



**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
7:30 p.m.**

Virtual meeting via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89231207352?pwd=aEoyMHNBVjVGVTh1ckpmbnF0ZUdXUT09>

**Meeting ID: 892 3120 7352
Passcode: 385983**

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

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

Compliance Statement

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Agenda Conference & Regular Meeting for August 12, 2024

Roll Call

RESOLUTION:

Mr. McIntyre:

09-09-24-01

Introduction of Ordinance No. 24-16

Roll Call

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-16

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 14 OF THE
BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, ENTITLED**

“ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION,” MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 14-1, ENTITLED “EXCAVATIONS AND OPENINGS IN THE ROADWAY,” BY THE DELETION OF SECTION 14-1.17, ENTITLED “PENALTIES” AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 14-1.17, *ET SEQ.*, ENTITLED “ROADWAY MORATORIUM AND ROAD OPENINGS”.

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Corzo:

09-09-24-02

Introduction of Ordinance No. 24-17

Roll Call

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 22 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”, MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED “ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT” , AND MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 22-101.2.f, ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL,” MOST NOTABLY BY AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SUBSECTION 1.C, ENTITLED “APPLICABILITY,” AND SUBSECTION 7, ENTITLED “MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.”

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

Ms. Schaefer:

09-9-24-03

Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

- a. Resolution for Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget
- b. Resolution for Consolidated Bill List
- c. Resolution for Canceling Outstanding Checks
- d. Resolution Accepting the Safe and Secure Grant
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Revised Opra Request Form
- f. Resolution Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Erroneous Tax Payment

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Given:

09-09-24-04 Convening Executive Session: (Attorney/Client Privilege)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Lewis Litigation - (P.G)

RECONVENE

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJDEP Office of Local Government
Service Assistance

Weekly Newsletter

PSE&G

Public Hearing for Basic Generation Service
Charges

Hotel & Motel

Tax Distribution

NJLM

Weekly Roundup

REPORTS:

BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY REPORT – July 2024

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT- July 2024

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. 09-09-24-01

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-16 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing September 23, 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.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024

Adopted: September 9, 2024

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 14 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, ENTITLED “ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION,” MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 14-1, ENTITLED “EXCAVATIONS AND OPENINGS IN THE ROADWAY,” BY THE DELETION OF SECTION 14-1.17, ENTITLED “PENALTIES” AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 14-1.17, *ET SEQ.*, ENTITLED “ROADWAY MORATORIUM AND ROAD OPENINGS”.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-1 and *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-2, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this State and/or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government, order and protection of person and property and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants and, as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any other law; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield spends significant funds each and every year on maintaining and paving public roads in the Borough for the benefit of its citizens and residents; and,

WHEREAS, road openings cause negative effects on such roadways that have been recently maintained and paved by the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the best way to protect the citizens and residents of the Borough and the Borough’s investments in its roadways is to limit unnecessary road openings for a period of time; and

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield desire to amend Chapter 14-1 of the North Plainfield Borough Code, entitled “Excavations and Openings in the Roadway.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Chapter 14, entitled “Roadways, Sidewalks and Sanitation,” and more specifically Section 14-1, entitled “Excavations and Openings in the Roadway,” is hereby amended, revised and supplemented by the deletion of

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Section 14-1.17, entitled “Penalties” and the addition of a new Section 14-1.17, *et seq.*, entitled “Roadway Moratorium and Road Openings,” as follows:

Section 1. § 14-1.17 entitled “Penalties,” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 2, § 14-1.17, entitled “Roadway Moratorium and Road Openings, is hereby enacted as follows.

§ 14-1.17 Roadway Moratorium and Road Openings.

- A. After the Borough has paved or repaved any roadway or portion thereof within the geographic boundaries of the Borough of North Plainfield, no person shall open, cut or excavate such roadway and no excavation permit shall be issued for openings, cuts, and/or excavations in said roadway for a period of five (5) years from the date of completion of such paving subject to the exceptions described in § 14-1.19, below.
- B. The Borough Engineer shall keep a current ongoing list of all such roadways, subject to this five (5) year moratorium, which may be inspected in the Office of the Borough Engineer during regular business hours.
- C. A “person,” as used herein, means any person, firm, corporation, public utility or authority or any other entity which owns, controls or operates any equipment, utility, pipe, conduit, manhole or other installation under a public street or roadway.

§ 14-1.18 Notice of Municipal Repaving Program Work

- A. Whenever a Borough roadway is scheduled to be paved or improved during the current calendar year or as a result of any roadway emergency, or when the Borough receives notice that a County roadway or State roadway is scheduled to be paved or improved during the current calendar year or as a result of any roadway emergency, then, prior to the start of any such paving or repaving work, the Borough Engineer shall notify all persons owning property abutting the roadway about to be paved or improved and all public utilities and/or authorities operating in the Borough, including any person, firm, public utility, authority or corporation owning any potable water, stormwater, sewer main, conduit or other utility in, above or under said roadway of the intent to commence said paving or improvement so that they may complete any in-progress or contemplated excavations to connections, as well as repairs thereto, which would necessitate excavation of the street before paving is started. Such notice shall state:
 - 1. The projected starting date of the roadway paving or improvement project; and,
 - 2. That no excavation permit shall be issued for openings, cuts or excavations in said roadway for a period of five (5) years from the date of completion of such paving or improvement project; and,

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3. That any potable water, stormwater, sewer main, conduit, utility or other installation in, above or under said roadway should be inspected to determine if any repair, replacement or improvement is required in such installation in order to schedule and complete work before said roadway is paved or improved; and,
 4. That any and all applications for excavation permits for work to be done in any Borough roadway scheduled to be paved or improved during the current calendar year, once the notice provided herein in § 14-1.18 has been provided, or any roadway work is required after the notice provided herein in § 14-1.18 has been served, but before the projected work starts, must be submitted immediately upon determining that work is required, so that any in-progress or contemplated excavations shall be completed not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the projected starting date of the roadway paving or improvement project.
- B. The Borough Engineer or his designee shall provide the said notice to all persons by hand delivery to all premises fronting on the roadway to be paved or improved, and to any person owning, operating, maintaining or otherwise controlling any utility or installation located in or under said roadway, by USPS certified mail, return receipt requested, regular mail and by email, if available, as soon as the projected date for the start of roadway paving or improvement is determined, or no later than ninety (90) calendar days before the projected start date.
- C. Where new construction of roadways as part of a development or redevelopment of any property has been approved by any Borough agency or Board, building permits have been issued therefor and said roadways shall be dedicated as public roadways, the owner thereof shall install all utilities in or under said roadways prior to paving or improving said roadways, whether or not the adjoining property has been improved.

§14-1.19 Restrictions on Opening Newly Paved or Improved Roadways

- A. No permit shall be issued by the Borough Engineer to any person who has been given notice under § 14-1.18, above, which would allow an excavation or opening in a paved or improved roadway surface less than five (5) years old, unless the person, firm, corporation, public utility or authority can clearly demonstrate to the Borough Engineer that public health or safety requires that the proposed work be permitted which could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the prior notice and is an emergency or a hardship.
- B. An emergency or hardship shall include a water main break, gas leak, sanitary sewer break, or any other situation which may result in harm to the public's health, safety welfare or damage to public or private property, in the sole determination of the Borough Engineer or by approval of the Borough Council, upon recommendation of the Borough Engineer.

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§14-1.20 Special Permit for Opening Newly Paved or Improved Roadways

- A. The Borough Engineer may issue a special permit to open any paved or improved roadway surface less than five (5) years old, if, in the judgment of the Borough Engineer, an emergency exists that makes it absolutely essential that the roadway be opened for purposes of a utility or other installation repair or replacement.

- B. Any request for a special permit shall be in writing, signed by the person or authorized representative of the entity requesting the special permit, shall state the nature of the emergency and the need for the emergency repair, shall be accompanied by a drawing or plan showing the nature and extent of the emergency repair and shall state the name of the contractor who shall perform the repair. The person or entity shall provide “as built” plans to the Borough Engineer.

- C. The Borough Engineer may issue a special permit to the owner(s) of a single-family residential property who actually resides in that property who otherwise has obtained a construction permit to convert the premises from oil heat to gas heat.

- D. Special Permits shall be subject to the following fee schedule:
 - 1. Special Permit Application: \$250.00.

 - 2. Special Permit Deposit:
 - a. Milling: Area of Disturbance x \$5.00 per square foot
 - b. Paving: Area of Disturbance x \$8.00 per square foot
 - c. Remarking Area of Disturbance x \$2.00 per square foot
 - d. TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ a + b + c (above)

 - e. Public Utility Companies shall be exempt from Special Permit Fees as provided above, but shall otherwise comply with all requirements for obtaining Special Permits and making repairs to newly paved or improved roadways.

§14-1.21 Emergency Repair Opening Newly Paved or Improved Roadways

When, in the event of a water main, sewer main or stormwater main break, or other utility break or malfunction which occurs after regular business hours and which causes an actual discontinuation of service to persons in the vicinity of the break, a person may perform emergency repair services upon immediate notice to the Borough and the Borough Engineer before the actual repair work starts. In such event, the person shall immediately thereafter provide the information and fees required for a special permit as set forth above in §14-1.20(B).

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§14-1.22 Restoration After Opening Newly Paved or Improved Roadways

Whenever a roadway is opened during such five (5) year period, pursuant to a special permit or as a result of an emergency, the person who obtains the special permit must restore the roadway opening made as a result of any repairs. Such restoration must include:

1. Pavement restoration, including milling, repaving and roadway remarking for the roadway shall be from centerline to curb, and two (2) feet around the sideline area of the opening disturbance, except mainline trenches longer than twenty (20) feet in length which shall be restored curb to curb. If such a radius will unreasonably interfere with an existing utility installation, the Borough Engineer may use their discretion in determining the overall distance and/or of the restoration.
2. All construction or repair work performed on, in or around manholes shall be subject to inspection and acceptance by the Borough Engineer.
3. The roadway opening shall be patched and restored via infrared pavement repair technology so as to blend uniformly with the adjacent existing roadway.
4. The permittee shall reinspect the repair after one (1) year and provide any maintenance which may be required to return the repair to its as-completed state.
5. Any curbs or sidewalks which were affected as part of any repairs must also be restored pursuant to Borough Code standards.
6. The permittee must also pay all required application, deposit and inspection fees. The deposit shall be calculated to cover the entire area that must be milled, resurfaced and remarked.

§ 14-1.23 Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction of same be subject to a penalty as established in Chapter 1, Section 1-5 of this Borough Code.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable, upon notice to

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the State of New Jersey pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 5:8-1, et seq.*, and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b)*, declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

PUBLISHED:

ADOPTED:

ROLL CALL: AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: Yes _____ No _____

 The above is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Borough of North Plainfield on _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Michele Irby-Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President

Date signed: _____, 2024

Date signed: _____, 2024.

Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-02

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 24-17 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing September 23, 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.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024

Adopted: September 9, 2024

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-17

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has offered a “streamlined” stormwater management ordinance which the Borough of North Plainfield adopted in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, such ordinances are subject to review by the Somerset County Planning Board, as they are part of the zoning ordinances of the Borough Code; and,

WHEREAS, certain changes were requested by the Somerset County Planning Board after their review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield be amended, revised and supplemented as to Chapter 22, entitled “Land Development, more specifically Article VIII, entitled “Zoning Board of Adjustment,” and more particularly § 22-101.2.f.1.C and F, entitled “Stormwater Control,” as follows:

Section 1. C - Applicability is hereby amended as follows:

C. Applicability.

1. This ordinance shall be applicable to the following major developments:
 - i. Non-residential major developments and redevelopment projects; and
 - ii. Aspects of residential major developments and redevelopment projects that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21 et seq.
2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Borough of North Plainfield.

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3. Applicability of this ordinance to major developments shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.6, incorporated herein by reference.
 - (1) ~~This ordinance shall be applicable to all site plans and subdivisions for developments that require either preliminary or final site plan or subdivision review:~~
 - (2) ~~This shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Borough of North Plainfield.~~
 - (3) ~~Applicability of this ordinance to major developments shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.6, incorporated herein by reference.~~
 - (4) ~~This ordinance is applicable to developments that do not otherwise meet the NJDEP's definition of Major Development.~~

Section 7, Maintenance and Repair is hereby amended as follows:

7. Maintenance and Repair.

- (a) Applicability. Projects subject to review as in § 22-101.2.f.1.C. of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of ~~the BMP Manual Appendix D, Section X-B~~ 7.B. of this Ordinance regarding general maintenance and ~~Section X-C 7.C. of this Ordinance~~ regarding performance and maintenance guarantees.

Section 7.b - Inspection, oversight and owner responsibilities is hereby amended as follows:

- (b) Inspection, oversight and owner responsibilities.
 - (1) All developments that contain stormwater management devices within the Borough are subject to the stormwater maintenance permit and periodic inspection in accordance with § 22-101.3 of the Borough Code ~~and N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8.~~
 - (4) ~~Nothing in this section shall preclude the Borough from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guaranty in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.~~

Section 7.b.4 is revised as Section 7.c and is hereby amended as follows:

- (c) Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the municipality in which the major development is located from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b)*, declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

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INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

PUBLISHED:

ADOPTED:

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

Yes _____ No _____

The above is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Borough of North Plainfield on _____, 2024

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President

Date signed: _____, 2024

Date signed: _____, 2024

Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03

**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

09-09-24-03 a thru f

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

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024

Adopted: September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03a

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

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION
OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CH. 159, P.L. 148) –
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES OFFSET BY
APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue to the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received an American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant award through the Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant does not require a local cash match

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of North Plainfield in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items in the 2024 Budget of the Borough of North Plainfield:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written
Consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:
County, State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:
American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant \$50,000.00

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations – Excluded from CAPS
County, State and Federal Programs Off-set by Revenues:
American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant \$50,000.00

Local Match – Source:

None

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024

Adopted: September 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough Council held on September 9, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03b

**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 9th day of September 2024 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: September 9, 2024
Adopted: September 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough Council held on September 9, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03c

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

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	1029	2023	\$ 75.00	CURRENT
	1153	2023	25.04	
	1260	2023	40.00	
	1288	2023	4805.99	
	1499	2023	33503.77	
	1547	2023	58.98	
	1590	2023	16981.06	
	1592	2023	<u>200.00</u>	
			\$ 55,689.84	
UNITY # 7700022830	121494	2023	\$ 146.74	PAYROLL
	121504	2023	251.10	
	121561	2023	<u>903.22</u>	
				\$1,301.06

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024
Adopted: September 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough Council held on September 9, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North
Plainfield

Date signed: September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03d

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,725.00, UNDER THE FY2025 SAFE AND SECURE
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 25-1814,
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO
EXECUTE AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ATTEST TO A SUBGRANT
AWARD AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield in the County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of North Plainfield is authorized to accept a subaward grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$67,725.00 under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, Grant No. 25-1814, with a Match-Fringe Benefits, for a total project cost of \$708,079.00.
2. The Mayor and Chief of Police are authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to a Subgrant Award in connection with this grant, and any and all documents in connection with this grant.
3. The Borough of North Plainfield is accepting this grant of funds for the purpose described in the application.
4. Subaward Period: March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026.
5. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Borough Clerk to each of the following:
 - a. Mayor Lawrence LaRonde
 - b. Borough Council
 - c. Business Administrator
 - d. Borough Attorney
 - e. Chief Financial Officer
 - f. Police Department, Attention: Chief William Parenti
 - g. Police Department, Attention: Captain Alan McKay
 - h. Borough Grant Coordinator
 - i. State of New Jersey, Office of Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, P.O. Box 080, Trenton, NJ 08625-0080

j. Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety,
P.O. Box 080, Trenton, NJ 08625-0080

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024
Adopted: September 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Garry Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on September 9, 2024.

Michele Garry

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03e

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE ADOPTION OF THE OPRA REQUEST FORM FOR THE BOROUGH
OF NORTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c. 16, the State of New Jersey recently amended various provisions of the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A.47:1A-1 et seq. (“OPRA”); and,

WHEREAS, the amendments require all agencies subject to OPRA to adopt the form established by the Government Records Council (“GRC”) for the use of any person who requests access to a government record held or controlled by the public agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Government Records Council (“GRC”) has established the revised OPRA request form to which the Borough of North Plainfield (“Borough”) wishes to hereby formally adopt as the official OPRA request form for the Borough.

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 adopts the Government Records Council’s OPRA request form as the official OPRA request form for the Borough of North Plainfield, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Frank A. “Skip” Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024

Adopted: September 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough Council held on September 9, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-03f

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

WHEREAS, North East Title paid on taxes for Block 6.01 Lot 26.02 and has requested refund of that payment, and;

WHEREAS, the mortgage company already paid the taxes as they should have;

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 Erroneous Tax Payments:

North East Title Agency	\$883.40
1096 Stelton Road	
Piscataway, NJ 08854	

Council Member

Council President

Introduced: September 9, 2024

Adopted: September 9, 2024

CERTIFICATION

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Michele Irby Garry, Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-24-04

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that prior to the adjournment of this meeting it shall convene in executive session from which the public will be excluded for the purpose of discussion on:

Attorney/Client Privilege – Lewis Litigation

Exclusion of the public for this purpose is specifically permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The contents of this discussion will not be disclosed until such time as the disclosure of same will not adversely affect the public interest and upon resolution of the Council. Formal action may be taken following end of executive session.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: September 9, 2024
Adopted: September 9, 2024

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Board of Health Monthly Report



North Plainfield

PREPARED BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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Communicable Disease and Nursing

Schools Immunization Audits



Yearly audits of Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School student immunization records to ensure compliance with NJ Law regarding immunization requirements.

Immunization Audits for Schools/Daycare Facilities

- None

Community Disease Control and Prevention



Investigation, surveillance, and reporting of communicable diseases.

- Cases of all reportable communicable diseases continue to be investigated on a daily basis as per NJDOH guidance.
- SCDOH works with schools, daycares, long-term care facilities, and other non-healthcare settings to identify outbreaks and provide public health recommendations to these facilities.
- Tuberculosis (TB) control through case monitoring and management, contact follow-up, and provision of medications.
- Childhood lead poisoning prevention through blood lead screening and assessment of lifestyle and environment for sources of lead.
 - Repeat testing for elevated blood lead levels: 1
 - Home visits conducted for elevated blood lead levels: 1
 - Closed cases of elevated blood lead levels: 1
- Chronic disease resources are available as well as educational programs and screenings to increase awareness, encourage prevention, and promote early detection of cancer and other chronic diseases. Chronic disease prevention efforts and outreach are in collaboration with various community organizations and members.



Total Number of Communicable Disease Cases Investigated

- 32



Top Three Communicable Diseases

- Novel Coronavirus- 2019 NCOV – 28
- Lyme Disease – 1
- Hepatitis B – 1

Emergency Preparedness



COVID-19 vaccines are administered at various clinics throughout the County - total of **68,305** COVID-19 vaccines administered since December 2020. SCDOH conducts homebound COVID-19 vaccinations for residents who for medical or other reasons are unable to travel to the County clinics.



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Consumer Health

Consumer Health Program Overview



- Plan Reviews: 0
- Retail food inspections: 8
- Retail Food re-inspections: 3
- Retail Food pre-operational inspections: 0
- Special Event applications: 5
- Recreational bathing inspection: 3
- Complaint Investigations: 7
- Received animal bite report: 2

Administrative



- File Searches: 0
- Issued retail food, hotel, recreational bathing, and vending machine licenses.

Training and Education



- None to report for this month

Environmental



- Well Installation Inspections: 0
- Well Installation Permits Issued: 0
- Septic Inspection Reports: 0

Childhood Lead Prevention



- Repeat testing for elevated blood lead levels: 1
- Home visits for elevated blood lead levels: 1
- Closed cases of elevated blood lead levels: 1

Court Proceedings / Enforcement Actions



- Notice of Violation (NOVs) Issued: 0
- Court Appearances: 0
- Fines Issued: \$
- Summons issued: 1

Basic Food Handler Certification



- Completion of ServSafe Basic Food Handler course: 2



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Consumer Health

Monthly Activity Report - July		
Inspections	Initial	Follow-up
Body Art Facilities		
Child Care		
Demolition		
Hotels		
Housing		
Housing Common Area		
Massage Parlor		
Mobile Food		
Retail Food	8	3
Retail Food Pre-op		
Recreational Bathing	3	
Schools		
Septic System Abandonment		
Septic System Installation		
Temp. Food	5	
UST Removal		
Vending		
Well Abandonment		
Well Installation		
Youth Camp		
Investigations		
Property Maintenance	1	
Garbage/Debris		
Vermin/Insect		
Animal	2	
Mold		
Heat		
Retail Food	1	
Housing/Multiple Dwelling		
Sewage	1	
Lead		
Odor-Non-CEHA		
Noise-Non-CEHA		
Other	2	
Reviews		
File		
Laboratory Results		
Planning Board/ Board of Adj.		
PWTA Reports		
Retail Food		
Septic System		
Soil Importation		
Special Events		
Miscellaneous		
Administrative Hearings		
Consultations		
Court Appearances		
Fines		
NOVs Issued		
Permeability Test Witnessing		
Rabies Investigation		
Short Courses		
Summonses Issued	1	
TRC Meetings		
Pre-Application Meetings		

RETAIL FOOD INSPECTION RATINGS REPORT

COMPANY NAME	CITY	RISK TYPE	INSPECT DATE	SAT	SAT-A	SAT-B	COND SAT	UNSAT	PRE-OP INSP	INITIAL INSP	RE-INSP	FOLLOW-UP
TESORO SALVADORENO	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DONA MARIA RESTAURANT	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/2/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HUNAN ROYAL	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/3/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STAR DISCOUNT LIQUORS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	7/3/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JOSE PERALTA 7-7-24	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	7/6/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TONYS ITALIAN SAUSAGE LLC 7-6-24	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/6/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DELLANOS FOOD SERVICE 7-6-24	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/6/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIG AIR AMUSEMENTS LLC 7-6-24	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/6/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RAMONITA AVILES BALLOON PALACE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/6/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RED TOWER II	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/8/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO. 1 CHINESE RESTAURANT	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/11/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LA FONDA DE TIA ROSA	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/15/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IHOP 4692	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/23/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RED TOWER II	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/24/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY BBQ	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/24/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LA FONDA DE TIA ROSA	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/29/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS				5	5	5	3	0	0	8	3	0

RECREATIONAL BATHING REPORT

FACILITY NAME	CITY	INSPEC DATE	NEXT INSPEC DATE	TYPE FACILITY	INSPECTION RESULT
CYPRESS GARDENS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/18/2024		POOL	SATISFACTORY
GREENBROOK GARDENS POOL	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/11/2024		POOL	SATISFACTORY
REGENCY VILLAGE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/15/2024		POOL	SATISFACTORY

COMPLAINTS REPORT -- 7/1/2024 TO 7/31/2024

PROPERTY / LOC ADDRESS	GEOGRAPHIC AREA	TYPE	ACTION	STATUS	DATE RECEIVED	DATE of INVESTIGATION	FILE NUMBER
351 NORTH DRIVE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	ODOR	REFERRED	CLOSED	7/8/2024	7/8/2024	NP-24-07-08-0026
35 DUER STREET	NORTH PLAINFIELD	ANIMAL	REFERRED	OPEN	7/8/2024	7/5/2024	NP-24-07-08-0025
35 DUER STREET	NORTH PLAINFIELD	ANIMAL	REFERRED	OPEN	7/8/2024	7/8/2024	NP-24-07-08-0025
143 DELACY AVE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	ANIMAL	REFERRED	CLOSED	7/9/2024		NP-24-07-09-0029
100 ROCKVIEW AVE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	SEWAGE	REFERRED	OPEN	7/9/2024		NP-24-27-09-0028
232 SOMERSET STREET	NORTH PLAINFIELD	RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT	INVESTIGATION	OPEN	7/26/2024	7/29/2024	NP-24-07-29-0031
266 LAWRENCE AVE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	INVESTIGATION	OPEN	7/29/2024	7/29/2024	NP-24-07-02-0030
58 JACKSON AVE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE	INFO	OPEN	7/30/2024		



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County Environmental Compliance & Enforcement

Air Quality



- Dry cleaner inspections: 0
- B Source: 0
- Noise Complaints: 0
- Complaints: 1
- NJDEP referrals: 0
- Idling enforcement: 0

Solid Waste



- Facility inspections: 0
- Demo checks: 0
- Container inspections: 0
- Hauler inspections: 0
- Single-Use Plastics Inspection: 0
- Complaints: 0
- NJDEP referrals: 0

Water



- Water pollution investigations: 0
- Transient well inspections: 0
- Non transient well inspections: 0
- Complaints: 5
- NJDEP referrals: 1

Pesticides



- IPM inspections: 0
- Landscaper inspections: 0
- Complaints: 0
- NJDEP referrals: 0

Open Public Records Act (OPRA)



- OPRA reports completed: 0



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Health Education Services

Monthly Health Observances



SCDOH health educators promote and bring awareness to monthly health observances through press releases, social media & community outreach opportunities.

- UV Safety Awareness Month
- National Grilling Month
- Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
- World Drowning Prevention Day – 7/25
- World Hepatitis Day – 7/28

Community Outreach/Programming – *Listed on calendar below*



Social Media

- Outreach on X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook for monthly health observances, mosquito/tick bite prevention, pool safety, healthy eating, travel health, sun safety, extreme heat, diabetes, juvenile arthritis, routine vaccinations, etc.
- Follow us!
 - Facebook → @SomersetCountyDOH
 - X (Twitter) → @SCHealthDept

Community Outreach/Programs

- Outreach/Education at Somerset Patriots – 7/1, 7/20 & 7/24
- 2024 Franklin Township Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks – 7/3
- North Plainfield Community Day/July 4th Fireworks – 7/6
- Somerville Library Outreach – 7/8
- Manville Library Outreach – 7/9
- HOPE Church Block Party (Bound Brook) – 7/13
- Somerville Farmer’s Market – 7/14
- Health Camp of NJ – Balaji Temple Outreach (RCDC) – 7/14
- Basic Food Handler Course – 6/17
- Skin Cancer Presentations at Senior Centers – conducted by RCDC Coordinator
 - Hillsborough Senior Center – 7/23
 - Basking Ridge Senior Center – 7/29

Meetings

- Healthier Somerset Chronic Disease CHIP Committee Meeting – 7/10
- Healthier Somerset Meeting – 7/16
- Somerset County Latino Advisory Council Meeting – 7/22
- RCDC Grant Call with NJDOH – 7/22 & 7/29

Publications



- Press Release: [Somerset County Department of Health Encourages Residents to Fight the Bite This Summer](#) – 7/1

SCDOH Website Management



- Webpage Updates
 - Homepage → Added information about SCDOH’s upcoming Cancer Thriving & Surviving Workshop
 - Emergency Preparedness → Updated Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) information/volunteer interest survey
 - Health Inspections → Updated plan review applications for Franklin Township and Raritan Borough
 - Event Calendar → Added Branchburg Township’s rabies clinic

Upcoming/In Development



- Somerset Health Fair at Eternal Life Christian Center (Franklin) – 8/3
- National Night Out Events – Somerville, Franklin, Raritan, and North Plainfield – 8/6
- Somerset County 4-H Fair (Bridgewater) – 8/7 – 8/9
- Outreach/Education at Somerset Patriots – 8/11 & 8/28
- Basic Food Handler Course – 8/21
- Skin Cancer Presentations at Senior Centers – conducted by RCDC Coordinator
 - Montgomery Senior Center – 8/13
 - Quail Brook Senior Center (Franklin) - 8/29
- Community Day at Shiloh Pentecostal Church (Somerville) – 8/24
- [Cancer: Thriving & Surviving Workshop](#) – 9/24 – 10/29 at Franklin Township Community/Senior Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Social Media posts for Health Observances throughout the month	1 Press Release Outreach/Education at Somerset Patriots	2	3 Franklin Independence Day Celebration	4 Holiday	5	6 North Plainfield Community Day
7	8 Somerville Library Outreach	9 Manville Library Outreach	10 Chronic Disease CHIP Committee Meeting	11	12	13 HOPE Church Block party (Bound Brook)
14 Somerville Farmer's Market Health Camp of NJ	15	16 Healthier Somerset Meeting	17 Food Handler Course	18	19	20 Outreach/Education at Somerset Patriots
21	22 SC Latino Advisory Council Meeting RCDC Grant Call with NJDOH	23 Hillsborough Senior Center Skin Cancer Presentation	24 Outreach/Education at Somerset Patriots	25	26	27
28	29 Basking Ridge Senior Center Skin Cancer Presentation RCDC Grant Call with NJDOH	30	31			



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Public Health Emergency Preparedness – LINCS Team

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Outreach/Activities



- NJDOH bi-weekly vaccine provider meetings
- Somerset County LINCS Contact Outreach
- COVID-19 rapid antigen test-kit distribution – 80 kits
- Opioid Preparedness Tabletop Exercise – 7/18
- NJHA Meeting with Commissioner Baston – 7/18

LINCS Messages



The SCDOH receives the messages from the New Jersey Department of Health and disseminates them to county partners and organizations who are the target audiences for the message via email. There are seven categories.

- Public Health Information – 14 messages sent
- Public Health Update – 2 messages sent
- Public Health Advisory – 3 messages sent
- Public Health Alert – 1 message sent
- Training – 0 messages sent
- Recalls – 3 messages sent
- Somerset County Department of Health LINCS Messages – 0 messages sent

Somerset County Medical Reserve Corps



- New Volunteer Application – 1
- Approved Volunteer Application - 1
- MRC Volunteers at Community Outreach Events– Somerville 7/8, Manville 7/9, Franklin 7/15, Somerville 7/31
- MRC Training – Introduction to Brain Injury (Virtual) – 7/17

Upcoming/In Development



- LINCS outreach
- Volunteer training plan
- MRC recruitment campaign
- National Night Out – 8/6
- NJDOH Quarterly HERC/PHENS Meeting – 8/7
- MRC Volunteers at Community Outreach Events – 8/8, 8/28
- Shelter Task Force Meeting – 8/29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 MRC Volunteer – Somerville Library	9 MRC Volunteer – Manville Library	10	11 LINCS Outreach	12	13
14	15 MRC Volunteer – Franklin Township Food Bank	16	17 MRC Training – Introduction to Brain Injury (Hosted by Hunterdon MRC)	18 Opioid Preparedness TTX NJHA Meeting with Commissioner Baston	19 LINCS Outreach	20
21	22	23	24	25 LINCS Outreach	26	27
28	29	30	31 MRC Volunteer – SHIP Somerville			

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
Department of Fire Prevention and Protection

TO: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor

FROM: William F. Eaton, Fire Chief

DATE: August 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July 2024

Please find attached the monthly report of the fire department. The report indicates both monthly activity and services of the department as well as year-to-date totals where applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

MONTHLY REPORT July 2024

Section 1. ALARM RESPONSE ACTIVITY

TYPES OF INCIDENTS

FIRES	Month	Year to Date
All types of Fires	6	33
Over Pressure, Explosion, Overheat, no fire	1	2
EMS Calls (accidents, etc.)	175	1180
Hazardous Conditions	9	99
Service call/Public Assist	18	98
Good Intent (smoke scares)	18	63
False Alarm Calls	19	154
Severe Weather Incidents	0	0
Special Type Incident	0	0
TOTAL ALARM ACTIVITY	246	1,631

TYPES OF ALARMS AND FIREFIGHTER RESPONSE:

Type	Month	YTD
General	5	30
Still	82	563
EMS	159	1042
Other	0	0
TOTAL	246	1,631

MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE FOR FIRE RELATED CALLS ONLY:

Mutual aid given is typically one Engine or one Truck company per incident. Mutual aid received includes all units from any outside department that was requested and responded.

Fire - Mutual Aid	Month	YTD
Received	4	8
Given	2	20
EMS - Mutual Aid	Month	YTD
Received	7	40
Given	0	3

INJURIES REPORTED AT OR DURING ALARMS:

	Month	YTD
Civilian	1	1
Fire Service	0	1

Structure fire responses and Other fires:

Last month we responded to four fires in the Borough, which included one brush fire, a trash fire, one cooking fire and a structure/building fire, as well as two mutual aid structure fires in Plainfield.

Incident #24-1620, was the building fire in the Borough which occurred during the late morning of July 30th in a 1st floor apartment, at a 5-story apartment building (25 Washington Avenue). The family who lived in that unit was not home during the fire and all of the other numerous occupants throughout the entire building were able to safely evacuate. We were initially dispatched to a fire alarm by the central station alarm monitoring company. On our arrival at the scene, heavy smoke was pushing out the window of that apartment. As our crews advanced hose lines to that unit, the fire was located in the bedroom and ultimately consumed the entire bedroom.

Due to the early detection of the smoke by the alarm system, a greater tragedy was averted, limiting the most severe damage to the one unit. The remainder of the building suffered significant smoke damage and minor water damage. There was also one minor injury to a maintenance worker who breathed in some smoke when he tried to check the apartment for occupants prior to our arrival. The exact cause of the fire was undetermined, but it was not suspicious in nature and numerous mutual aid departments responded to assist us at the fire scene.

Section 2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

This includes the ambulance or any other emergency vehicle response to medical calls.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSES	Month	YEAR TO DATE
Totals	159	1042

RESPONSE TIMES- EMS

Response time is defined as the time the alarm is received in fire headquarters, to the arrival of the first unit on the scene of the medical emergency. We use the nationally accepted standard of **8 minutes** for a basic life support ambulance. The following table illustrates the average response times for the past month.

North Plainfield Calls	
Last Month	This Month
5:28	5:00

EMS REVENUE

Revenue is received in the form of insurance payments through direct billing to Federal, State and private insurance providers for medically necessary emergency service. The Department also receives revenue through personal and required insurance co-payments.

A third-party company performs EMS billing for us. The service includes collecting information from patient run reports, invoicing, tracking, reporting, collection and direct deposit into a designated municipal account. The following is an accounting of the revenue received during the past month and year to date totals.

EMS billing revenue/cost		Current month	Year to date
Insurance revenue	\$	22,399.78	174,283.46
Medical Billing cost @ 8.25 %	\$	3,912.61	13,382.14
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$		160,901.32

Section 3. DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION

Inspection activity is coordinated through the office of the Fire Official. All Borough licenses and permits, which require an inspection by the Fire Department, are performed by the Division of Fire Prevention. Permits and registrations required under the N.J. Uniform Fire Code are also processed and enforced through this division.

Fire Prevention Revenues

Revenue is received in the form of a rebate of 70% of registration fees collected by the New Jersey Bureau of Fire Safety for each life hazard use (LHU) in North Plainfield. This money is returned to the municipality to pay for the enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.

The Department also receives fees for permits that are issued locally for occupancies not required to be registered as life hazard uses, such as multiple family permit fees. We also receive penalty money representing assessments for failure to comply with requirements of the Uniform Fire Code.

<i>Fire Prevention revenue</i>		<i>Current month</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
LHU Rebates, Non-LHU fees and Multi-family fees	\$	17,752.00	70,268.83
Penalty fees collected	\$	250.00	2,150.00
YTD TOTAL NET INCOME	\$		72,418.83

DIVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION: FIXED PROPERTY IN-SERVICE INSPECTIONS

The next table shows the numbers of properties inspected. They are listed using the same category title as are used in our fire incident reporting system. There were some adjustments in the YTD totals based on numbers from an updated YTD report generated through the program.

<u>INSPECTION TYPE and VIOLATIONS</u>	Month	YTD
Non LHU Inspections	27	320
Life Hazard Use Inspections	10	124
Multiple Family Inspections	49	142
Incident violations	4	21
Re-inspections	123	449
Complaint inspections/Other	41	184
Total inspections	254	1,325
Total Violations issued	210	1,212

Section 4 Training

During the past month, the majority of the platoon training consisted of apparatus pumping operations, as well as continued operations of the new ladder truck. Our new training database program is close to completion, which will better assist us in report tracking once it is fully up and running. Monthly and YTD training hours are attached.

Department Training Hours	<i>Month</i>	<i>YTD</i>
	36.75	82.75

Section 5. Vehicle Maintenance

MAINTENANCE and VEHICLE MILEAGE

The department reports any vehicle related problems and for other equipment or building issues that are in need of repair. The following table shows major expenses for the month.

Vehicle Name	Type	Cost	Repair Type
E1	Engine	\$2,873.61	Engine Repair
E2	Engine	\$350.00	DEF System
R1	Ambulance	\$14,264.51	Accident Repair

Monthly Mileage Report

Vehicle	Current Month	Odometer Reading	Vehicle Status
Engine 1	140	1,325	In-Service
Engine 2	453	16,241	In-Service
Truck 1	232	2,440	In-Service
Rescue 1	740	23,507	In-Service
Rescue 5	2621	82,729	In-Service
Car 1	1330	92,920	In-Service
Car 2	112	102,303	In-Service
Car 3	95	162,473	In-Service
Car 4	108	14,157	In-Service
Car 6	3	794	In-Service