

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **January 9, 2023** via zoom at 7:41pm.

**PRESENT:**

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

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor  
David E. Hollod, P.E. – Business Administrator - Absent  
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, January 9, 2023. Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive and conclusive as possible. However, as it is a draft document, it is not to be construed as a formal depiction of the official conduct of business and is subject to revision up to and following the Council’s actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:41p.m. via Zoom Internet protocol. The meeting was called to order by Council President Frank “Skip” Stabile at 7:02pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom Internet connection in accordance with Covid-19 protocols.

Borough Clerk Richard K. Phoenix called the role. Present were Council Members Suzette Given, Steven McIntyre, Everett Merrill, Keiona Miller, Wendy Schaefer, Council Vice-President Aimee Corso and Council President Frank “Skip” Stabile. Also present were Mayor Lawrence LaRonde, Deputy Borough Clerk Michele Irby-Garry, IT personnel Joe Aspercolas and Borough Attorney Phil George, Esquire.

There were two (2) members of the public present.

Council President Stabile read the Open Public Meetings announcement as follows: “This 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 December 12, 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.” Council President Stabile then read the Covid-19 meeting protocol.

Council President Stabile announced that there was a resolution on the agenda, Resolution 01-09-23-02. Council President Stabile read the Resolution into the record regarding the appointment of Richard k. Phoenix for a term of three (3) years from the date of the Resolution as Borough Clerk in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133(a) and North Plainfield Borough Code § 2-4.1.

The Resolution was moved by Council President Stabile, seconded by Council Member Merrill. There was no call for debate. The Borough Clerk called the role.

Council Vice-President Aimee Corso	No
Suzette Given	No
Steven McIntyre	No
Everett Merrill	No
Keiona Miller	No
Wendy Schaefer	No
Council President Frank “Skip” Stabile.	No

The motion failed.

Council President Stabile then opened the floor to requests for agenda items from Council. There were no requests for agenda items to be added.

Council President Stabile then opened the floor to public comment with advisement of the rules for public comment. Joe Aspercolas advised of the methods for joining the public comments.

Angela Jenkins, 381 Mountain Avenue. Ms. Jenkins asked about how the Borough Council members represented different parts of town. Council President advised that there was no ward system and that all Council Members represent the Town. Ms. Jenkins asked how a person would contact Council Members with concerns. Council President Stabile advised that a person can reach out to anyone on Council or the mayor. Ms. Schaefer stated that the Borough follows the Faulkner Act, and that the Council sets policy while the Mayor and Borough Administrator. Council Member Given stated that the Borough is always interested in people volunteering for positions on various boards. Ms. Jenkins stated that she is interested in volunteering and would submit an application just before the pandemic.

Ms. Jenkins also asked about the helicopter which had been hovering over the Borough on Saturday for about forty (40) minutes. Mayor LaRonde advised that he had not heard any information from the Chief of Police. Ms. Jenkins said that two (2) suspects were being observed and apprehended.

There was no further public comment.

Mr. George noted that there was no request for discussion on the motion regarding the appointment of the Borough Clerk, and that there was no discussion of the motion.

Council President Stabile then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Given. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President