

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **December 11, 2023** at 8:33 p.m. at North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

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, Business Administrator
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Michele Irby-Garry, CMR, Acting Borough Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

“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.”

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

The Council President called for a roll call on the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting minutes of November 27, 2023: All in favor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 23-19 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing January 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey or Zoom as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on roll call carried unanimously.

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-19 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 7A OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC SCHEDULES”, MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 7A-3, ENTITLED “SCHEDULE III, PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS,” AND MOST NOTABLY SECTION 7A-3(E), ENTITLED “NO PARKING ON MONDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00AM AND 6:00AM”, AND MOST NOTABLY SECTION 7A-3(K), ENTITLED “NO PARKING WEDNESDAY 7:00AM TO 5:00PM”, AND MOST NOTABLY SECTION 7A-3(M), ENTITLED “NO PARKING THURSDAY 7:00AM TO 5:00PM”, AND, MOST NOTABLY SECTION 7A-3(N), ENTITLED “NO PARKING FRIDAY 2:00AM TO 6:00AM

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Stabile stated that all matters listed on the 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

12-11-23-02 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k

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

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on roll call carried unanimously.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02a BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following:

Refund of Construction Permit:

Barbara Drayton \$ 199.00
341 Redmont Road
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02b RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield intends to enter into contracts with the attached referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Borough of North Plainfield and the referenced State Contract Vendors shall be for the 2024 Year, and:

A/C # Name	
88273 AK Equipment	74018 Absolute Fire
80963 Air & Gas Technologies	65808 Air Purifiers, Inc.
69942 All Steel Inc.	68766 Allied Oil, Co.
61419 American Tire Service	71048 Approved Fire Protection
V41144 Asia Trading	83331 Atlantic Salt
73991 Atlantic Tactical	A79161 Beyer Bros
01785 Bodyworks by Tiffany	63767 Boises Bus Interiors
85017 Broadview Network	81413 BSN Sports
71054 Cairns	T2085 Cambria Truck Center
78848 Celebrity Fleet Operations LLC	68645 Cintas Fire Protection
80977 CMF Business	27171 Computer Systems Method
71056 Continental Fire & Safety	70137 Dell Marketing, LP (70256)
69944 Highpoint Furniture	83930 Home Depot
82693 Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield	63522 Innovation Doc Imaging, LLC
87466 John Deere Landscapes	74012 Kaldoz
69923 KML Technology, Inc.	69531 Kova Corp.
67875 Lanigan Assoc. Inc.	81322 Laser Technology, Inc.
67872 Lawman Supply Co.	85850 Lawson Products
62423 Lifesavers	70142 Mayline Furniture
77814 Messercola Excavating	81520 Morpho Trak
T0213 Morton Salt Inc.	53804 Motorola
83909 Motorola Solutions	69830 Office Business Systems
42285 Office Solutions	47705 Pitney Bowes

82709 Ricoh Americas Corporation
81408 Safety Down Under Inc.

80866 Rutgers the State University

81301 Draeger Safety Inc.
81338 East Coast Emergency Lighting
84698 Emerald City Auto Spa
67899 ESI Equipment
81397 Finch Fuel Oil Co. Inc.
15/16-08 Foley Incorporated
73032 Garden State Highway
71048 Globe Manufacturing
70262 Hewlett Packard
71063 Scott
82236 Sherwin Williams
82226 Siperstein's
76921 Storr Tractor Company
85193 Traffic Safety Services
76669 Turnout Fire & Safety
69933 WB Mason Co, Inc.
73902 Weldon Asphalt

67873 Eagle Point Gun/TJ Morris-Son
72300 Elite Tree Service
75248 Ergo Space Design Inc.
81357 Firefighter One
T0106 Flemington Department Store
70462 Ford Motor Credit
71062 Gen-el Safety & Ind.
73783 Hertrich Fleet Services
68461 Sagem Morphotrak
64040 Sharpe Electronic Corp.
89851 SHI International
71057 Stanfield
A75551 T Slack Environmental Services
67765 Trico Equipment
82583 Verizon Wireless
71642 WE Timmerman Co.
G4013 Luxfer Magteck, Inc

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the referenced State Contract Vendors are projected to exceed the bid threshold for the 2024 Year:

68766 Allied Oil, Co.

70462 Ford Motor Credit

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02c 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 (2) additional taxicabs to the following for two years in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Holguer Peralta Toapanta
t/a Amba Taxi, LLC.
302 Somerset Street
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02d BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby adopt the following as a schedule of agenda conferences and regular council meetings for the year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to post copies of said Schedule on the bulletin board in Borough Hall reserved for said purpose, to forward copies of same to the *Courier News*, *The Star Ledger* and *The Alternative Press* and the North Plainfield Memorial Library and to take such other steps as shall be required by law to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Agenda Conferences and Regular Meetings of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2024 shall be held in the Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey or via Zoom. Agenda Conferences shall begin at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by Regular Meetings, Executive Sessions and meetings of the Borough Council acting as the local Board of Health may be convened as announced. Said meetings shall be held on the following dates:

January	8	22	February	13	26
March	11	25	April	8	22
May	6	20	June	10	24
July	8	22	August	12	
September	9	23	October	7	21
November	12	25	December	16	

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02e RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD SUSPENDING THE BUSINESS HOUR RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION AND PLENARY RETAIL DRIBUTION LICENSEE ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has an ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on January 1, New Year’s Day, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 11:00a.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a written request from The Bridge, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-001-003, The Paradise Club, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1814-33-007-008 and Mi Mundo Latino, Plenary Retail Consumption No. 1814-33- 008-006 to allow the extension of their hours of operation on New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1, 2024 for one (1) hour to 3:00am to better enable them to serve their clientele and to improve their receipts; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of The Bridge, The Paradise Club & Sports Bar and Mi Mundo Latino appeared before the Governing Body and requested said permission to close at a later hour on New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a written request from Herb’s Liquors, Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1814-44-012-006, and Clinton Liquors, Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1814-44-005-009, a representative of which appeared before the Governing Body and requested permission to close at 10:00pm on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2023, and New Year’s Eve, Sunday, December 31, 2023, to better enable those establishments to serve their clientele and to improve their receipts; and,

WHEREAS, Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve generate a large amount of business for alcoholic beverage licensees in the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to grant the requests of The Bridge, The Paradise Club & Sports Bar and Mi Mundo Latino to remain open until 3:00am on January 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to grant the request of Herb's Liquors and Clinton Liquors, to remain open until 10:00pm on Sunday, December 24, 2023, and Sunday, December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that the business hours restriction on the sale of alcoholic beverages is hereby suspended on January 1, 2024 to allow The Bridge, The Paradise Club & Sports Bar and Mi Mundo Latino to remain open until 3:00am on January 1, 2024, subject to all other requirements thereof; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that Herb's Liquors and Clinton Liquors shall be permitted to close at 10:00pm on Sunday, December 24, 2023, and Sunday, December 31, 2023 subject to all other requirements thereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02f RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK FOR THE USE OF A NEW JERSEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LICENSED AMBULANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the Borough of Bound Brook have available ambulances licensed by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Borough of North Plainfield or the Borough of Bound Brook may have a need for the use of an ambulance licensed by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services, such as, but not limited to, during fleet maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield wishes to join with the Borough of Bound Brook to provide such services pursuant to the terms and conditions of an Agreement, a copy of said Agreement being maintained in the Office of the Acting Municipal Clerk and the contents of which are incorporated herein as if more fully set forth at length herein; and,

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides for the use of an ambulance licensed by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services without costs or fees to the Borough of North Plainfield and upon stated terms; and,

WHEREAS, the said Agreement provides that the parties shall maintain insurance to cover any risk, damage or injury which may occur to or because of the use of said ambulance during such time as the other party, its officials, officers or employees are using said ambulance under the Agreement and shall name the other as an additional insured.

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 authorizes the Mayor and the Acting Municipal Clerk or designee, on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute

the Agreement received from the Borough of Bound Brook for the occasional loan or use of an ambulance licensed by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services. Said Agreement is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02g RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a mode and manner to provide ambulatory and accessible transportation services to North Plainfield residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation is authorized to provide ambulatory and accessible transportation services for the purposes of grocery shopping, chore services and recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation desire to enter into a Transportation Service Agreement to provide ambulatory and accessible transportation services to North Plainfield residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation will provide these services via an accessible bus, provided by the Somerset County Division of Transportation. The Division of Transportation will also provide the driver, necessary driver training, vehicle maintenance, liability insurance, workers compensation, fuel and other necessary items associated with the providing of the transportation services; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield agrees to pay a cost for each day of the provided service at the rate of One Hundred Eighty Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$182.90) per day; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation shall provide a detailed report to the Borough of North Plainfield no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of each month. The report shall include the number of users, the number of service days, the number of trips and a description of the nature of the trips taken by North Plainfield residents. With the report, the County of Somerset, Division of Transportation shall provide a voucher and invoice for the services provided. Monthly payments shall be submitted by the Borough to the County by the tenth (10th) calendar day of the following month; and,

WHEREAS, the terms of the Agreement shall run from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield shall comply with the notice and cancellation requirements to the residents as set forth in the Agreement, which is attached hereto.

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 authorizes the

Mayor and the Acting Borough Clerk, on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute the attached Agreement (as amended) with the Somerset County, Division of Transportation, for a period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for ambulatory and accessible transportation services, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02h RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING "WINDOW" CONTRACTS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Laws), the Borough of North Plainfield must award by resolution all goods and services contracts with a dollar amount between \$17,500 and \$44,000. These contracts are not bid, but vendors are still responsible to provide political contribution and company disclosure information in order to do business with the Borough.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., when the cost of goods and/or services that fall between \$17,500 and the bid threshold of \$44,000 in the aggregate, an approval by resolution must be in place; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield retained the services of

Confires-Fire Protection Service, LLC
 JRC South
 M&E Contracting, LLC
 Nature's Choice Corporation
 North Plainfield Graphics
 Somerset Service Center
 Staples Business Advantage
 X-Cel Carting Co

WHEREAS, a request for quotes for the required work to be performed was requested from several contractors; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned vendors completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies the business entity has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the above said vendors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough authorized the Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Borough to issue and execute a Purchase Order for the foregoing to the above vendors with funds certified available by the Chief financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO has been authorized to arrange to pay for the foregoing in accordance with the terms of the purchase order in the amount not to exceed of \$44,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02i 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 11th day of December 2023 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02j PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of surplus funds from one account to the other during the last two months of the calendar year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that transfers be made in the Boroughs' 2023 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on November 1, 2023.

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
CURRENT FUND			
23-220-200	Group Insurance	\$22,500.00	
20-110-100	Borough Council-S&W		\$ 2,500.00
20-150-200	Tax Assessor		2,500.00
22-195-200	Construction-OE		2,500.00
43-490-100	Municipal Court-S&W		10,000.00
43-490-200	Municipal Court-OE		5,000.00
25-252-100	Emergency Management-S&W	3,000.00	
25-252-200	Emergency Management-OE		3,000.00
25-265-100	Fire-S&W	5,000.00	
25-265-200	Fire-OE		<u>5,000.00</u>
Totals		<u>\$30,500.00</u>	<u>\$30,500.00</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-02k BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, THAT THE TREASURER IS AUTHORIZED TO CANCEL THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING CHECKS:

	<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unity # 770002392	31939	2022	\$ 391.00
	32130	2022	26.90
	32423	2022	25.38
	32535	2022	120.00
	32602	2022	295.00

32604	2022	177.00
33372	2022	301.67
33478	2022	120.00
33756	2022	5711.34
33899	2022	120.00
34019	2022	189.50
34116	2022	45.00
34140	2022	45.00
34162	2022	1126.15
34163	2022	250.00
34398	2022	80.00
34537	2022	263.44
34884	2022	80.00
34979	2022	39.99
35049	2022	75.00
35206	2022	<u>200.00</u>
		\$9,682.37

UNITY # 7700022830

120335	2022	\$ 90.14	PAYROLL
120403	2022	90.14	
120522	2022	32.45	
120546	2022	268.49	
120564	2022	90.14	
120626	2022	558.00	
120644	2022	90.15	
120686	2022	45.07	
120859	2022	68.28	
120913	2022	57.02	
120967	2022	22.96	
120994	2022	21.67	
121192	2022	445.70	
121201	2022	92.00	
121285	2022	888.63	
121316	2022	<u>85.89</u>	
		\$2,946.73	

REPORTS:

BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

COMMUNICATIONS:

New Jersey League of Municipality	Magazine
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NJDEP Office of Local Government Assistance	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Information
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	Weekly Update

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor La Ronde and members of the Borough Council wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Acting Borough Clerk

Council President