

# ***DRAFT MINUTES***

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 19 November 2018.*

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**MINUTES** of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **November 19, 2018** at 7:35 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

## **PRESENT:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo  
Everett Merrill  
Keiona R. Miller  
Wendy Schaefer  
Douglas M. Singleterry  
Frank "Skip" Stabile  
Lawrence La Ronde, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr.  
John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

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

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 an Agenda 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."

Mr. Phoenix announced that certification had been received from the Somerset County Board of Canvassers through the Office of the County Clerk, Steve Peter, regarding the election of Aimee Corzo for the balance of Mr. Righetti's unexpired term.

Mayor Giordano administered the following Oath of Office:

**OATH OF OFFICE BY MAYOR MICHAEL GIORDANO JR. TO COUNCIL MEMBER-ELECT:**

AIMEE CORZO

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, congratulated Ms. Corzo and then thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts with the snow removal.

Lefty Grimes, East Hanover, NJ, explained that medical marijuana helped him to stop using opioids after multiple failed back surgeries. Urging the Council to consider allowing for a medical marijuana dispensary, the speaker noted that they have the opportunity to help patients.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Grotto Engineering Associates LLC – M.G.**
  - a. **Public Works Manager & Zoning Officer Services**
  - b. **Stormwater Management Services**
  - c. **Municipal Engineer Services**

Mayor Giordano explained that these are renewal resolutions. He noted a ten percent reduction in their hourly rate on municipal engineering services.

2. **Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc.: Authorizing Final Payment, Change Order, Contract Closeout and Release of Norwood Avenue Road Improvements – M.G.** Mayor Giordano explained that this Resolution authorizes final payment and closeout of the Norwood Avenue Road Improvements project.

3. **Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority – Solid Waste Services – Types 13 & 23 – M.G.** Mayor Giordano explained that these Resolutions authorize the continuation of the agreements with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:**

Mr. Merrill congratulated newly elected Board of Education members Sandra Dodd and Michelle Robertson. On Sunday, November 25 a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the new Vermeule fitness center at 3:00 p.m. followed by Santa Comes to Town and the tree lighting.

Ms. Corzo reported that the Planning Board approved a new childcare facility in the old rescue squad building on Somerset Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President