

# ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of North Plainfield, New Jersey held on Monday, 14 March 2016.*

*Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive and conclusive as possible. However, as it is a draft document, it is not to be construed as a formal depiction of the official conduct of business and is subject to revision up to and following the Governing Body's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.*

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **March 14, 2016** at 7:49 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  
                               Wendy Schaefer  
                               Douglas M. Singleterry  
                               Frank "Skip" Stabile  
                               Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

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

Council President La Ronde 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 December 14, 2015. 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 December 15, 2015 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of December 17, 2015 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of February 22, 2016.

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

Agenda Conference and Regular Meeting of February 22, 2016:

Ayes: Schaefer, Singleterry, Stabile, La Ronde  
Abstain: Merrill, Miller, Righetti

Council President La Ronde recognized the following appointments:

**APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:**

Katherine Miller	Four-year unexpired term
Janice Allen, Alternate No. 2	Two-year unexpired term

**HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-07** CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-16-01** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 16-07 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on Roll Call carried all seven 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 requested that item “b” be removed for a separate vote.

Mr. La Ronde requested that item “c” be removed for a separate vote.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-16-02** 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 Ms. Miller and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

**APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-16-02a** WHEREAS, the following organization has been issued identification number 352-5-27290 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and has submitted applications to conduct raffles; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that this organization meets the requirements for the issuance of raffles licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue raffles licenses to the following:

West End School PTA  
447 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield  
On-premises 50-50 cash draw raffle – RL #1133  
April 9, 2016, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
On-premises merchandise draw raffle – RL #1134  
April 9, 2016, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-16-02d** 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-16-02b** WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Lions Club, 246 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, has applied for a license to conduct an on-premise draw raffle awarding merchandise as a prize on March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Lions Club has been issued Identification No. 352-8-25800 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that said applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a raffle license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to the North Plainfield Lions Club for an on-premise draw raffle awarding merchandise as a prize to be held on March 20, 2016 at St. Luke’s Church Hall, 300 Clinton Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Merrill, Miller, Righetti, Schaefer, Singleterry

Abstain: Stabile, La Ronde

Resolution carried 5-0-2.

Messrs. Stabile and La Ronde advised that since they are members of the Lions Club, they had abstained.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-16-02c** BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., it does hereby authorize the issuance of licenses for the owner/operation of limousines/taxicabs to the following for two years in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Adnan Ghazanfar, t/a  
 Altima Limo Service  
 1100 US Highway 22 East  
 North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Ramon V. Chavez, t/a  
 Ramon Services  
 283 Watchung Avenue  
 North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Seconded by Mr. Singleterry with Roll Call as follows:

Ayes: Merrill, Miller, Righetti, Schaefer, Singleterry

Abstain: Stabile, La Ronde

Resolution carried 5-0-2.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Somerset County Office of Public Information Somerville, NJ Richard K. Phoenix, RMC – Borough Clerk & Chief Operator, WPQJ970 – 1630-AM Radio Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ NJ Highlands Coalition Boonton, NJ NJ State Treasurer	Various Communications, Advisories and News Releases Calendar Updates and Advisories; Time-Sensitive Radio Scripts Newsletters and Advisories  Newsletters and Advisories  Newsletters  Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax Distribution
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Trenton, NJ NJ DEP Trenton, NJ Somerset County DPW Somerville, NJ Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ NJ Dept. of Transportation Trenton, NJ Francine Gargano, Esq. North Plainfield, NJ	Earth Week Events Newsletters  Various Storm Alerts  Newsletter  Technical Assistance Program-Rte. 22 Conduit Installation Memorial Library/County Library System Analysis
Public Service Electric & Gas Newark, NJ Watchung Zoning Board Watchung, NJ Betsy G. Ramos, Esq. Capehart Scatchard, P.C. Mt. Laurel, NJ FEMA, Washington, DC Ken Wedeen, Somerset Co. Planning Board Somerville, NJ Trinity Environmental Services Stroudsburg, PA CME Associates Howell, NJ Victoria Orlando Middlesex, NJ Hon. Mary Forbes North Plainfield, NJ	LIHEAP – Help Paying Heating Bills  Home Depot Hearing  NJ Public Entity Law Journal  Individual Community Preparedness Awards  Raritan Valley Rail Coalition  Amending Action Outcome-Hahr Construction  Netherwood Avenue Bridge  North Plainfield Memorial Library  Friends of Vermeule Mansion Yard Sale

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frank D’Amore, Sr., 40 Willow Avenue, requested that Congressman Pallone be contacted and urged to support Bill H.R.2112 which would designate a unique zip code for the Borough. The speaker voiced his support of the vacant and abandoned properties ordinance.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mr. Hollod reminded that the Budget would be up for adoption at the next meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President