	---------------

**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION:**

Christal Blue	Three-year term
Frank DaSilva	Three-year term
Albert Domizi	Three-year term
Joan L. Graham	Three-year term
Rev. Kevin Henry	Three-year term
Jodi Silverman	Three-year term
Samantha Smith	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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

Thomas Allen	Three-year term
Evan B. Dickerson	Three-year term
Tammy Guevara	Three-year term
Lisa Crenshaw	Three-year term
Carlos Paz	Unexpired three-year term
Maria Glover	Unexpired three-year term

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Tom Fagan	Two-year term
Leonard Lange	Two-year term
Paul Alirangues	Two-year term

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Aimee Corzo	Three-year term
Shawn Grabko	Three-year term

PLANNING BOARD:

David E. Hollod	One-year term
Tom Fagan	Four-year term
David W. Branan	Four-year term
Mark Kruszczyński, Alternate I	Two-year term
Cheryl McKeever, Alternate II	Two-year term

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD:

Bart Thomas	Four-year term
-------------	----------------

SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Lawrence La Ronde	One-year term
-------------------	---------------

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MAYOR FOR APPOINTMENTS BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN COMMISSIONERS:**

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Keiona R. Miller	One-year term
------------------	---------------

SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Michael Giordano, Jr.	One-year term
-----------------------	---------------

**RECOMMENDATION BY COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENT BY SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN COMMISSIONERS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Aimee Corzo	One-year term
-------------	---------------

**CONSENT AGENDA NO. 1**

Council President Stabile stated that all matters listed on Consent Agenda No. 1 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. Schafer presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

01-10-22-01a, 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 having been placed on Consent Agenda No. 1 and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on roll call carried all seven voting aye.

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA NO. 1 RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01a** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that SUEZETTE GIVEN be and hereby is appointed as Board of Health Member to the MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal term expiring at 12:00 noon on January 1, 2023, and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01b** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that STEVEN MCINTYRE be and hereby is appointed to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01c** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01d** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01e** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01f** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01g** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01h** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR TO THE NORTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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 2022; 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, 2022, the Municipal Court Prosecutor and Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor to the North Plainfield Municipal Court, as well as Conflict Prosecutor for calendar year 2022 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, 2022 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01i** 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. HOLLID be and hereby is appointed as PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.) for the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2022 in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01j** 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. HOLLID be and hereby is appointed as MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.



**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01k** 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 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01l** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that WILLIAM SPECK be named as Fund Commissioner and DAVID E. HOLLID be named as Alternate Commissioner to the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for calendar year 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01m** 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 2022 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 2022 calendar year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01n** 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 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01o** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01p** 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 Commissioners to the SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE as representative of the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01q** 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. HOLLID 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01r** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that JOEL KENDERDINE be and hereby is appointed to the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2026 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DANIEL BATTISTA be and hereby is appointed 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, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MICHELLE BROWN be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Member No. 1 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, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BRYAN F. CARLEY be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Member No. 2 to the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT of this Borough to serve for the balance of an unexpired term expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01s** 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, JANICE ALLEN be and hereby is appointed to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2026 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01t** 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, BARBARA KREDER and JANE THONER be and hereby are appointed to the LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01u** 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, CHRISTAL BLUE, FRANK DASILVA, ALBERT DOMIZI, JOAN L. GRAHAM, REV. KEVIN HENRY, JODI SILVERMAN, and SAMANTHA SMITH be and hereby are appointed to the MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01v** 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, 2022:

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, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01w** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 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 Emergency Medical Services representative to the OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DAVID E. HOLLLOD 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that EVERETT MERRILL 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JODY KARCHER 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SUMERA KHURRAM be and hereby is appointed as Health representative to the LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL to serve for the legal term commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RICHARD K. 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01x** 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, LEONARD LANGE be and hereby is appointed to the RENT STABILIZATION BOARD of this Borough to serve for the legal term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2025 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, KEIONA MILLER 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2024 and until her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01y** 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, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2023 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-01z** 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, CHRISTAL BLUE, FRANK DASILVA, ALBERT DOMIZI, JOAN L. GRAHAM, REV. KEVIN HENRY, JODI SILVERMAN, and SAMANTHA SMITH be and hereby are appointed to the YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION of this Borough to serve for the legal terms commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring on January 1, 2025 and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

**CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2**

Council President Stabile read the Consent Agenda Statement.

Mr. McIntyre presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

01-10-22-02 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m

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 seven voting aye.

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2 RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02a** 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 2022; 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 2022; 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. 01-10-22-02b** 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 2022:

Unity Bank  
Valley National Bank  
United Roosevelt Savings Bank

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02c** 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 2022:

Lawrence La Ronde – Mayor

Patrick J. DeBlasio - Chief Financial Officer

Kathleen Intravartolo - Treasurer

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02d** 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 2022, 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. 01-10-22-02e** 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 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02f** 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 2022 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. 01-10-22-02g** 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. 01-10-22-02h** 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:

Chaudhry M. Saleem  
108 Ridge Avenue  
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02i** PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022 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 2022 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, 2022 and the adoption of the Local Budget for the Borough of North Plainfield, Somerset County and State of New Jersey for the Year of 2022:

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
20-100	Department of Administration	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 3,425.00
20-110	Borough Council		1,000.00
20-120	Borough Clerk	36,250.00	5,625.00
20-130	Department of Finance	75,500.00	3,500.00
20-135	Annual Audit		10,000.00
20-145	Tax Collection		3,250.00
20-150	Division of Assessments	25,500.00	1,600.00

20-151	Tax Appeals		7,500.00
20-155	Department of Law		75,000.00
20-165	Engineering		12,500.00
20-175	Historical Commission	750.00	250.00
20-180	Planning Board	300.00	1,250.00
21-185	Board of Adjustment	300.00	1,500.00
22-195	Uniform Construction Code	51,250.00	2,500.00
23-210	Liability Insurance		400,000.00
23-220	Group Insurance		525,000.00
23-225	Unemployment Compensation		5,000.00

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
25-240	Police	1,483,750.00	50,000.00
25-241	Crossing Guards	44,750.00	0.00
25-252	Emergency Management	6,000.00	2,805.00
25-265	Fire Protection	1,012,250.00	16,325.00
25-266	Fire Hydrant		52,196.25
25-267	Uniform Fire Code	3,000.00	4,736.75
25-268	LOSAP		800.00
25-269	Emergency Medical Services		10,000.00
25-275	Borough Prosecutor	6,750.00	0.00
26-290	Street & Roads	300,000.00	113,625.00
26-310	Building & Grounds		25,500.00
26-315	Vehicle Maintenance		58,875.00
27-330	Health	43,750.00	34,875.00
27-340	Dog Regulation		15,000.00
28-370	Recreation	54,875.00	7,925.00
28-375	Maintenance of Parks		2,000.00
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		7,000.00
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		117,254.75
36-472	Social Security		115,000.00
36-474	Consolidated Police/Fire Retirement		0.00
36-475	Police/Fireman Retirement		722,334.75
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	21,250.00	0.00
42-520	NJDEP Permit Fee		1,312.50
43-490	Municipal Court	84,250.00	5,400.00
43-495	Public Defender		1,000.00
62-405	Capital Equipment		17,150.00
	Totals	\$3,310,475.00	\$2,821,265.00
45-920	Payment of Bond Principle \$		\$2,040,000.00
45-925	Note Principle		0.00



45-930	Interest on Bonds		408,449.55
45-935	Interest on Notes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Totals	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$2,448,449.55</u>

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>SEWER UTILITY FUND</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
55-501	Sewer Operating	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 25,000.00
55-502	Plainfield Area Regional Sewer		500,000.00
55-541	Social Security		4,250.00
55-542	Unemployment Comp Insurance		<u>250.00</u>

Totals Sewer Utility \$ 51,250.00 \$ 529,500.00

55-520	Payment of Bond Principal		\$ 230,000.00
55-522	Interest on Bonds	0.00	88,416.53
55-523	Principal/Interest-Notes		<u>0.00</u>

Totals \$ 00.00 \$ 318,416.53

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02j** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO ACCEPT A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 RELATED TO THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH ZUCCARO, INC., PERTAINING TO THE SOMERSET STREET STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT ON NJDOT FORM DC-173A

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain improvements to the streetscape on Somerset Street; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has entered into an agreement with Zuccaro, Inc. to perform the work related to the Somerset Street Streetscape Improvements Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has received a recommendation from Mott MacDonald Engineering Associates, LLC to accept a change order associated with extras related to Tree grates, Repair of underground Concrete Vault, 24" Eco Friendly Face Plates, NJDOT Bicycle Safe Grate, Replacement of Sign posts with New Breakaway System, and traffic Stripe Removal; and,

WHEREAS, the original Contract amount of \$328,998.00 will be reduced to \$325,121.54 to address the change order as well as decreases of the original contract estimate by \$44,694.46 said changes are reflected on Contract Change Order No. 1-Final which has been prepared on the NJDOT form DC-173A to reflect the final as-built quantities for the Base Bid line items along with the extras set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned change orders and decreases reflect an overall reduction of the original contract estimate by \$3,876.46.

WHEREAS, the endorsement of these changes and execution on NJDOT Form DC 173-A are necessary in obtaining reimbursement of the Borough's Federal Aid Highway Program Grant allotment.

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 accepts Change Order No. 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute Contract Change Order No. 1- Final, which has been completed on NJDOT Form 173-A to reflect the final as-built Quantities as well as all increases and reductions of the Contract Amount reflected in the recommendation submitted by Francis X. Bruton, CFM of Mott MacDonald dated December 21, related to the Somerset Street Streetscape Improvements Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment for these services shall be subject to the certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment for said services shall be consistent with all applicable laws, the Borough's bid documents and the recommendation of Mott MacDonald Engineering Associates, pertaining to the Project known as the Somerset Street Streetscape Improvements Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02k** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NORTH PLAINFIELD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield desires to enter into an Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative

Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02l** Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

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.

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 an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council 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 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 of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the North Plainfield Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2022 - 2023 in the amount of:
 

DEDR	\$ 7,879.99
Cash Match	\$ 1,969.99
In-Kind	\$ 5,910.00
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
3. The Borough Council accepts subsequent award of this grant.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-22-02m** 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

**REPORTS 2021:**

Police November  
 Police Quarterly: Liquor Establishments

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

NJ League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Various Newsletters and Communications
Somerset County Bd. of Commissioners Somerville	Various Newsletters and Communications
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Invoice and Reports
NJ Poison Control Information New Brunswick	Hidden Holiday Hazards
Betsy G. Ramos, Esq., Capehart Scatchard, Esqs., Mt. Laurel	NJ Public Entity Law Monthly
Green Brook Flood Control Comm. Green Brook	Invoicing
Public Service Electric & Gas, Newark Somerset Co. Business Partnership Somerville	Energy Insights Annual Meeting
NJ American Water Co., Robbinsville	Newsdrop
NJ Dept. of Treasury, Trenton	Municipal Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax
Gannett Publishing, Neptune	Courier-News Affidavit of Fees
NJ Motion Picture & TV Commission Newark	West Side Story Filming in NJ
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, Middlesex	Meeting Minutes and Agenda

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** None.

Mayor La Ronde thanked all of the volunteers for the various boards, committees, and commissions. He announced that Borough Hall was again closed to the public due to the rise in covid cases.

Mr. Hollod reported on the Borough’s vaccine mandate for all employees and volunteers noting that approximately eighty-five percent of the full-time employees are vaccinated.

Mr. McIntyre offered congratulations to the newly appointed volunteers.

Ms. Corzo wished everyone happy New Year.

Reporting on the Board of Education's re-organization meeting, Mr. Merrill announced that Mark Kruszczynski is the new Board of Education President and Tom Allen is the Vice President. The middle school gym has been renovated and is now in use.

Ms. Given thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts with the recent snow storm.

Ms. Miller wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Responding to her inquiry, Mayor La Ronde confirmed that the Borough's alert system had been upgraded and was in use.

Ms. Schaefer wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts with snow removal after the storm.

Council President Stabile wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. He recommended that the council continue to meet virtually for the next few meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

---

Borough Clerk

---

Council President