

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

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

Compliance Statement

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Miller:

08-14-23-01 Convening Executive Session: (Attorney/Client Privilege) Roll Call

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Affordable Housing – (B.H.)

RECONVENE

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Agenda Conference & Regular Meeting for July 24, 2023

Roll Call

HEARING & FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 3 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS", MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 3-7.10, ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT" AND EVEN MORE PARTICULARLY BY ADDING A NEW § 3-7.10.1, *ET SEQ.*, ENTITLED "BEGGING AND SOLICITING".

Reading of title by the Borough Acting Clerk

RESOLUTION: Ms. Corzo: 08-14-23-02 Adoption and advertising of Ordinance No. 23-10 Roll Call RESOLUTION: Ms. Given: 08-14-23-03 Introduction of New Ordinance No. 23-12 Roll Call INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE NO. 23-12 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED VILLA MARIA SITE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN Reading of title by the Borough Acting Clerk Roll Call

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:

Close public hearing

Statement by Council President

Mr. Merrill:08-14-23-04Approving Consent AgendaRoll Call

- a. Resolution for Electronic Tax Sale
- b. Resolution for Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates
- c. Resolution for St. Luke's Raffle License
- d. Resolution for Appointment of Bradley Ferencz, J.S.C. as Hearing Officer
- e. Resolution for Appointment of Michele Irby-Garry as Acting Borough Clerk
- f. Resolution Accepting \$400,000 LEAP Grant towards Purchase of Ladder Truck
- g. Resolution for Consolidated Bill List

REPORTS: BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT – JULY 2023

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJDOT Commitment to Communities NJDEP Office of Local Government Assistance	NJDOT Highway Occupancy Permit Process for Tv & Film Information NJDEP Commission LaTourette Congratulates					
	Successful Stormwater Assistant Grant Applicants					
Keiona Miller, NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection	NJDEP Weekly Update					
Plainfield Area Humane Society	Report & Invoicing					
Somerset County Business Partnership	Upcoming Events					

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. 08-14-23-01

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 – Affordable Housing

Exclusion of the public for this purpose is specifically permitted by <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 23-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 3 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS", MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 3-7.10, ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT" AND EVEN MORE PARTICULARLY BY ADDING A NEW § 3-7.10.1, *ET SEQ.*, ENTITLED "BEGGING AND SOLICITING".

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, this grant of authority includes the power to adopt reasonable ordinances for the regulation of begging, soliciting and "panhandling" for money and/or any other thing of any kind or value by the initiation of person-to-person contacts; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Code regulates currently regulates canvassing and soliciting for different charitable or mercantile purposes and regulates general disorderly conduct, but the Borough Council has determined to strengthen and reinforce the rights of all individuals to beg, solicit and/or "panhandle" as well as for the free and safe protection of its citizens, residents and business owners/operators from aggressive begging, soliciting and panhandling; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend, revise and supplement § 3-7.10 of the Borough Code regarding disorderly conduct to regulate begging and/or soliciting and/or "panhandling".

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 3 of the Borough Code, entitled "Police Regulations", more specifically § 3-7.10, entitled "Disorderly Conduct," and even more particularly by adding a new § 3-7.10.1, *et seq.*, entitled "Begging and Soliciting," as follows:

§ 3-7.10 Disorderly Persons in Public.

A. No person shall be permitted to so occupy any place to which the public has access, which includes, but is not limited to, a public street, road, thoroughfare, sidewalk, bridge, alley, plaza, park, recreation and/or or shopping area, public transportation facility, vehicle used for public transportation, parking lot or any other public building, structure or area as to be likely to cause substantial harm to him or herself

and/or other persons and/or as to be likely to interfere with or interrupt the passage of other persons or of vehicles.

B. A law enforcement officer engaged in executing or enforcing the law may order the person to disperse. A person who refuses or knowingly fails to obey such an order commits a violation of the subsection.

§ 3-7.10.1 Begging and Soliciting

§ 3-7.10.2 Legislative findings.

A. <u>The Borough of North Plainfield recognizes a constitutional right to beg and/or solicit and/or</u> panhandle in a peaceful and nonthreatening manner. The Borough of North Plainfield finds that an aggressive solicitation throughout the Borough is disturbing and disruptive to residents and businesses and has contributed to the restriction of access to and enjoyment of public places, and can lead to a sense of fear and intimidation from aggressive begging and panhandling.

B. <u>Aggressive begging and panhandling may include, but is not limited to, approaching or following</u> pedestrians, the use of abusive language, unwanted physical contact or the intentional blocking of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The Borough of North Plainfield further finds, for example, that the presence of individuals who solicit money from persons at or near banks or automated teller machines or laundromats can provoke a sense of fear or intimidation.

C. <u>This Article is not intended to limit any persons from exercising their constitutional right to solicit</u> funds, picket, protest and/or engage in other constitutionally protected activity.

§ 3-7.10.3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following words shall have the meanings described herein:

AGGRESSIVE MANNER —

- A. <u>Approaching or speaking to a person or following a person before, during or after soliciting,</u> asking or begging, if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to:
 - (1) Fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, damage to or loss of property or the commission of an offense under the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice upon oneself or another;
 - (2) <u>Otherwise be intimidated into giving money or other thing of value; or,</u>
 - (3) <u>Suffer unreasonable inconvenience, annoyance or alarm.</u>
- B. Intentionally touching and/or causing physical contact with another person or with an occupied vehicle, without that person's consent, in the course of soliciting, asking or begging.
- C. Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact.
- D. Blocking and/or interfering with the safe and/or free passage of a customer or potential

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customer and/or vendor or any other person seeking to enter or leave a commercial premises entrance at its intersecting location of a public sidewalk, pedestrian plaza and/or parking lot and/or driveway.

E. <u>Using violent and/or threatening gestures and/or language toward a person being so solicited.</u>

ASK — See "beg."

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE — A device linked to a financial institution's account records which is able to carry out transactions, including, but not limited to, account transfers, deposits, cash withdrawals, balance inquiries and mortgage and loan payments.

<u>AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE FACILITY</u> — The area comprised of one or more automated teller machines and any adjacent space which is made available to banking customers after regular banking hours.

BANK — Any banking corporation as defined in the United States Code or the New Jersey statutes.

BEG — Using the spoken, written and/or printed word and/or bodily gestures, signs and/or other means with the purpose of obtaining an immediate donation of money and/or other thing of value and/or offering goods or services of unspecified price in return for an immediate donation of money and/or other thing of value.

<u>CHECK CASHING BUSINESS</u> — Any person or entity duly licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Banking to engage in the business of cashing checks, drafts and/or money orders for consideration, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey banking laws.

<u>PUBLIC PLACE</u> — A place to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access and includes, but is not limited to, any street, highway, parking lot, plaza, transportation facility, school, place of amusement, park, playground, entrance to a commercial premises at its intersecting location with a public sidewalk, pedestrian plaza, driveway and/or parking lot, and any hallway, lobby and other portion of an apartment house or hotel not constituting a room or apartment designed for actual residence. Public places shall also include door- to-door begging in an aggressive manner as defined herein.

SOLICIT — See "beg."

§ 3-7.10.4. Prohibited acts.

No person shall:

A. <u>Solicit, ask or beg in an aggressive manner in any public place.</u>

B. <u>Solicit, ask or beg within twenty (20) feet of any entrance or exit of any bank or check cashing business during its business hours or within twenty (20) feet of any automated teller machine during any time it is available for customers' use; provided, however, that when an automated teller machine is located within an automated teller machine facility, such distance shall be measured from the entrance or exit of the automated teller machine facility; provided, further, that no person shall solicit, ask and/or beg within an automated teller machine facility where a reasonable person would or should know that (s)he</u>

does not have the permission to do so from the owner or other person lawfully in possession of such facility. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the lawful vending of goods and services within such areas.

C. <u>Solicit, ask or beg within twenty (20) feet of any entrance or exit of a commercial premises entrance</u> at its intersecting location with a public sidewalk, pedestrian plaza and/or parking lot and/or driveway, and/or blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a customer, potential customer, vendor or any other person seeking to enter or leave such entrance, when the commercial premises are open for business.

D. <u>Approach an operator or other occupant of a motor vehicle while such vehicle is located on any</u> street for the purpose of either performing or offering to perform a service in connection with such vehicle or otherwise soliciting the sale of goods or services, if such approaching, performing, offering or soliciting is done in an aggressive manner as defined in § 3-7.10.3; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to services rendered in connection with the lawful towing of such vehicle or in connection with emergency repairs requested by the operator or other occupant of such vehicle.</u>

§ 3-7.10.5. Violation and penalties.

Any violation of the provisions of this Article shall constitute a violation punishable, as provided in Chapter 1, § 1-5, General Penalty of the North Plainfield Borough Code.

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.

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 ______, 2023

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Michele Irby Garry	
Acting Borough Clerk	
Borough of North Plainfield	

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

Date signed: _____, 2023

Date signed: _____, 2023

Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-02

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 23-10 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: August 14, 2023

Adopted: August 14, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-03

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 23-12 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing September 11, 2023 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: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED VILLA MARIA SITE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law ("LRHL"), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*, the Borough Council authorized the Borough of North Plainfield Planning Board (the "Planning Board") to undertake a preliminary investigation for the redevelopment of approximately fourteen (14) acres of land known as Block 110, Lots 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 2.06, 2.07, 2.08, 2.09, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13 and 2.14 as shown on the Borough of North Plainfield Tax Map (the "Study Area"); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-6, undertook a preliminary investigation, as presented by Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC ("PPG"), and, in conjunction therewith, adopted a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area, the location of the various parcels of property constituting the Study Area and a statement setting forth the basis for its Preliminary Investigation; and,

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2016, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 01-25-16-07d designating the Study Area as an "area in need of redevelopment" ("Redevelopment Area") and authorized the Borough of North Plainfield to use all of the powers provided by the New Jersey State Legislature for use in the Study Area; and,

WHEREAS, Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC ("Phillips Preiss") was authorized to prepare a Redevelopment Plan, which Redevelopment Plan is entitled "Villa Maria Site Redevelopment Plan, Borough of North Plainfield, New Jersey," last dated June 2020 (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and,

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Borough Council adopted the Redevelopment Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the LRHL authorizes municipalities to amend an adopted redevelopment plan for an area in need of redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, Phillips Preiss was authorized to prepare an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan, revised June 2023 (the "Amended Redevelopment Plan"), to incorporate revisions that are necessary for the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area; and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on July 27, 2023, the Planning Board reviewed the Amended Redevelopment Plan and has determined that it will continue to help implement the Borough's adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP"), and is substantially consistent with and will effectuate the purposes of, the Borough's Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby finds that it is appropriate to adopt the Amended Redevelopment Plan in accordance with the requirements of the LHRL.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Amended Redevelopment Plan, as referenced in this Ordinance, a copy of which is annexed hereto, be and is hereby adopted in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-7 of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

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.

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

_____, 2023

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Michele Irby-Garry, CMR Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President

Date signed: _____, 2023

Date signed: _____, 2023

Larence La Ronde, Mayor

Date signed: _____, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

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

Council President

Council Member

Introduced:August 14, 2023Adopted:August 14, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04a

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, <u>NJSA 54:5-19.1</u> authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for pilot programs, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct pilot programs, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations authorize a municipality to submit an application for participation in the pilot program for an electronic tax sale, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyer, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale program for an electronic tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield wishes to participate in the pilot program for an electronic sale.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that Kathleen Intravartolo is hereby authorized and directed to complete an application to participate in the electronic tax sale program and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023

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 August 14, 2023.

Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04b

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 Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificate(s) as follows:

Block 127 Lot 4	39 Harrison Ave.	# 01-52	issued 6/19/2001 #05-35 issued 12/30/2005	
			#06-00081	issued 6/29/2006
			#07-00080	issued 12/18/2007
			#11-00127	issued 9/20/2011
			#13-00181	issued 12/4/2013
			#15-00138	issued 10/29/2015

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04c

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Church, 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, has applied for licenses to conduct an off-premises cash draw raffle on October 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Church has been issued Identification No. 352-1-14479 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 raffles licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue license to St. Luke's Church for an off-premise cash raffle to be held on October 29, 2023 at 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: August 14, 2023

Adopted: August 14, 2023

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 August 14, 2023.

> Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04d

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRADLEY FERENCZ, J.S.C. (ret.) AS HEARING OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is required to conduct disciplinary hearings from time to time regarding Borough employees, pursuant to law; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator wishes to have the Hon. Bradley Ferencz, J.S.C. (ret.) designated as Hearing Officer for various Borough employee disciplinary hearings, pursuant to Borough of North Plainfield Code § 2-8.5 in order to provide an independent Hearing Officer in disciplinary matters; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Law has also determined that it is advisable to provide for an Independent Hearing Officer to conduct disciplinary hearings for all disciplinary matters regarding all Borough employees pursuant to law and concurs with the Borough Administrator's wishes; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Hon. Bradley Ferencz, J.S.C. (ret.) as an Independent Hearing Officer for all Borough employee disciplinary matters until another appointment of an Independent Hearing Officer is made. An Agreement shall be entered into with Judge Ferencz and adequate funding shall be allocated for same.

Frank "Skip" Stabile, III, Council President

Introduced: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023 Council Member

CERTIFICATION

By my signature below, I hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield at its regular meeting of August 14, 2023.

Michele Irby Garry Acting Municipal Clerk

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04e

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING AN ACTING BOROUGH CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey requires the appointment of an Acting Borough Clerk, subject to the appointment of a permanent successor due to a vacancy in the office of Borough Clerk, effective January 9, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Michele Irby Garry has served as the Deputy Borough Clerk for the Borough of North Plainfield and held such position prior to the vacancy in the office of Borough Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-133(c) permits the appointment of an Acting Borough Clerk for a period not to exceed one (1) year if the individual does not hold a registered municipal clerk's certificate, which Ms. Irby Garry does not; and,

WHEREAS, Michele Irby Garry has been serving in the capacity of Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield since January 10, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Michele Irby Garry as the Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, retroactive to January 10, 2023, in accordance with and under the terms of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-133(c) for a period not to exceed January 9, 2024.

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President

Council Member

Introduced: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023

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 August 14, 2023.

Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04f

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

LOCAL EFFICIENCY ACHIEVMENT PROGRAM (LEAP)

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has allocated \$3.275 million in Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) funds to promote shared service initiatives among peer local units across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) administers the LEAP grant program; and

WHERAS, LEAP Implementation Grants provide reimbursement for qualifying expenses incurred in the implementation of a local or regional service agreements, or for the coordination of programs and services authorized under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the LEAP Implementation Grant exists to help cover costs associated with shared services implementation - including one-time reimbursable costs for project completion or transition support for municipalities and counties;

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has agreed to be the lead agency in this program; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield, is acknowledging and accepting the responsibility of acting as administrator for this grant on behalf of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield received a Notice of Award from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) its eligibility to receive a LEAP Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the award is to provide funding to assist in the joint purchase of a fire service ladder truck; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Governing Body does hereby accept the award of \$400,000.00, to fund the North Plainfield/Watchung Fire Departments - Shared Ladder Truck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough of North Plainfield be and hereby is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on behalf of the Borough of North Plainfield and the Borough of Watchung, and upon execution of said Agreement, the Borough of North Plainfield does accept the Terms and Conditions specified in the Agreement in connection to this grant award.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: August 14, 2023

Adopted: August 14, 2023

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 August 14, 2023.

> Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-23-04g

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 14th day of August, 2023 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: August 14, 2023 Adopted: August 14, 2023

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 August 14, 2023.

> Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:_____

July 2023

Board of Health Monthly Report



North Plainfield

PREPARED BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Somerset County Department of Health – Board of Health Monthly Report North Plainfield

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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 to report

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.
 - New cases of elevated blood lead levels: 1
 - Environmental Inspection: 1
 - Home visits conducted for elevated blood lead levels: 2
 - 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

• 13

Top Three Communicable Diseases

- Novel Coronavirus- 2019 NCOV 3
- Hepatitis B 3
- Salmonellosis 2

Emergency Preparedness

COVID-19 vaccines are administered at various clinics throughout the County - total of **68,287** 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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July 2023 Consumer Health

Consumer Health Program Overview

- Plan Reviews: 0
- Retail food inspections: 2
- Retail Food re-inspections: 0
- Retail Food pre-operational inspections: 0
- Special Event applications: 3
- Complaint Investigations: 3
- Recreational bathing pre-operational inspections: 1
- Recreational bathing operational inspection:2
- Recreational bathing reinspection:1
- Received animal bite report: 0

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



- New cases of elevated blood lead levels: 1
- Environmental Inspection: 1
- Home visits conducted for elevated blood lead levels: 2
- Closed cases of elevated blood lead levels: 1

Court Proceedings / Enforcement Actions

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

Basic Food Handler Certification



• Completion of ServSafe Basic Food Handler course: 0



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BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT Borough of North Plainfield JULY 1ST -31, 2023

PROGRAM AREA	2023 INSP	2022 INSP	2023 RE-INSP	2022 RE-INSP	2023 Year-To-Date INSP RE-INSP			ear-To-Date
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Retail Food	2	3	0	0	88	10	62	5
Retail Food: follow up	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Temp/mobile Retail Food	3	6	0	0	8	0	12	0
Retail Food: Pre opt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Recreational Bathing	3	1	1	0	5	1	4	1
Massage parlor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
COMPLAINTS	2023 REC'D	2022 REC'D	2023 INVG	2022 INVG	2023 Y REC'D	ear-To-Date INVG	2022 Y REC'D	ear-To-Date INVG
Retail Food Establishments	2	0	2	0	8	8	4	4
Garbage / Debris	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Vermin / Insect	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0
Property Maintenance	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0
Public Health Nuisance	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal	1	0	1	0	4	2	0	0
Mold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odor – Non-CEHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise – Non-CEHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADMINISTRATIVE	2023		2022		2023 Y	'ear-To-Date	2022 Ye	ear-To-Date
Consultations	0		0		0		0	
Plan Reviews	0		1		0		2	
Hearings	0		0		0		0	
Court Proceedings	0		0		1		0	
NOV's Issued	0		0		1		1	
Summonses Issued	0		0		0		0	
Lab Reports Reviewed	0		0		0		0	
Staff Meetings	0		0		0		0	

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
	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	7/5/2023									
UNIQUE SWEETS AMAZING TASTE NP	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	7/7/2023									
TONYS ITALIAN SAUSAGE LLC 7-1-23	NORTH PLAINFIELD		7/1/2023	\checkmark								
RAMONITA AVILES BALLOON PALACE	NORTH PLAINFIELD		7/1/2023									
MAMA SWEETS 7-1-23	NORTH PLAINFIELD		7/1/2023	\checkmark								
			TOTALS	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0

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RECREATIONAL BATHING REPORT

	FACILITY NAME	CITY	INSPEC DATE	NEXT INSPEC DATE	TYPE FACILITY	INSPECTION RESULT	_
-	CYPRESS GARDENS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/26/2023		POOL	SATISFACTORY	
	CYPRESS GARDENS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/25/2023		POOL	UNSATISFACTORY	
	GREENBROOK GARDENS POOL	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/11/2023		POOL	SATISFACTORY	
	REGENCY VILLAGE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	7/27/2023		POOL	SATISFACTORY	

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

COMPLAINTS REPORT -- 7/1/2023 TO 7/31/2023

PROPERTY / LOC GEROGRAPHIC ADDRESS AREA	ТҮРЕ	ACTION	STATUS	DATE RECEIVED	DATE of INVESTIGATION	FILE NUMBER
NORTH PLAINFIELD	RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT	INVESTIGATION	CLOSED	7/3/2023	7/3/2023	NP-23-07-03-0023
NORTH PLAINFIELD	PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE	INVESTIGATION	CLOSED	7/3/2023	7/3/2023	NP-23-06-03-0022
NORTH PLAINFIELD	MOSQUITO	REFFERED	CLOSED	7/10/2023	7/11/2023	NP-23-07-10-0025
NORTH PLAINFIELD	ANIMAL	RE-INSPECTION	CLOSED	7/17/2023		NP-23-07-17-0026
NORTH PLAINFIELD	ANIMAL	INVESTIGATION	CLOSED	7/17/2023	7/18/2023	NP-23-07-17-0026



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County Environmental Compliance & Enforcement



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

Pesticides



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

Open Public Records Act (OPRA)

• OPRA reports completed: 0



NJDEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection



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Health Education Services

Monthly Health Observances



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- SCDOH health educators promote and bring awareness to monthly health observances through press releases, social media & community outreach opportunities.
 - UV Safety Awareness Month
 - World Drowning Prevention Day (July 25)

Community Outreach/Programming – Listed on calendar below

Social Media

• Outreach on Twitter for monthly health observances, COVID-19 immunization information/clinics, hurricane and pet preparedness, UV safety, diabetes, extreme heat safety, air quality, mosquito & tick bite prevention, vaccination, food safety, boil water advisory information, etc.

Community Outreach/Programs

- North Plainfield Community Day 7/1
- Franklin 4th of July Fireworks Event 7/3
- Community in Crisis Peer Recovery Pop-up events Emergency Preparedness Presentation 7/6 (Bound Brook) and 7/13 (North Plainfield)
- Hope Church Block Party Bound Brook 7/8
- Basic Food Handler course (online) through ServSafe 7/19
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Outreach provided educational materials

Meetings

- Healthier Somerset Coalition Meeting 7/18
- Latina Advisory Council Meeting 7/24
- NJDOH Interagency Vectorborne Disease Working Group 7/26

Publications

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- <u>Caring for Yourself flyer</u>
- Mosquito and Tick Bite Prevention
- Powassan Virus

SCDOH Website Management

- Upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinic dates
- Webpage updates
 - Health Education → Added SCDOH Education Fact Sheets
 - Mosquito and Tick Bite Prevention
 - Powassan Virus
 - Caring for Yourself Flyer
 - Events Calendar → COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Flyers

Upcoming/In Development

- National Night Out in Somerville, Franklin, Manville and Raritan 8/1
 - Balaji Temple Health Fair (Bridgewater) RCDC outreach/education 8/6
 - Somerset County 4-H Fair 8/9 -8/11
 - Zufall Health Center Week Event 8/10
 - Back to School Event at HOPES in Franklin 8/12
 - Basic Food Handler Course 8/16
 - Quail Brook Senior Center outreach and education 8/17
 - Employee Safety, Health & Wellness Day at Veeco in Somerset 8/24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Twitter posts for Health Observances throughout the month						1 North Plainfield Community Day
2	3 Franklin 4 th of July Fireworks Event	4	5	6 Emergency Preparedness Presentation	7	8 Hope Church Block Party
9	10	11	12	13 Emergency Preparedness Presentation	14	15
16	17	18 Healthier Somerset Coalition Meeting	19 Basic Food Handler Course COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Outreach	20	21	22
23	24 Latina Advisory Council Meeting	25	26 Vectorborne Disease Working Group Meeting	27	28	29
30	31					



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Public Health Emergency Preparedness – LINCS Team

External Meetings



- LINCS Meeting 07/21
 - NACCHO 360 Conference in Denver, Colorado 07/10 to 07/14
 - Central HCC Meeting 07/17
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Audit NJDOH 7/31

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Outreach/Activities

- SCDOH COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics total of 68,287 COVID-19 vaccines administered since December 2020
- SCDOH Distribution of antigen COVID-19 test kits to municipalities 122
- Preparedness Presentations at Community in Crisis Pop-Up Recovery Events 07/6 (Bound Brook) and 07/13 (North Plainfield)

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 four categories.

- Public Health Information 10 messages sent
- Public Health Update 1 message sent
- Public Health Advisory 4 messages sent
- Public Health Alert 0 messages sent
- Somerset County Department of Health LINCS Messages 3 messages sent

Somerset County Medical Reserve Corps

• MRC Well Check Webinar – 07/11

Upcoming/In Development

- National Night Out 08/01 (Manville)
- Quarterly NJ HERC Meeting 08/02
- 4H Fair 08/09 to 08/11
- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the United Reformed Church in Somerville on Thursday 08/10
- Back to School Event 08/12 (Franklin)
- BP Screening Franklin Township Public Library 08/15
- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center at Bridgewater on Wednesday 08/16

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2	3	4	5	6	/	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			COVID-19			
			Vaccine Clinic			

July Clinic Schedule

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	27 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	28	29
30	31					