

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Tuesday, 28 August 2018.*

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MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Tuesday, **August 28, 2018** at 7:36 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

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. Merrill.

Council President (Acting) Stabile requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

Council President (Acting) Stabile read the following Notice:

An Executive Session on the topic of Deliberations – Prospective Council Candidates is scheduled to be called as part of regular business of this meeting. It is anticipated that recess for the Executive Session may be called approximately fifteen minutes following the convening of the Special Meeting.

The Council President (Acting) read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This is a Special Meeting of the Borough Council of North Plainfield. 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, and *The Alternative Press* on August 22, 2018 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 read the Mayor's Call of the Meeting:

"I, Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield, call for a Special Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, NJ. The purpose of this Special Meeting is to consider and vote on the appointment of a person to fill the Council Seat being vacated by the resignation of Councilman Frank Righetti.

/s/ Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor"

INTERVIEWS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE COUNCIL SEAT VACATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN FRANK RIGHETTI

Aimee Corzo, 208 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, was introduced. Ms. Corzo explained that she is an English Department Professor at Middlesex County College and also works as a part-time real estate agent. While residing in Edison she had served on their Board of Education including as Vice President. Ms. Corzo shared her love of North Plainfield, considering it a great little town. She spoke of the need to recruit volunteers for the various boards, committees, and commissions and confirmed that she currently serves on the Architectural Design Review Board and the Planning Board. She spoke favorably of the diversity in town and shared her support of the police department. She voiced her concerns with the volume of traffic on Route 22.

Joel Kenderdine, 650 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, was then introduced. Mr. Kenderdine disclosed that he had resided in town for the past forty (40) years and is currently retired after a successful career in the corporate world. He had served four (4) terms on the North Plainfield Board of Education, making every effort to ensure quality education opportunities while keeping teachers' salaries reasonable. He spoke favorably of the open-minded residents and voiced his support of the new businesses along Route 22. He considered the continual road work throughout the Borough to be a shared frustration for residents. He confirmed that he currently serves on the Board of Adjustment and the Municipal Alliance Committee and Youth Services Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-28-18-01 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:

DELIBERATIONS – PROSPECTIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Exclusion of the public for this purpose is specifically permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., most notably N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(9) 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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Singleterry and carried unanimously.

Council President (Acting) Stabile reconvened the meeting at 8:44 p.m. with all four council members present.

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to appoint Aimee Corzo to fill the unexpired Council Seat term of Frank Righetti, Council, starting this evening and to serve until the certification and qualification of an elected party at the November 6, 2018 General Election to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Righetti which expires on January 1, 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all four voting aye.

Mayor Giordano administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Corzo.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, offered his congratulations to Ms. Corzo. Reporting that Bridgewater had passed an ordinance forbidding the use of recreational marijuana, the speaker urged for the same in North Plainfield. He then praised the new look of the Borough website.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Ms. Corzo and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President