

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Aimee Corzo
 Steven McIntyre
 Everett Merrill
 Keiona R. Miller
 Wendy Schaefer
 Frank "Skip" Stabile

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Executive Order of New Jersey Governor Murphy requiring social distancing due to Covid-19, this meeting excludes public attendance. The entire meeting proceedings, including opportunity for public comment will be made available live, in real time via the "Zoom" system.

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NOTICE: An Executive Session on the topic of **Attorney/Client Privilege (Deliberations)** is scheduled to be convened approximately five minutes following the convening of this meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Moment of Silence for the Men and Women Serving in Our Armed Forces

Statement of Compliance as to Notice of Meeting

RECOMMENDATION BY THE MAYOR FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS:

SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Michael Giordano, Jr.

One-year term

**CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES TO FILL
THE COUNCIL SEAT VACATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF
COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS SINGLETERRY**

NOMINEES:

ALISSA DISCALA
SUEZETTE GIVEN
JENNIFER MCGOVERN

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Miller:

01-11-21-01 Convening Executive Session: (DELIBERATIONS)

Roll Call

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. **Deliberations – Prospective Council Candidates – E.M.B.**

RECONVENE

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Corzo:

01-11-21-02 Resolution to Appoint an Individual to Fill the Unexpired Term of Councilman Douglas Singleterry as per the Municipal Vacancies Law

Roll Call

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO
COUNCILPERSON – ELECT

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Board of Health and Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020
Special Meeting of December 28, 2020
Biennial Organizational Meeting of January 1, 2021
Regular Meeting of January 4, 2021
Executive Session of January 4, 2021

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Schaefer:

01-11-21-03 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution Ratifying Renewal of Health Services Agreement with County of Somerset
- b. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Rich Tree Service, Inc. for the Maintenance and Removal of Trees
- c. Authorizing the Adoption of Procedures and Requirements for Public Comment at Remote Public Meetings
- d. Resolution Accepting a Donation of Office Equipment from Trident Furniture Services for the use of the Police Department
- e. Approving the Consolidated Bill List of January 11, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
County of Somerset, Somerville, NJ	Newsletters & Communications
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Report and Invoicing
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ	Minutes and Agenda
Public Service Electric & Gas, Newark, NJ	Newsletters
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ	Newsletters
Dept. of State, Trenton, NJ	Thanks for Census Participation
PSE&G, Newark, NJ	Tariff Hearings

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

CONSENT AGENDA

January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION NOS. 01-11-21-03 a through e

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11-21-03

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

01-11-21-03 a, b, c, d, e

having been placed on the Consent Agenda and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: January 11, 2021

Adopted: January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11-21-03a

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
HEALTH SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of public health services;
and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield desires to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Somerset County Board of Health in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.* to provide such public health services to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a shared services agreement with the Somerset County Board of Health for the provision of public health services to the Borough for a term not to exceed five (5) years, which shall be renewable annually commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2025. A copy of such shared services agreement is annexed hereto and incorporated herein and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: January 11, 2021

Adopted: January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11-21-03b

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RICH TREE SERVICE,
INC. FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TREES THROUGHOUT THE
BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain services to maintain and remove trees throughout the Borough for the calendar year 2021 and Alternate A for calendar year 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield solicited bids for the Project and two (2) bids were received, which are as follows:

<u>Bidding Entity</u>	<u>Base Bid Total Amount</u>	<u>Alternate A</u>
Rich Tree Service, Inc.	\$195.00/hour	\$195.00/hour
Dom’s Lawnmaker, Inc.	\$1,095.00/hour	\$1,095.00/hour

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC have reviewed the bid submissions and recommends the award of the bid and contract for the Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Rich Tree Service Inc., whose main offices are located at 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”) as there are no material defects with the bid proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of the Contractor to perform all those services contemplated in the Borough’s bid documents and the bid proposal submitted by the Contractor; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield finds that the Contractor is the lowest responsible bidder for the Project, both the Base Bid and Alternate Bid A, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

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 awards the following Bid and Contract:

Project: Tree Maintenance and Removal
Successful Bidder: Rich Tree Service, Inc.
Total Bid: In the Amount of One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Zero Cents Per Hour (\$195.00).

Term: Calendar Years 2021 and 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council, at the recommendation of the Director of Law, accepts Alternate Bid A for the services in calendar year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute the contract and all necessary documents to engage the construction services of Rich Tree Service, Inc. for the Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this contract 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 contract and its performance shall be consistent with all applicable laws, the Borough's bid documents and the bid proposal of Rich Tree Service, Inc. for the Project known as the Tree Maintenance and Removal Services.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: January 11, 2021

Adopted: January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11-21-03c

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD AUTHORIZING THE
ADOPTION OF PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT
REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Governor Phil Murphy's Executive Order Number 103 dated March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency in New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, P.L. 2020, Chapter 11 amended the Open Public Meetings Act to allow local public bodies, such as the North Plainfield Borough Council, to conduct Remote Public Meetings by use of electronic communications technology during a period declared as a Public Health Emergency or a State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs issued regulations requiring local public bodies to adopt standard procedures and requirements for public comment made during Remote Public Meetings and for public comment submitted in writing to such meeting; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.4(h), the Borough of North Plainfield desires to adopt standard procedures and requirements for public comment made during Remote Public Meetings and for public comment submitted in writing to such meetings.

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 of North Plainfield Council hereby adopts the following procedures and requirements for public comment made during Remote Public Meetings:

1. Public comments which are neither obscene, defamatory and/or abusive will be accepted that are submitted in written form or via electronic mail received at the office of the Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield (hereinafter the "Borough") at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the meeting. Public comments submitted through electronic mail or written letter before the remote public meeting shall be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting in a manner audible to all meeting participants, including public participants. Any written or electronic submissions which contain obscene, defamatory and/or abusive language will not be read aloud as same shall be considered disruptive to the Borough Council meeting.
2. At the end of the regular business session of a Remote Public Meeting, a reasonable period of time will be provided for public comment, consistent with the Borough's prior

and current rules governing the public portion of its non-remote meetings. In addition to the written submissions being read aloud during the public portion, members of the public attending the Remote Public Meeting will be able to submit comments by raising their virtual hand and/or its equivalent function in the Zoom/remote meeting application or by typing in their information in the comment section of the remote meeting application. The moderator of the Zoom Meeting/remote meeting application and/or the Borough Clerk will recognize those members of the public that wish to submit a comment and, if more than one, will establish a queue for those wishing to comment. The Council President will recognize, in order, each member of the public that desires to provide public comment. When recognized, the member of the public shall identify themselves by name, address and, if applicable, the group or organization that they represent.

3. Members of the public participating in a Remote Public Meeting shall conduct themselves with decorum, shall not use abusive, defamatory, or obscene language and any comments made shall be concise and to the point. The Council President, in his/her discretion, may interrupt, warn, or mute the individual's ability to speak if their conduct/comment is abusive, defamatory, obscene, or overly long.

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: January 11, 2021

Adopted: January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11-21-03d

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD ACCEPTING A
DONATION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM TRIDENT FURNITURE SERVICES
FOR THE USE OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Police Department has an ongoing need for office equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Trident Furniture Services, 1355 West Front Street, Plainfield NJ 07063, has donated office equipment for use by the North Plainfield Police Department; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that:

1. The Borough of North Plainfield agrees to accept the donation of various office equipment from Trident Furniture Services specifically for police use;
2. The Borough of North Plainfield agrees to utilize said office equipment for a period of several years.
3. The Borough of North Plainfield agrees that Trident Furniture Services and/or the Borough of North Plainfield may end this agreement with forty-eight (48) hours' written notice and the Borough agrees to return the office equipment thereafter; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is made pursuant to and consistent with the Local Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey.

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: January 11, 2021

Adopted: January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11-21-03e

**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 attached bills of the accounts named and for the amounts stated, having been duly audited and found to be correct as of this 11th day of January, 2021 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: January 11, 2021

Adopted: January 11, 2021