

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Agenda Conference & Regular Meeting for June 10, 2024

Roll Call

HEARING & FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE I OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE", MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 2-6, ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION," AND MORE PARTICULARLY § 2-6.5, ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE".

Reading of title by the Borough Acting Clerk

MOTION: Close public hearing Roll Call

RESOLUTION: Mr. McIntyre:

06-24-24-01 Adoption & Advertising Ordinance No. 24-14 Roll Call

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Schaefer:

06-24-24-02 Introduction of Ordinance No. 24-13

Roll Call

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER THREE OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS," MORE SPECIFICALLY, BY AMENDING, REVSING AND SUPPLEMENTING § 3-7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT".

Reading of title by Acting Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

Ms. Corzo:

06-24-24-03 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Garage Sale Waivers
- b. Resolution Authorizing Final Payment to Vortex Services, LLC for Rockview Avenue
- c. Resolution for Refund Real Estate Erroneous Taxes for 314 Plainfield Avenue
- d. Resolution for Refund of Overpayment of Taxes for 542 Oakridge Avenue
- e. Resolution Authorizing Tax Duplicate Sale Certificate
- f. Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Motor Vehicles Sales
- g. Resolution for the Consolidated Bill List
- h. Resolution Authorizing Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC for 2025-2026 On-Call Emergency Services
- Resolution Authorizing Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC to update Official Borough Tax Maps
- j. Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for NJDOT for Walnut Street and Jefferson Avenue Improvement Project

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJDEP Office of Local Government

Service Assistance Weekly Newsletter

General Code 360 Tips

Somerset County Public Information Park Commission Giveaway Milkweed

Plants

REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 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

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BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 24-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE I OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE", MORE SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 2-6, ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION," AND MORE PARTICULARLY § 2-6.5, ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE,"

WHEREAS, § 2-6.5 of the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield authorizes the Mayor to appoint a Parks and Recreation Committee; and,

WHEREAS, after proper investigation, the Mayor's Office has determined that the Parks and Recreation Committee has performed outstanding work for the benefit of residents of the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office has determined that the Parks and Recreation Committee should be restructured to be able to continue its work in a more streamlined and timely fashion by amending the quorum requirements thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend, revise and supplement § 2-6.5 of the Borough Code regarding the Mayor's Parks and Recreation Committee to restructure the Parks and Recreation Committee to be able to continue its work in a more streamlined and timely fashion.

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 Article I of the Administrative Code of the Borough Code, entitled "Administrative Code", more specifically Chapter 2-6, entitled

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"Department of Administration," and more particularly § 2-6.5, entitled "Establishment of Parks and Recreation Committee," as follows:

§ 2-6.5 Establishment of Parks and Recreation Committee.

- e. Organizational Matters.
- 1. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall not be deemed to be a recreation commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-1 et seq. or N.J.S.A. 40:61-17 et seq., and shall have only those powers and duties as specifically set forth herein or as established by ordinance adopted by the Borough Council.
- 2. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall have no spending and/or financial authority and no hiring authority.
- 3. Meetings. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall, at its first meeting each year, set a schedule for the holding of open public meetings and shall annually elect from its membership a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. The Secretary shall arrange for the publication of the schedule of meetings with the Borough Clerk, keep minutes of all meetings and official correspondence and keep complete and detailed records of the Parks and Recreation Committee's activities. The Secretary shall submit a copy of the minutes to the Borough Clerk for public record as soon as they are approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- 4. Schedule. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall hold periodic public meetings at a time and day determined at the beginning of each year. These meetings shall take place at Borough Hall or at such other suitable public place as it may determine upon notice to the Borough Clerk and to the public. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair at any time, upon written notice to the Borough Clerk, Mayor and to the public.
- 5. Quorum. A majority of the membership (seven members) (three (3) members) shall constitute a quorum.
- 6. Adoption of By-Laws. The Parks and Recreation Committee may adopt its own by-laws for conducting its meetings, a copy of which shall be provided to the Borough Administrator before adoption.

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

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in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b),

declaring an emerge	ency and providing that	this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.
INTRODUCED:		
PASSED:		
PUBLISHED:		
ADOPTED:		
ROLL CALL:	AYES:	
	NAYS:	
	ABSTAIN:	
	ABSENT:	
APPROVED BY T	HE MAYOR: Yes _	No
The above is		inance adopted by the Borough of North Plainfield or
ATTEST:		BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
Michele Irby-Garry Acting Borough Clo Borough of North P	erk	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President
Date signed:	, 2024	Date signed:
Lawrence LaRonde	, Mayor	
Date signed:)24.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-01

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that Ordinance numbered 24-14 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

 Council President
Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024

Adopted: June 24, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-02

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 24-13 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing July 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey or Zoom as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Council President
Council Member
Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024

Adopted: June 24, 2024

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 24-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER THREE OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS," MORE SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING, REVSING AND SUPPLEMENTING § 3-7 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT".

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 bylaws 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 any noise which annoys and/or disturbs humans and/or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans of the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has received complaints by email, telephone and at public meetings of late night and excessively loud and disturbing music coming from parties, events, vehicles or other occurrences within the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate for the regulation of any such noise to amend, revise and supplement Chapter Three of the Borough Code, entitled "Police Regulations," more specifically by amending, revising and supplementing § 3-7 of the Borough Code, entitled "Disorderly Conduct," in the Borough of North Plainfield.

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 by amending, revising and supplementing § 3-7 of the Borough Code, entitled "Disorderly Conduct," as follows:

§ 3-7 **DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**

§ 3-7.1 **Definitions.**

As used in this section:

AUDIBLE, CLEARLY AUDIBLE OR PLAINLY AUDIBLE

Shall mean any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties of normal acuity. The detection of a rhythmic bass component of any music is sufficient to verify an audible, clearly audible or plainly audible sound, but a person detecting such sound need not determine a title, specific words or the artist performing the music for such to be audible, clearly audible or plainly audible.

NOISE

Shall mean any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.

SOUND

Shall mean an oscillation in pressure, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical parameter, in a medium with internal forces that causes compression and rarefaction of that medium. The description of sound may include any characteristics of such sound, including duration, intensity and frequency.

§ 3-7.2 Loud, Unnecessary or Unusual Noise Prohibited.

- a. It shall be unlawful for a person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which does or is likely to annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others. It shall be unlawful for a person to cause to be made or continued from any mechanical source, including but not limited to any motor vehicle or system thereof, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which does or is likely to annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, except as set forth in this Section.
- b. Radios; Televisions; Phonographs; Instruments. It shall be unlawful for a person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued the playing, use or operation of any radio receiving set, television, amplified or unamplified musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring inhabitants or the public. The operation of such a machine or device so that it is clearly audible at a distance of 100 50 (fifty) feet from the building in which it is located, or outdoor space in which it is operated, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. The operation of a nuisance vehicle under Borough Code § 3-19 and/or *N.J.S.A.* 39:3C-35 so that its sound system is clearly audible at a distance

- of fifty (50) feet from the location of any person, or in outdoor space in which it is operated, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- c. Portable Powered Tools, Machines and Devices. It shall be unlawful for a person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued the operation of any portable powered saw, hammer, compressor or other tool, machine or device, whether powered by internal combustion, compressed air or electrical or other power source, in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring inhabitants or the public except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The operation of such a tool, machine or device so that it is clearly audible at a distance of fifty (50) 100 feet from the building in which it is located, or outdoor space in which it is operated, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- d. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit playing by a band or orchestra of music by a band or orchestra, DJ, amplified or unamplified musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, in a hall, building or in the open air by any non-profit organization, Board of Education or Borough of North Plainfield for an organized or sponsored program, activity or event, or by any other public program, activity or event, provided, however, that prior written approval therefor has been obtained from the Borough of North Plainfield.
- e. No program, activity or event for which a prior approval under section (d) above has been granted by the Borough of North Plainfield shall commence before 12 noon or end after 9:00pm on Sunday through Saturday, including holidays.
- f. A first violation of Borough Code § 3-7.2(a) where the noise is made or continued from any mechanical source, including but not limited to any motor vehicle or system thereof, shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00. A second or subsequent violation where the noise is made or continued from any mechanical source, including but not limited to any motor vehicle or system thereof, shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00. All other of this Section of the Borough Code shall be subject to the general penalties set forth in Borough Code § 1-5, General Penalty.

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 T	HE MAYOR:	Yes	No	
The above i		the Ordina	nce adopted by the Bor	rough of North Plainfield on
ATTEST:			BOROUGH OF NOR	RTH PLAINFIELD
Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clo Borough of North F	erk		Frank A. "Skip" Stab	ile, Jr., Council President
Date signed:		_, 2024	Date signed:	, 2024
Lawrence LaRonde	, Mayor			
Date signed:		, 2024		

Sunday, October 6, 2024, the restriction on the number of signs advertising garage sales for such a two (2) day sale per N.P.R.G.O. 4-11.6 shall be waived for this event.

Council President
Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024 Adopted: June 24, 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 North Plainfield Borough Council at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on June 24, 2024.

By:	
J	Michele Irby-Garry Acting Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

Date signed: June 24, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03b

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT NO. 3 (FINAL) TO VORTEX SERVICES, L.L.C. AND THE CLOSING OUT AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF THE CONTRACT AND THE RELEASE OF RETAINAGE FOR THE ROCKVIEW AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield previously awarded a contract for the Rockview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") to Vortex Services, L.L.C. (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"); and,

WHEREAS, Bryan Oakes, P.E., of Mott McDonald, the Borough's Engineer for the Project, on behalf of the Borough, by letter dated May 31, 2024, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Acting Borough Clerk and made a part hereof, has reviewed the Contractor's submission for Payment No.3(Final) and CHANGE Order No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, the original contract price for the Project was One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$102,914.00), which has been adjusted by the Final Contract Completed Cost, through change Order No. 1, decreasing the final contract amount by Seven Thousand, One Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Two Cents (\$7,116.02) to a final Contract Price of Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$95,797.98); and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor has submitted said Final Payment No.3, adjusted by the above amount, to a final Contract Balance due in the total amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$1,915.96) plus the release of any and all of the Contractor's retained funds held by the Borough for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Contract, the Contractor has submitted a one (1) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$95,797.98), with an effective date of May 6, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esquire and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. have reviewed the Borough's Engineer on this Project and the Contractor's submissions and accept same based on the recommendations of the Borough Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the request for Final Payment No.3

(Final) and Change Order No. 1 and the Closeout of the Rockview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project is approved with Vortex Services, L.L.C., whose main offices are located at 210 Bennett Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728, in the total amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Ninety Six Cents (\$1,915.96) plus the release of any and all of the Contractor's retained funds held by the Borough for the Project, which Final Payment Request and Closeout request is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth within and payment for same is authorized to be made to the Contractor, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the original contract price for the Project was One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$102,914.00), which has been adjusted by the Final Contract Completed Cost through Change Order No. 1 in the amount of Seven Thousand, One Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Two Cents (\$7,116.02), decreasing the final contract amount to a final Contract Price of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$95,797.98), which final contract price is hereby approved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Acting Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute any and all necessary documents to close out the Project and issue Final Payment No. 3 (Final), implement Change Order No. 1, and release all retainage.

		By:		
		J	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile	
			Council President	
			Council Member	
Introduced:	June 24, 2024			
Adopted:	June 24, 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 North Plainfield Borough Council at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on June 24, 2024.

	BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
Date Signed:	By:
	Michele Irby Garry
	Acting Borough Clerk
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RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03c

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Robert Santiago Lascano inadvertently paid on taxes for Block 85 Lot 19 and has requested refund of that payment, and;

WHEREAS, his mortgage company had 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:

Robert Santiago Lascano \$500.00
314 Plainfield Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024

Adopted: June 24, 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 June 24, 2024.

Michala Irby Garry

Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: June 24, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03d

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 542 Oakridge Avenue, also known as Block 203.02 Lot 9 was deemed a 100% Disabled Veteran and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, the property taxes were billed on the aforementioned parcel for 2021 1st quarter:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes and refund overpayments on this parcel:

Refund Overpayments to:

Richard M. Wolff \$2,151.60 542 Oakridge Avenue North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Council President
Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024

Adopted: June 24, 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 June 24, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: June 24, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03e

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 145 Lot 11	46-50 Myrtle Ave.	#09-322	issued 10/1/20 #12-00173	009 issued 10/23/2012
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		Council Preside		
		Council Memb	er	
Introduced: June 24	4, 2024			
Adopted: June 24	1, 2024			
		CERTIFICATION		
	eby certify the forego	ing to be a true c	-	Plainfield, County of Somerset, State on adopted by the Borough Council at
		Michel	e Irby Garry	
		_	Borough Clerk	
Date signed: June 24,	. 2024	Boroug	h of North Plainfie	eld

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03f

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, applications have been filed pursuant to <u>N.P.R.G.O.</u> 4-10 for licenses to utilize certain lots within the Borough of North Plainfield for the display or storage for sale of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield has received certifications from the appropriate Borough officials that the applicants have satisfactorily complied with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Acting Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue licenses in accordance with the filed applications to the applicants listed below for the utilization of certain lots within the Borough for the display or storage for sale of motor vehicles for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

- 1. Cartopia, LLC 897 Route 22 West
- 2. GPB Cars 12 LLC, d/b/a North Plainfield Nissan 545 Route 22 West
- 3. Global Motors Corp., t/a Global Auto Mall 1099-1155 Route 22 West
- 4. Mike Joseph Masi, t/a M&R Auto Sales 505 Somerset Street
- 5. VIP Cycle & Sport Center Inc., t/a VIP Honda Inc. 700 Route 22 East
- 6. VIP Cycle & Sport Center Inc., t/a VIP Honda Inc. 726-750 Route 22 East
- 7. VIP Cycle & Sport Center Inc., t/a VIP Honda Inc. 767 Route 22 West
- 8. VIP Cycle & Sport Center Inc., t/a VIP Honda Inc. 16-18 Hudson Avenue

 Council President
Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024 Adopted: June 24, 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 June 24, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: June 26, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03g

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 24th day of June 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: June 24, 2024 Adopted: June 24, 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 June 24, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: June 24, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03h

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ACTING BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR 2025-2026 ON-CALL EMERGENCY REPAIR CONTRACT BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of a professional engineer to provide certain engineering services for the preparation of On-Call Emergency Repair Contract Bid Documents for calendar years 2025 and 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, with a principal place of business located at 77 Brant Avenue, Suite 105, Clark, New Jersey 07066, is in the business of providing engineering services and has submitted a proposal for 2025-2026 On-Call Emergency Repair Contract Bid Documents for the Borough of North Plainfield, Somerset County, New Jersey, dated June 3, 2024, for a fixed fee in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for preparation of On-Call Emergency Repair Contract Bid Documents for calendar years 2025 and 2026, all of which are contemplated and set forth in the afore-referenced proposal, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk, and the contents of which are incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the engineering services of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC 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 the Acting Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, 77 Brant Avenue, Suite 105, Clark, New Jersey 07066, for preparation of On-Call Emergency Repair Contract Bid Documents for calendar years 2025 and 2026 for a fixed fee in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), as contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this Contract in the amount above shall be subject to the Certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

	FURTHER RESOLVED the Start Contracts Laws of the Start	hat the award is made pursuant to and consistent with te of New Jersey.
		Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President
		Council Member
Introduced: Adopted:	June 24, 2024 June 24, 2024	
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of Somerset, S	State of New Jersey, do hereby	cipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County y certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution ng of the Borough Council held on June 24, 2024.
		Michele Irby Garry Acting Municipal Clerk Borough of North Plainfield
Date signed:		-

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24-24-03i

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM GROTTO ENGINERING ASSOCIATES, LLC TO UPDATE OFFICIAL BOROUGH TAX MAPS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of assistance to update the Borough's official tax maps, which have not been updated in several years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has received a proposal from Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, dated June 17, 2024, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk and the contents of which are incorporated herein, to provide professional services relative to the updating of official Borough tax maps for approval by the State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC will coordinate with the Borough Tax Assessor confirm all changes that have been recorded since the last update of the official tax maps in 2007; produce an electronic CAD file of the Borough Tax Maps to develop an updated Official Borough Tax Map with a new revision date; and, make any changes or revisions as may be required by the State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC will coordinate with the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation to insure that the format for the revised and updated tax maps is acceptable; once the tax maps are accepted by the State, provide the Borough with six (6) eleven (11) inch by seventeen (17) inch hard copies and two (2) twenty four (24) inch by thirty (30) inch copies of the final map as well as a .pdf copy which can be placed on the official Borough website; and, provide an electronic CAD file of the Borough Tax Maps; and,

WHEREAS, the services associated with professional services relative to the updating of official Borough tax maps for approval by the State of New Jersey will be charged on an hourly basis as per Grotto's proposal, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500.00):

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 accepts the proposal submitted by Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC to perform the professional services relative to the updating of official Borough tax maps for approval by the State of New Jersey for an aggregate total amount for all of these projects, not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Acting Municipal Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute the proposals

submitted by Grotto Engineering Associates LLC, dated June 17, 2024, pertaining to all of these services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this proposal shall be subject to the certification of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award and the proposal and its performance shall be consistent with all applicable laws, the Borough's bid documents and the bid proposals of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, dated June 17, 2024, for the Services set forth herein.

Frank A. "Skip" Sta	abile
Council President	

Introduced: June 24, 2024 Adopted: June 24, 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 June 24, 2024.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Municipal Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:

RESOLUTION No. 06-24-24-03j

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATE OF NEW JERSEY

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WALNUT STREET & JEFFERSON AVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are herby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Walnut St & Jefferson Ave Improvements-00281 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of North Plainfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of North Plainfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

Ву:	
	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
	Council President
	Council Member

Introduced: June 24, 2024

Adopted: June 24, 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
North Plainfield Borough Council at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on June 24, 2024.

		BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
Date Signed:	By:	
		Michele Irby Garry
		Acting Borough Clerk

Monthly Report

April 2024



Accreditation demonstrates the professional achievements of the men and women of this Department. This recognition further demonstrates our collective dedication to excellence in professional Law Enforcement. By voluntarily meeting New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission standards, the North Plainfield Police Department has shown itself willing to be held to a higher level of professionalism, building trust between the Department and the citizens it serves

Prepared For: Mayor Lawrence La Ronde

Prepared By: Chief William Parenti 263 Somerset Street North Plainfield, NJ 07060

June 20, 2024

ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers. Staffing and deficiencies:

• 2 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2022 and remains out of work.
- Ptl. Romasz injured her leg while directing traffic on December 19, 2023. She is currently out of work.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective April 8, 2024, Desmond Clark began employment as a SLEO III.
- Effective April 8, 2024, Alexandra Rice began employment as a Police Dispatcher.

CID Monthly Report

A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On April 3, 2024, a borough resident came to headquarters and reported that on March 26, 2024 he was on Facebook Marketplace and was attempting to purchase 2 wrestlemania tickets. He agreed to purchase 2 tickets for \$1,000.00 from an unknown male subject and paid him via Zelle. Continuing with the chat throughout the week, another unknown subject joined in and said if he wants the tickets he needs to pay more money. The victim paid an additional \$2,500.00 through the Zelle account and \$2,850.00 through an Apple Pay account, totaling \$6,350.00. The victim never received the tickets and at this point he believes this is a scam so he decided to stop payment to these unknown individuals.

On Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1248 hrs., patrol responded to the area of Race Street and Watchung Avenue on a report of a parking complaint. While on scene, a male approached the officer and reported that he was robbed at gun point over the weekend. The victim, a Plainfield resident, said that on Saturday, April 6, 2024, two unknown males robbed him at gun point. He said he parked his BMW in the area of Fairview Avenue just after 11:00 pm. While sitting in the driver seat of his vehicle and talking on the phone, two Hispanic males wearing dark clothing and masks covering their faces, approached his vehicle from the rear and one of the males pointed what he believes to be

a handgun at his temple. One male suspect exclaimed "don't look at me" and proceeded to go through his front pants pocket, removing \$500.00 in cash. The males then fled on foot in an unknown direction. He did not call the police because he was scared. CID was notified and is investigating.

On April 29, 2024 at 2135 hrs., two residents of the borough, a husband and wife, came to headquarters and reported that at 1625 hrs., they received a call from an unknown number and the female caller identified herself as an "Immigration Officer". The female spoke to her in Spanish and advised that she had been issued a \$1,800.00 fine. The victim was instructed by the female to contact another "officer" at a different number for instructions. The victim did as she was told and called another alleged "officer". The "officer" told the victim that she must send \$900.00 via MoneyGram and \$900.00 via Western Union to a person and phone number in Lima, Peru. The victim complied and sent the money, a picture of both money wire confirmations, and called the fake officer back. The victim's husband was suspicious that this was fraud and told his wife. The fake officers then told the victims that they were just issued a \$900.00 fee for the comment and that they would take away his work permit and call DCPP and have his daughters taken away. He then called his lawyer who told him that he was scammed.

NOTE: We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	73	308
Closed	28	131
Active	9	33
Suspended	36	144
Forwarded to SCPO	2	21

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	10	41
Closed	8	36
Active	2	3
Suspended	0	1
Forwarded to other Agencies	0	0

Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made fourteen (14) first time alarm notifications and three (3) general alarm notifications. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both

patrol & CID. D/Sgt. Domizi also attended the domestic violence liaison meeting, joint insurance fund meeting, and the NPHS career fair. Lt. Ciempola attended the community forum meeting

Other Matters

CID tracked fifteen (15) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted ten (10) licensing investigations in April (7-Firearms, 3-Limousine). Lt. Ciempola conducted two (2) sex offender re-registrations.

Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Det. Halsted appeared in Grand Jury for the matter of State v. Andre Gaddy which was true billed for third degree burglary.

We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of April, there was one (1) new internal affairs complaint filed.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
24-03	Domestic Violence	Pending	Pending

PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	13,306	57,084
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	523
Total miles on patrol	13,306	57,607

Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	7
Moving Hazardous Violation	55	236
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	137	580
Ordinance Violation	1	19
Parking Violation	76	471
Seatbelt	17	40
Radar	23	90
Refusal Breath Test	1	3
Child Restraints	10	20
Reckless Driving	3	17

Cell Phone	198	247
Careless Driving	19	89
Suspended License	13	50
Written Warnings	268	1,062
Totals	823	2,931
Included in above totals		
Loud Exhaust	35	114
Loud Exhaust Warnings	13	50
Parking Sticks	0	0

Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Brook Avenue	4 Hours
Clinton Avenue	22 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	12 Hours
Grove Street	23 Hours
Leland Avenue	15 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	12 Hours
Norwood Avenue	13 Hours
Parkview Avenue	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Jefferson	1 Hour
Rt 22E/North	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Somerset	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Watchung	11 Hours
Rt 22E/West End	1 Hour
Rt 22E/Westervelt	1 Hour
Rt 22 E/Wilson	1 Hour
Rt 22W/North	8 Hours
Somerset Street	14 Hours
Warfield Road	5 Hours
Washington Avenue	3 Hours
Watchung Avenue	16 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Wilson Avenue	1 Hour
Total Radar Posts	173
Total Radar Hours	169
Total Radar Enforcement	105

Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Arnold Avenue	04/01/24-04/05/24
Columbia Avenue	04/01/24-04/05/24

Oakridge Avenue	04/05/24-04/12/24
Warfield Road	04/05/24-04/12/24
Brook Avenue	04/12/24-04/19/24
Watchung Avenue	04/12/24-04/19/24
Leland Avenue	04/19/24-04/26/24
Washington Avenue	04/19/24-04/26/24
Farragut Road	04/26/24-04/30/24
Rockview Avenue	04/26/24-04/30/24

School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	18.5 Hours
High School	3 Hours
Somerset School	10 Hours
Stonybrook School	22 Hours
West End School	21.5 Hours
TOTAL	75 Hours

Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Delacy Avenue	04/01/24-04/16/24
Jefferson Avenue	04/01/24-04/16/24
Washington Avenue	04/01/24-04/16/24
Watchung Avenue	04/01/24-04/16/24
Grove Street	04/16/24-04/30/24
Lawrence Avenue	04/16/24-04/30/24
North Jackson Avenue	04/16/24-04/30/24
Brook Avenue	04/30/24
Farragut Road	04/30/24
Greenbrook/Arnold	04/30/24

Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 116 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 42 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 22 general alarms.
- We made 783 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 103 walking beats.
- We conducted 64 school checks.
- We conducted 36 park checks.
- We conducted 117 area checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 3,780 incidents.

- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- 2 OJI After Action Reviews were conducted.
- 2 MVA After Action Reviews were conducted.
- 3 Use of Force After Action Reviews were conducted.

Parking Enforcement Report:

Ticket	s:	Title	39	Meter R	elated	Safety	Stick	Tota	al
		Month	/ YTD	Month /	YTD	Month /	YTD	Month.	/ YTD
	Totals	577	2,020	420	1,291	0	0	997	3,453

Meters		Permits		Total Reve	nue
Monthly	/ YTD	Monthly	/ YTD	Monthly /	YTD
13,465.13	52,340.29	1,500.00	14,000.00	14,965.13	66,340.29

Monthly Accident Totals

Accidents for the Month: 88

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	1
Hazardous	25	Non-Hazardous	10
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable	27	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0
Boro Streets-Reportable	46	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	2
Private Property-Reportable	13	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	86	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	2

Accident Injury Report:

Reports W/Injuries	26
Persons Injured	26
Fatal Accidents	1

Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 334

Summons Issued at Accidents:

Refuse Breath Test	2	Driving While Intoxicated	3
Hazardous	146	Non-Hazardous	39
Alcohol Related	0		

Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable

Rt 22-Reportable	0.0	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	2
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Boro Streets-Reportable	171	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	7
Private Property-Reportable	57	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	324	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	10
Accident Injury Report:			
Reports W/Injuries	75		
Persons Injured	81		
Fatal Accidents	1		

Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance 1 hr.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on 7 accidents.
- Traffic conducted loud exhaust enforcement 2.5 hrs.
- Traffic and Parking covered 2 crossing posts.
- Traffic investigated a fatal MVA on April 4, 2024.
- Sgt. Kardos responded to Franklin for a CART call out on April 25, 2024.

SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$2,205.00	\$7,650.00
Calls for Service/Responses	3,780	14,256
Discovery Requests	39	126
Report Requests	13	38
Pieces of Evidence/Property	20	84

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	2	6
Assault, Agg:	0	4
Assault Simple	12	60
Burglary	2	6
Larceny	24	101
M.V. Theft	3	9
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	17	89
Bias Incidents	0	2

Monthly Arrest Analysis

Month YTD
Adult/Juv Adult/Juv

Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	3	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	2	0	5	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0
Simple Assault	4	0	21	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	2	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	1	0
Weapons	0	1	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	1	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	7	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	5	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	4	0	25	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	12	1	75	1
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	6	1	16	1
Grand Total Arrests for Month	18	2	91	2

• 2 Juvenile Arrests for the Month

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Parenti Chief of Police