

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 9 April 2018.*

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MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **April 9, 2018** at 7:31 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Everett Merrill
Keiona R. Miller
Frank Righetti (absent – excused)
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank “Skip” Stabile (7:34 p.m.)
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Singleterry.

Council President La Ronde requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

The Council President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, scheduled by resolution of the Council adopted on November 27, 2017. Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.* by transmitting said notice to the *Courier News*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on November 28, 2017 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 1, 2017 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

Mayor Giordano administered the following Oaths of Office:

Probationary Captain Russell Flynn
Probationary Detective Lieutenant Alan McKay
Probationary Detective Sergeant Michael von Spreckelsen
Detective Joseph Mazza
Probationary Patrolman Valerio Zuena
Probationary Patrolman Gregory Ternlund

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018.

Council President La Ronde called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, that the approved 2018 Municipal Budget of the Borough of North Plainfield be read by its title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the determination of the Council that a complete copy of the approved budget, as aforesaid, has been made available for public inspection at the North Plainfield Memorial Library and the Somerset County Library at least one week prior to today's date, and that a copy of said budget has been made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during this public hearing.

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

The Clerk read the Budget by its title.

HEARING:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

\$19,988,907.20 (Nineteen Million, Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents) item 2 below, for municipal purposes. I so move.

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

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-06 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER XXII ENTITLED, "LAND DEVELOPMENT," SECTION 22-3 ENTITLED, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 22-110.1 ENTITLED "USES" AND SECTION 22-118.4 ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 18-06 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President La Ronde stated that all matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-04 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.

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

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-04a 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 3.04 Lot 8	145 Mali Drive	Cert. #06-00004	issued 06-29-06
		#08-00008	issued 12-04-08
		#09-00197	issued 10-01-09
		#14-00011	issued 10-29-15

Block 140 Lot 10.08	34 Prospect Place	Cert. #11-00136	issued 09-20-11
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RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-04b BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following:

Refund of Dumpster Bond:

Mikol Dias \$ 200.00
 7D Foxwood Drive
 Morris Plains, NJ 07950

Re: 68 Meadowbrook Road

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-18-04c 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 9th day of April, 2018 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Somerset County Office of Public Information Somerville, NJ	Various Communications, Advisories and News Releases
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, WPQJ970 – 1630-AM Radio	Calendar Updates and Advisories; Time-Sensitive Radio Scripts

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
PSE&G Newark, NJ	Newsletters and Hearing Notices
NJ Highlands Coalition Boonton, NJ	Newsletters
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Invoice and Report
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, Middlesex, NJ	Agenda and Minutes
Midatlantic Engineering Hamilton, NJ	DEP Permitting paperwork
Betsy G. Ramos, Esq. Capehart Scatchard, Esqs., Mt. Laurel, NJ	NJ Public Entity Law Monthly
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ	Networking Event
Somerset County DPW Somerville, NJ	Storm Briefings
Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville, NJ	Monthly Message
NJ DEP Trenton, NJ	Groundwater Remedial Action Permit # 180001
Municipal Clerk, Green Brook Township Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority, Middlesex, NJ	Affordable Housing Ordinance Minutes and Agenda
Information Station Specialists Zeeland, Michigan	Streaming Service correspondence

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, shared his concerns with the property located at 126 Sycamore Avenue, advising that it is in violation of the vacant property ordinance and remains a blighting factor on the neighborhood.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Giordano congratulated the newly promoted and hired police officers. Commenting on the success of the St. Baldrick's event, he reported that \$52,000 had been collected to date. Storm debris will be collected through April 20. The Friends of Vermeule garage sale and the annual fishing derby will be held Saturday, April 21, while Clean the Town day will be held Saturday, May 5.

Mr. Hollod thanked the Council for passing the Budget, noting that few other towns will see a tax decrease like North Plainfield.

Messrs. Stabile and Singleterry and Ms. Schaefer congratulated the newly hired and promoted members of the Police Department. Ms. Miller wished to welcome the new members of the Police Department.

Mr. Merrill reported that the Board of Education will bring a very positive impact to taxpayers in May. Stating that he had represented the town at St. Baldrick's Day, he presented a pin to the Mayor from Captain Beattie.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Singleterry and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President