

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **March 25, 2024** at 7:40 p.m. via Zoom.

**PRESENT:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo, Council Vice President  
Suzette Given  
Steven McIntyre  
Everett Merrill (absent – excused)  
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, 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, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 11, 2023 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 March 11, 2024:

Aye: Given, McIntyre, Miller, Schaefer, Stabile  
Abstain: Corzo

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-25-24-01** BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-06 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing April 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 Mr. McIntyre and on roll call carried unanimously.

The Acting Clerk read the ordinance by its title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-06** CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:45-14)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-25-24-02** MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Courier News in the issue of April 8, 2024;

Notice is hereby being given that the Budget and Tax Resolution were approved by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, on March 25, 2024.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, on April 22, 2024 at 7:30pm at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council President 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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-25-24-03** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

03-25-24-03 a, b, c

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

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

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-25-24-03a** 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 Building Permit:

Sunrun Installation Services Inc.                   \$ 5,222.00  
Attn: A/P  
775 Fiero Lane, Suite 200  
San Luis Obispo, Ca 93401  
Re: 19 Borough Properties as attached

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-25-24-03b** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING DESMOND CLARK AS CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Chief of Police William Parenti finds it necessary to nominate for appointment Special Law Enforcement Officers to assist in the enforcement of the laws, regulations and ordinances of the Borough of North Plainfield for the safety and benefit of the residents of the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Code §2-21 authorizes the appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers upon the nomination of the Chief of Police to the Mayor, who shall recommend their appointment to the Borough Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS, North Plainfield Chief of Police William Parenti has nominated Desmond Clark to serve as Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer for a term commencing on April 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended to the Borough Council the appointment of Class II and Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to the Borough Council to the North Plainfield Police Department appointment upon such terms:

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 appoints Desmond Clark to serve as Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer for a term commencing on April 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded to the Mayor, Chief of Police, Police Captain, Borough Administrator, Personnel files, Payroll Department and Sabrina Brison.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-25-24-03c** 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 25th day of March 2024 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

**REPORTS:**

BOARD OF HEALTH – FEBRUARY 2024

POLICE DEPARTMENT – JANUARY 2024

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

NJDEP Office of Local Government Service Assistance	Weekly Newsletter
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	Newsletter
Municipal Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax Distribution	Monthly Report
Somerset County Board of Commissioners	Various Newsletters

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. McIntyre requested an ordinance to prohibit parking on the right-of-ways. Indicating that state statute may apply, Mr. George offered to investigate further.

Mayor La Ronde requested a change to the Parks and Recreation Committee ordinance, specifically the membership, as well as the reformation of the Mayor’s Special Events Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor La Ronde announced that the Easter Egg Hunt was rescheduled to Saturday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. The Fire Department’s annual St. Baldrick’s Day event was more successful than ever with almost \$60,000 raised for children’s cancer research.

Mr. Hollod announced that library repairs would be necessary with a proposal for same forthcoming.

Mayor La Ronde announced that due to limited donations, he had made the difficult, but necessary decision to cancel the Fourth of July parade. North Plainfield Community Day, the Mayor's Summer Concert Series, the Hispanic Festival, and Santa Comes to Town would be the only Mayor's events this year.

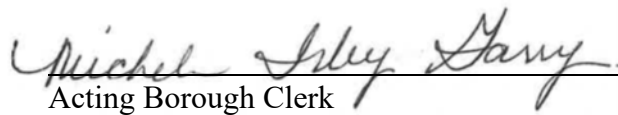
Ms. Given reported on the success of the Friends of the Library book sale.


Ms. Corzo requested consideration of a traffic signal at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Leland Avenue.

Council President Stabile commended the Fire Department for their continued efforts with St. Baldrick's Day.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
Acting Borough Clerk

  
Council President