

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 13 March 2017.*

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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **March 13, 2017** at 8:03 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill
Keiona R. Miller (absent – excused)
Frank Righetti
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank “Skip” Stabile
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

The Council President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on November 28, 2016. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* by transmitting said notice to the *Courier News*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on November 29, 2016, by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* on December 1, 2016 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2017.

Council President La Ronde called for a Roll Call on the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2017:

Aye: Singleterry, Stabile, La Ronde

Abstain: Merrill, Righetti, Schaefer

Council President La Ronde announced the following appointment:

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND – Unexpired One-year term

William Speck

Commissioner

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER 4, “GENERAL LICENSING,” MOST NOTABLY AMENDING SECTION 4-6.1, ENTITLED “LICENSE REQUIRED”

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 17-04 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Mr. Righetti with Roll Call as follows:

Nay: Merrill, Righetti, Schaefer, Singleterry, Stabile, La Ronde

Ordinance failed 0-6.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 17-05 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing March 27, 2017 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 as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Mr. Righetti and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH CODE AS TO CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL LICENSING," MOST NOTABLY AMENDING SECTION 4-6.1, ENTITLED "LICENSE REQUIRED"

HEARING:

The Council President opened the floor to public comment on the following:

2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Stabile, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 17-06 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing March 27, 2017 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 as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-06 CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-04 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in The Courier News in the issue of April 4, 2017.

The Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2017:

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 13, 2017.

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 24, 2017 at 7:30 O'clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2017 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Seconded by Mr. Stabile and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President La Ronde 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. Singleterry presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

03-13-17-05b, c, d, e, f, g, h and i

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

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all six voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05b BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that WILLIAM SPECK be named as Commissioner to the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for the balance of calendar year 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05c BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby authorize the issuance of a license to drive a taxicab for two years, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., to the following in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Edwin F. Cordova-Paredes
663 South 2nd Street, Apt. 2
Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05d 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 13th day of March, 2017 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. 03-13-17-05e RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RCM CEBERIO, LLC FOR STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES TO AID THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD IN FULFILLING ITS AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of management and planning services to aid the Borough in fulfilling its obligation on affordable housing pursuant to the Fair Housing Act of 1985, *N.J.S.A. 53:27D-301 et seq.* and *In re N.J.A.C.5:96 and 5:97*, 221 *N.J.* 1(2015), otherwise known as “Mount Laurel IV;” and,

WHEREAS, RCM Ceberio, LLC, with a principal place of business located at 576 Valley Road, Suite 287, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 (hereinafter referred to as “RCM”), is in the business of providing management consulting services and previously submitted a proposal for a project that entails, among other things, the development of a public information campaign to provide information to the Borough and its residents about how and why the Borough has to fulfill an obligation to provide a reasonable opportunity for residents to obtain affordable housing within the Borough of North Plainfield and for the creation of such affordable housing opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the proposal that RCM submitted for the project RCM proposes to bill the Borough of North Plainfield at One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$125.00) per hour, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of RCM to perform all of those services contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal.

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 does hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into said contract with RCM Ceberio, LLC, 576 Valley Road, Suite 287, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 to assist in affordable housing opportunities for the Borough at a rate of One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$125.00) per hour, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Borough to effectuate this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution of this Contract shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05f BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificates as follows:

Block 27, Lot 1	544 Mountain Avenue	Cert. # 12-00001	Issued 10/23/12
Block 27, Lot 1	544 Mountain Avenue	Cert. # 14-00004	Issued 10/29/14

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05g 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 Dumpster Permit:

Andrew Savoca 34 River Road Brick NJ 08724	\$ 200.00
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Property at:

253 Oneida Place
North Plainfield, NJ 07060

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05h BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificates as follows:

Block 79, Lot 4	23 Fairview Avenue	Cert. # 08-00074	Issued 12/04/08
Block 79, Lot 4	23 Fairview Avenue	Cert. # 13-00127	Issued 12/04/13

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05i WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Services inadvertently paid \$1,982.03 that was not due on the tax bill for 220-22 Belmont Avenue, and has requested refund of that payment.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Tax Collector is authorized to make the following refund:

Refund Real Estate Erroneous Tax Payment:

Corelogic Tax Collection Services, LLC	\$ 1,982.03
P.O. Box 961230	
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0230	

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

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-17-05a WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Lions Club, 246 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, has applied for a license to conduct an on-premise draw raffle awarding merchandise as a prize on April 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Lions Club has been issued Identification No. 352-8-25800 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that said applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a raffle license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to the North Plainfield Lions Club for an on-premise draw raffle awarding merchandise as a prize to be held on April 9, 2017 at St. Luke’s Church Hall, 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Seconded by Mr. Merrill with Roll Call as follows:

Aye: Merrill, Righetti, Schaefer, Singleterry
Abstain: Stabile, La Ronde

Resolution carried 4-0-2.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Somerset County Office of Public Information Somerville, NJ	Various Communications, Advisories and News Releases
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, WPQJ970 – 1630-AM Radio	Calendar Updates and Advisories; Time-Sensitive Radio Scripts
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ	Newsletters and Advisories
NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters and Advisories
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Various Newsletters and Advisories
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ	Agenda and minutes
Information Station Specialists Zeeland, Michigan	The Source Newsletter

Creative Furniture, North Plainfield
 Plainfield Area Humane Society
 Plainfield, NJ
 Tri-County Chamber of Commerce
 South Plainfield, NJ
 NJ DEP
 Trenton
 Verizon NJ, Newark, NJ
 Craig Kruger, North Plainfield, NJ
 Butler Printing, South Plainfield
 Denise Szabo, RMC
 Bernards Twp. Clerk
 ATC Group Services
 Burlington, NJ
 Frank N. D'Amore Sr.
 North Plainfield

Invitation to Grand Opening Event
 Report and Invoicing
 Invitation to Event
 MS4 Permit
 Newsletter
 Feral Feline Information
 No-Knock Sticker Sample & estimate
 MCANJ Annual Educational Conference
 Alterations to T-Mobile monopole
 Application

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, asked for an investigation regarding the use of 31-33 Myrtle Avenue as a halfway house.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Giordano commented on the impending snow storm, calling for residents to exercise patience with the Department of Public Works' efforts to plow and remove snow. Mr. Hollod added that Borough Hall would be closed Tuesday, March 14 and would open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

Ms. Schaefer asked that residents check on their elderly neighbors after the storm.

Asking for patience with the snow plowing efforts, the Council President urged residents to dig out the fire hydrants and check on neighbors.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Stabile and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President