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Happy New Year to all the Borough residents and to all my colleagues on the Council.

A special thanks to our Borough Administrator David E. Hollod for all his hard work and dedication especially during our tough economic times in the past year.

I would also like to thank the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Mariam Moran for coming on board in April and successfully filling Tina Totten's shoes

And to our legal team, Eric Bernstein and staff at Bernstein and Associates – Thank you for all your time.

My thanks extend to the members of the Fire and Police Department, under the command of Fire Chief William Eaton and Police Chief William Parenti, for all of their hard work in the past year and dedication to the Borough; the Public Works' employees, under the supervision of Jim Rodino; and all of the municipal employees.

Last but not least I would like to thank all the volunteers such as coaches, members of the committees, commissions, and advisory boards for your countless hours volunteering to make this community a proud one. Thank you to all the members departing from the committees for your valuable time and Congratulations to all the newly appointed members.

This year we again face difficult budgetary times at all levels of government. Just as our families struggle with their own budgets in this time of economic uncertainty, we continue to look for ways to economize on the way we deliver necessary services to our residents. Just as our families must continue to plan and make smart decisions with regard to their future well being, so must we continue to make investments in our public facilities and infrastructure. My budget will reflect these measures.

Our new Governor will face challenges as he grapples with the State's budget. I hope he takes this opportunity to review the steady stream of mandates flowing from Trenton, many of dubious value, which directly impact our property taxpayers. I also trust that he will remember first and foremost our seniors and neediest residents as they grapple with their own budgets and struggle under New Jersey's onerous property taxes.

I look forward to working with the Borough Council, the Board of Education, Somerset County, state agencies, our neighboring communities and all of our many volunteers to continue our collective progress in North Plainfield.