

MINUTES of the **Agenda Conference** Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **June 10, 2024** at 7:35p.m. at North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David Hollod, Borough Administrator
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Michele Irby-Garry, Acting Borough Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 11, 2023 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose.”

The Council President noted that an Executive Session on the topic of **Pending Litigation** would be held at the close of regular business of the meeting.

Pride Month Proclamation was read by Ms. Corzo, Mr. McIntyre and Ms. Given

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Francine Gargano 57 Willow Avenue has two comments with the tax abatement for Affordable Housing and noise complaint and the cops are not doing anything about it.

Ryan Fisher from Fairview Avenue has issues with the noise in the neighborhood requesting a shorter time for loud music with decimals.

Francis Gallagher 61 Willow Avenue thanked everyone for their services and has issues with the noises on this block.

Mark Storm 296 Brook Avenue has issues with the noises with cars.

Council President proposed the question to Borough Attorney can neighbors be taken to court like Ms. Gargano has done in the past.

Mr. George stated with the noise ordinance will try to cover these issues and the zoning officer can be contacted.

Mr. McIntyre indicated to take photos and contact zoning officer with time and date.

Ms. Mercedes Mejia 94 Fairview Avenue she has been calling the police about the noises and she cannot enjoy her house. A lot of fireworks, loud music and noises from mufflers.

Mr. Bruce & Nancy Conner 61 Abbotsford Road lived here for 30 years but there is a lot of noises with music. He has told people to turn the music down and understand people are enjoying themselves.

New Business:

1. **Recent Grant Awards** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollard detailed there are 6 grants awarded. The leafing out grant was awarded for \$860,000 and \$12,500 for staff training. The Vehicle Charging stations was awarded and stations will be installed. We can charge for the electricity; 80% is fully funded. Patio at the Community Center project was awarded for \$639,00 and \$463,000 came from the grant. 72% funded. The DCA Recreation Improvement grant was for \$100,000 and we received \$78,000 which was the highest received from the towns. CD Block Project Grant was for \$150,000 and we received \$99,703.00. Mayor La Ronde added that he sits on the board and Mr. Hollod gave a very detailed report and the borough spent the funds within a timely manner while other towns didn't even begin. Therefore, those funds might be returned to us. American Recovery Plan Grant was \$500,000 towards the repairing and replacing sanitary sewers on Greenbrook Road. Council President stated that was fantastic news. Mayor La Ronde added that the Opioid Settlement is being paid out to municipalities and we have been getting paid by defendants of \$200,000. The funds can be used for different programs and National Night out giving out supplies for recovering addicts. Mr. Merrill congratulated the Mayor and asked about any covid fund left over. Mr. Hollod stated we used the funds for touchless faucets and plexiglass and we might benefit from other towns that didn't use the funds.
2. **Noise Ordinance** – L.L. The ordinance is not intended for residents but for organizations, churches, and Board of Education. There are few changes to the ordinance and recommends to table. He would like to change the hours and change the 100 feet to 50 feet. Discussion by Council on the noise if you have a backyard events. Council President stated its not for residents
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Old Business: none

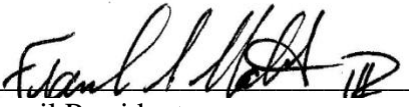
REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS:

Ms. Corzo attended the May 8th Planning Board Meeting for the Villa Maria Project and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Acting Clerk


Council President