

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

(Immediately following 7:30 p.m. Agenda Conference)

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

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

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Statement of Compliance as to Notice of Meeting

NOTICE: An Executive Session on the topic of **Attorney/Client Privilege (Pending and Anticipated Litigation)** is scheduled to be convened approximately fifteen minutes following the convening of this meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of January 24, 2022

Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Miller:

02-14-22-01 Recognizing Black History Month Celebration

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

Mr. McIntyre:

02-14-22-02 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution Authorizing an Electronic Tax Sale
- b. Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Real Estate Over Tax Payment
- c. Resolution Issuing On-Premises Merchandise Draw Raffles License to West End School PTA
- d. Authorizing Business & Government Insurance Agency (B.G.I.A.) for Professional Risk Management Consulting Services
- e. Authorizing Agreement with Somerset County for Use of Borough Police Officers
- f. Authorizing Issuance of Limousine License
- g. Authorizing an Amendment to the Temporary Budget
- h. Approving the Consolidated Bill list of February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Corzo:

02-14-22-03 Convening Executive Session: (Attorney/Client Privilege – Pending and Anticipated Litigation)

Roll Call

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1. Pending and Anticipated Litigation – E.M.B.

RECONVENE

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Schaefer:

02-14-22-04 Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Various Documents with Somerset County Improvement Authority

Roll Call

REPORTS 2021:

Police Annual

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
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, Middlesex, NJ	Meeting minutes and agenda
Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville	Newsletters
Capehart Scatchard, Esqs., Mt. Laurel Somerset County Bar Association Somerville	NJ Public Entity Law Monthly Land Use Law Symposium Webinar
Public Service Electric & Gas Newark	Back On Track Assistance Webinar Storm Call invitation
NJ Highlands Coalition, Boonton	Launch Party
NJ State Comptroller, Trenton	Covid-19 Compliance and Oversight
Comcast Universal, Union, NJ	Partners in Goodwill, Franchise Fee
Verizon, Newark, NJ	Franchise Fee
NJ Motion Picture & TV Commission Trenton	Newsletter – NJ Projects
NJ Office of the Attorney General, Trenton	ABC Training Sessions
Somerset County Governing Officials Somerville	February Meeting Cancelled
NJ Economic Development Authority Trenton	Brownfields Impact Fund Applications
NJ State Treasurer, Trenton	2021 Table of Equalized Valuations

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

General public comments shall be limited to five minutes for each individual.
(Rule 29 of the Borough Council's Rules of Order)

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-01

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the United States honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the Nation every February; and,

WHEREAS, Black History Month was first set out in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, the “Father of Black History” as a time to enrich people’s understanding and appreciation of Black History and culture; and,

WHEREAS, what began as a week-long observance evolved into a month-long celebration officially recognized by President Gerald R. Ford during the American Bicentennial Year 1976 who called upon Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans”; and,

WHEREAS, February was chosen primarily because its second week coincides with the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln who emancipated the slaves and Frederick Douglas, a prominent abolitionist; and,

WHEREAS, Barack Obama, our first Black president declared in 2016 that Black history shouldn’t be treated as though it is somehow separate from our collective American history; and,

WHEREAS, this year’s Black History Month is dedicated to Black Health and Wellness in recognition of the continuing fight against the Covid-19 virus and its variants which have caused a disproportionate number of African Americans to become ill and die; and,

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus siege has affected all segments of our population in Somerset County and New Jersey; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that Black History Month 2022 be recognized for its annual theme of tribute to the historical achievements of our Black brothers and sisters; and, be it further resolved that this Governing Body endorses this year’s Black History month theme intended to bolster the health of one and all in our diverse community.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NOS. 02-14-22-02 a through h

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

02-14-22-02 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h

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

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02a

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for pilot programs, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct pilot programs, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations authorize a municipality to submit an application for participation in the pilot program for an electronic tax sale, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyer, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale program for an electronic tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield wishes to participate in the pilot program for an electronic sale.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that Kathleen Intravartolo is hereby authorized and directed to complete an application to participate in the electronic tax sale program and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022

Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02b

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Leretta and the home owner, Eduardo Garcia both paid taxes on Block 109 Lot 4, in error, Mr. Garcia has requested refund of that over payment to be refunded to the him, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Treasurer is authorized to make the following refunds:

Refund Real Estate Over Tax Payment:

Eduardo Garcia \$ 3,731.40
8 New Walnut Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02c

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the following organization has been issued identification number 352-5-27290 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and has submitted applications to conduct raffles; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that this organization meets the requirements for the issuance of raffles licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a raffles license to the following:

West End School PTA
447 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield
On-premises merchandise draw raffle – RL # 1197
March 19, 2022, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02d

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD AUTHORIZING
A CONTRACT WITH BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT INSURANCE AGENCY
FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund require professional risk management consulting services to be performed; and

WHEREAS, the Business & Government Insurance Agency has offered its professional risk management consulting services to the Borough of North Plainfield for the Fund Year January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Business & Government Insurance Agency has proposed compensation for its services in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the Borough's annual assessment as promulgated by the Garden State Municipal JIF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Business & Government Insurance Agency be and is hereby appointed to provide professional risk management consulting services as referenced herein and that the Fund Commissioner and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents relevant to this service.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022

Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02e

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY FOR USE OF
BOROUGH POLICE OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset provides various services and functions which require the use of municipal police officers in order to supplement its own force and effectively perform those services and functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has provided the County of Somerset with Borough police officers in the past and wishes to continue to do so on an “as available” and “as needed” basis; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Somerset which will govern the use of Borough police officers by the County of Somerset, a copy of which proposed Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the County of Somerset for the use of Borough police officers for various services and functions, which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02f

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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:

Mohammad W. Chaudhry
46 Mountain Avenue
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02g

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Revised Statutes of New Jersey 40A:4-20 provides for the adoption of temporary appropriations in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the Local Budget for the Year 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the following amendments to the 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, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey for the fiscal Year 2022:

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & 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
21-180	Planning Board	300.00	1,250.00
21-185	Board of Adjustments	300.00	1,500.00
22-195	Uniform Construction Code	51,250.00	2,500.00
23-210	Liability Insurance		200,000.00
23-220	Group Insurance		525,000.00
23-225	Unemployment Compensation		5,000.00
25-240	Police	1,483,750.00	5,000.00
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	200,000.00
26-310	Building & Grounds		25,500.00
26-315	Vehicle Maintenance		58,875.00
27-330	Health	43,750.00	34,875.00

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
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		356,057.25
36-472	Social Security		115,000.00
36-474	Consolidated Police/Fire Retirement		0.00
36-475	Police/Fireman Retirement		2,214,766.25
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		18,000.00
	Totals	\$3,310,475.00	\$4,394,724.00

<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		750,000.00
55-541	Social Security		4,250.00
55-542	Unemployment Comp Insurance		250.00
	Totals Sewer Utility	<u>\$ 51,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 779,500.00</u>

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022

Adopted: February 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14-22-02h

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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 14th day of February, 2022 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: February 14, 2022
Adopted: February 14, 2022