

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Tuesday, 16 July 2019. 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 Board's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Tuesday, **July 16, 2019** at 7:40 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Glicklich.

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

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

“This is an Agenda Meeting of the Council of the Borough 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*, *The Alternative Press* and *WKMB* Radio on July 1, 2019 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and Memorial Library reserved for such purpose.”

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, recalled his comments from the June 24 meeting concerning overcrowding and illegal housing. Citing the property located at 179 Grove Street, he called for annual inspections of rental properties so as to avoid another tragedy.

Jack Fowler, 92 Westervelt Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced his support of a noise ordinance amendment. The speaker shared his concerns with the amount of noise typically heard throughout his neighborhood, noting that some of the noise stems from Plainfield. Roosters may be heard in the early morning hours as well as taxicab horns alerting fares of their arrival. Blaring music may be heard from the ice cream trucks during after school hours. Restricting music from stationary trucks and imposing a curfew at dusk would be a significant improvement, he concluded.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Noise Ordinance** – F.S.S. and W.S. Council President Stabile thanked Mr. Fowler for sharing his thoughts and ideas regarding the noise ordinance. Confirming a need for Council discussion of the loud music played by ice cream trucks, he noted the possibility of tying it in to their license renewal paperwork.
2. **Resolution appointing Brian Levine as the Municipal Judge** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution recommends the temporary designation of Brian J. Levine as Acting Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Watchung and Borough of North Plainfield Shared Municipal Court.
3. **Resolution appointing Deputy OEM Coordinators** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution appoints Joe Asprocolas as Deputy OEM Coordinator and Jennifer Bartholomew as Deputy OEM Coordinator and Secretary of the OEM.
4. **Resolution approving Final Payment, Closeout, Approval of Change Order, and Release of Retainage for North American Pipeline Services work on the West End Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution approves a change work order and final payment to North American Pipeline Services for work completed on the West End Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
5. **Resolution Approving Grotto Engineering's professional services proposal for the 2019 Capital Road Improvements project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the execution of a professional services agreement with Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC for the 2019 Capital Road Improvements Program – Various Streets Phase 2.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Canvassing Ordinance** – L.L.R. Noting the absence of Mr. La Ronde, Council President Stabile advised that the matter would be carried to the next meeting.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill announced that the next Board of Education meeting would include a presentation from the Director of Athletics. He thanked Councilmembers Singletery, Schaefer and Stabile for their support of the Car Nutz Car Club's Somerset Street Car Cruise and Taste of North Plainfield.

Commenting on the Car Cruise, Ms. Schaefer indicated that a good time was had by all in attendance.

Council President Stabile concurred, noting that the weather was probably the best ever for the event. He spoke in favor of the first ever Taste of North Plainfield event, anticipating greater participation for next year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President