

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Agenda Conference of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 9 September 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 Council'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 Monday, **September 9, 2019** at 7:32 p.m. at the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Aimee Corzo
Lawrence La Ronde
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
John Kaplan, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Sherwood.

Council President Stabile requested a moment of silence for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces as well as all of those affected by the terror attacks on September 11, 2001.

Council President Stabile 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 19, 2018. 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 20, 2018 by publication of the announcement in the *Courier News* of November 24, 2018 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 original report of a violation of Borough Code Chapter 26-8.5a at 22 Mountain Avenue. He urged the Council to look into the matter as the violation remains. Mayor Giordano interjected that property maintenance had been notified.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Agreement with Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (GSMJIF) – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution would allow for the renewal of our agreement with the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (GSMJIF) from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.
2. **Awarding NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Clinton Ave. Improvements – D.E.H.** Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the execution of an agreement with S. Brothers, Inc. for the FY 2018 Municipal Aid Program – Clinton Avenue Improvements. A grant in the amount of \$289,000 would offset the cost of the total project amount of \$351,878.56, he reported.
3. **Election District Ordinance – R.K.P.** Mr. Phoenix explained that increased security concerns surrounding the election process led to his discovery that the election district ordinance was out of date. The number of election districts had decreased to twelve and the amended ordinance narrates the boundaries in great detail, he concluded.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS:

Mr. Merrill reported on the Board of Education athletics presentation. A second presentation by Milton Mathis detailed the projects accomplished this summer including roof and HVAC repairs and the removal of several trees in front of the high school. He announced that the teachers would vote on a new contract the next day.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President