

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, December 14, 2020.*

*Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive
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MINUTES of the Regular (virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **December 14, 2020** at 7:49 p.m. at the North Plainfield Borough 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
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Stephanie Sherwood, RMC, CMR, Deputy Clerk

The Council President read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This virtual meeting is being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by transmitting notice to the official newspapers of the Borough, The Courier News, WKMB Radio, WJLP-TV, the Alternative Press and also to the Star Ledger on December 9, 2020 and by posting a copy of this notice on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and the Memorial Library reserved for such purpose."

The Clerk had submitted copies of the minutes of the Board of Health, Agenda Conference, and Regular Meeting of November 17, 2020.

The Council President called for a Roll Call on the minutes:

Aye: Corzo, La Ronde, Merrill, Schaefer, Singleterry, Stabile

Abstain: Miller

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "SWIMMING POOLS", TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED "LICENSING OF PUBLIC AND/OR QUASI-PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 20-11 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Miller and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-21 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED "SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS"

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 20-12 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-13 ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN UPDATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Mr. La Ronde presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 20-13 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, MOST NOTABLY SECTION 7-3.8 ENTITLED “PARKING OF VEHICLES ON LAWNS”; CHAPTER XIV, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION, MOST NOTABLY SECTION 14-3.1, ENTITLED “SIZE OF DRIVEWAYS PROVIDED” AND SECTION 14-3.2 ENTITLED “EXISTING DRIVEWAYS CONTINUED”; AND, AND CHAPTER XXII, LAND DEVELOPMENT, MOST NOTABLY SECTION 22-117.1 ENTITLED “OFF STREET PARKING; ACCESSORY USE,” SECTION 22-117.2 ENTITLED “OFF STREET PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS” AND SECTION 22-117.4, ENTITLED “REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE PARKING.”

The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-04 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 20-14 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Stabile 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05 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 Mr. Merrill and on Roll Call carried all seven voting aye.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00, UNDER THE FY2021 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 21-1814, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ATTEST TO A SUBGRANT AWARD AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield in the County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of North Plainfield is authorized to accept a subaward grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$48,600.00 under the Safe and Secure Communities Program, Grant No. 21-1814, with a Match-Fringe Benefits, for a total project cost of \$539.646.00.
2. The Mayor and Chief of Police are authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to a Subgrant Award in connection with this grant, and any and all documents in connection with this grant.
3. The Borough of North Plainfield is accepting this grant of funds for the purpose described in the application.
4. Subaward Period: March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022.
5. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Borough Clerk to each of the following:

- a. Mayor Michael Giordano, Jr.
- b. Borough Council

- c. Business Administrator
- d. Borough Attorney
- e. Chief Financial Officer
- f. Police Department, Attention: Chief William Parenti
- g. Police Department, Attention: Captain Alan McKay
- h. Borough Grant Coordinator
- i. State of New Jersey, Office of Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, P.O. Box 080, Trenton, NJ 08625-0080
- j. Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, P.O. Box 080, Trenton, NJ 08625-0080

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05b BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby adopt the following schedule as a schedule of agenda conferences and regular council meetings for the year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to post copies of said Schedule on the bulletin board in Borough Hall reserved for said purpose, to forward copies of same to the *Courier News*, *The Star Ledger*, *WKMB Radio*, *The Alternative Press* and the North Plainfield Memorial Library and to take such other steps as shall be required by law to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Agenda Conferences and Regular Meetings of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield for the year 2021 shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey. Agenda Conferences shall begin at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by Regular Meetings. Executive Sessions and meetings of the Borough Council acting as the local Board of Health may be convened as announced. Said meetings shall be held on the following dates:

January	1	19
February	8	22
March	8	22
April	12	26
May	10	24
June	14	28
July	12	
August	16	
September	13	27
October	12	25
November	15	
December	13	

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05c RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1-FINAL AND CHANGE ORDER TO

PROTECTIVE PAVING, LLC AND THE CLOSING OUT OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield previously awarded a contract for the Memorial Library Parking Lot Resurfacing Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"). Said contract was awarded to Protective Paving, LLC, whose main offices are located at 12 Kearney Drive, Milltown, New Jersey 08850 (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"); and,

WHEREAS, David J. Testa, P.E. of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Engineer"), on behalf of the Borough, by a letter dated December 3, 2020, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made a part hereof, has reviewed the Contractor's submission for Payment Application No. 1-Final in the total amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$29,273.47); and,

WHEREAS, Final Quantities Change Order in the amount of Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$9,218.00) has reduced the original Contract Sum from Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$38,491.47) to Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$29,273.47); and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Contract, the Contractor has submitted a one (1) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars and Four Cents (\$8,782.04); and,

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. have reviewed the Engineer's and the Contractor's submissions and accept same, based on the recommendations of the Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the request for Payment Application No. 1-Final and the Closeout of the Memorial Library Parking Lot Resurfacing Project is approved for Protective Paving, LLC, whose main offices are located at 12 Kearney Drive, Milltown, New Jersey 08850, in the total amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$29,273.47), which Final Payment Request and Closeout request is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth within and payment for same is authorized to be made to the Contractor, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Final Quantities Change Order in the amount of Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$9,218.00), which has reduced the original Contract Sum from Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$38,491.47) to Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$29,273.47) is hereby approved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution 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 Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute all necessary documents to close out the Project and issue payment on Payment Application No. 1-Final.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05d RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE BROOK AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS-NJDOT 2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of professional engineering services to provide the design documents and services relative to bid support and construction observation and administration for the project known as the Brook Avenue Improvements-NJDOT 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, with its principal place of business located at 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, is in the business of providing professional engineering services and previously submitted a proposal for the Project to the Borough of North Plainfield, Somerset County, New Jersey, dated December 3, 2020, as follows:

Item 1: Bid Design Documents for a fixed fee in an amount not to exceed Forty-Seven Thousand (\$47,000.00) Dollars; and,

Item 2: Bid Support, Construction Observation, Contract Administration and Testing at an hourly rate in an amount not to exceed of Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars.

Therefore, the total award for both items shall not exceed Eighty-Seven Thousand (\$87,000.00) Dollars.

All of these fees are contemplated and set forth in the afore-referenced proposal, a copy of said proposal being maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk and the contents of which are incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC to perform all of those services contemplated in the afore-referenced proposal.

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 does hereby award said contract to Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 in the amounts set forth above and authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a Professional Services Agreement with Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council, as to their proposal of December 3, 2020.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05e A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 278 Muriel Avenue also known as Block 14 Lot 1 was deemed as a 100 % Disabled Veteran and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, taxes have been levied on the aforementioned parcel for fourth quarter to include 2020 and preliminary 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes on this parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05f A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 729 Anna Place also known as Block 190 Lot 8 was deemed as a 100 % Disabled Veteran and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, taxes have been levied on the aforementioned parcel for fourth quarter to include 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes on this parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05g A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 278 Muriel Avenue also known as Block 14 Lot 1 was deemed as a 100 % Disabled Veteran and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, taxes had been paid on the aforementioned parcel for fourth quarter 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the overpayment on this parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05h A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 729 Anna Place also known as Block 190 Lot 8 was deemed as a 100% Disabled Veteran and is now exempt from property taxes per the Assessor and;

WHEREAS, taxes had been paid on the aforementioned parcel for fourth quarter 2020 by Valley National;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund the overpayment on this parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05i RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any state contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield intends to enter into contracts with the attached referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of North Plainfield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Borough of North Plainfield and the referenced State Contract Vendors shall be for the 2020 Year, and:

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>Name</u>		
88273	AK Equipment	69944	Highpoint Furniture
74018	Absolute Fire	83930	Home Depot
80963	Air & Gas Technologies	82693	Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield
65808	Air Purifiers, Inc.	63522	Innovation Doc Imaging, LLC
69942	All Steel Inc.	87466	John Deere Landscapes
68766	Allied Oil, Co.	74012	Kaldoz
61419	American Tire Service	69923	KML Technology, Inc.
71048	Approved Fire Protection	69531	Kova Corp.
V41144	Asia Trading	67875	Lanigan Assoc. Inc.
83331	Atlantic Salt	67872	Lawman Supply Co.
		85850	Lawson Products

73991 Atlantic Tactical	62423 Lifesavers
A79161 Beyer Bros	70142 Mayline Furniture
01785 Bodyworks by Tiffany	77814 Messercola Excavating
63767 Boises Bus Interiors	81520 Morpho Trak
85017 Broadview Network	T0213 Morton Salt Inc.
81413 BSN Sports	53804 Motorola
71054 Cairns	83909 Motorola Solutions
T2085 Cambria Truck Center	69830 Office Business Systems
78848 Celebrity Fleet Operations LLC	42285 Office Solutions
68645 Cintas Fire Protection	47705 Pitney Bowes
80977 CMF Business	82709 Ricoh Americas Corporation
27171 Computer Systems Method	80866 Rutgers the State University
71056 Continental Fire & Safety	81408 Safety Down Under Inc.
70137 Dell Marketing, LP (70256)	68461 Sagem Morphotrak
81301 Draeger Safety Inc.	71063 Scott
67873 Eagle Point Gun/TJ Morris-Son	64040 Sharpe Electronic Corp.
81338 East Coast Emergency Lighting	82236 Sherwin Williams
72300 Elite Tree Service	89851 SHI International
84698 Emerald City Auto Spa	82226 Siperstein's
75248 Ergo Space Design Inc.	71057 Stanfield
67899 ESI Equipment	76921 Storr Tractor Company
81357 Firefighter One	A75551 T Slack Environmental Services
81397 Finch Fuel Oil Co. Inc.	85193 Traffic Safety Services
T0106 Flemington Department Store	67765 Trico Equipment
15/16-08 Foley Incorporated	76669 Turnout Fire & Safety
70462 Ford Motor Credit	82583 Verizon Wireless
73032 Garden State Highway	69933 WB Mason Co, Inc.
71062 Gen-el Safety & Ind.	71642 WE Timmerman Co.
71048 Globe Manufacturing	73902 Weldon Asphalt
73783 Hertrich Fleet Services	
70262 Hewlett Packard	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the referenced State Contract Vendors are projected to exceed the bid threshold for the 2020 Year:

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| 68766 Allied Oil, Co. | 70462 Ford Motor Credit |
| 73032 Garden State Highway | 77814 Messercola Excavating |

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05j PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of surplus funds from one account to the other during the last two months of the calendar year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that transfers be made in the Boroughs' 2020 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>			
25-269-299	Emergency Medical Services	\$ 8,000.00	
26-315-222	Vehicle Maintenance		\$ 8,000.00
26-290-100	Streets & Roads-S&W	34,000.00	
26-290-200	Streets & Roads-OE		30,000.00
25-275-101	Prosecutor-S&W	_____	<u>4,000.00</u>
Totals		<u>\$42,000.00</u>	<u>\$42,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05k RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING “WINDOW” CONTRACTS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Laws), the Borough must award by resolution all goods and services contracts with a dollar amount between \$17,500 and \$43,999. These contracts are not bid, but vendors are still responsible to provide political contribution and company disclosure information in order to do business with the Borough.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., when the cost of goods and/or services that fall between \$17,500 and the bid threshold of \$44,000 in the aggregate, an approval by resolution must be in place; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield retained the services of

- PKF Conner Davies
- Edmunds & Associates
- RCI Plumbing& Heating, LLC
- Staples Business advantage
- Valley Distributors, Inc.

WHEREAS, a request for quotes for the required work to be performed was requested from several contractors; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned vendors completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies the business entity has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the above said vendors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield authorized the Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Borough to issue and execute a Purchase Order for the foregoing to the above vendors with funds certified available by the Chief financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO has been authorized to arrange to pay for the foregoing in accordance with the terms of the purchase order in the amount not to exceed of \$44,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05/ 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 14th day of December, 2020 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-20-05m Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown

Whereas, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve impaired drivers; and

Whereas, impaired driving crashes killed 10,551 people in the United States in 2018; and

Whereas, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$44 Billion a year; and

Whereas, during the past five years New Jersey’s roadways experienced 36,049 crashes and 648 fatalities involving impaired drivers; and

Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the year-end holiday season is traditionally a time for social gatherings which include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 4, 2020 through January 1, 2021; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Borough of North Plainfield declares it’s support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown from December 4, 2020 through January 1, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories / League Conference Goes “Virtual”
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County of Somerset, Somerville, NJ Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton, NJ Tri-County Chamber of Commerce South Plainfield, NJ Capehart Scatchard, Esqs., Mt. Laurel, NJ Everett Johnson, Esq., Wilentz et als. Woodbridge, NJ Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville, NJ Tina Totten, North Plainfield Somerset County Governing Officials Somerville, NJ Megan Phillips, RMC – Twp. Clerk Long Hill Twp., NJ NJ Highlands Coalition, Boonton, NJ Sustainable Raritan River, New Brunswick NJ American Water, Voorhees, NJ Theresa Snyder, Watchung Planning Board Somerset County Election Bd., Somerville Somerset County Urban Consortium, Somerville	Newsletters & Communications Report and Invoicing Minutes and Agenda Newsletters Newsletters Quarterly Report, Newsletters Capital/Sewer Bond(s) – Communications Newsletters Green Brook Flood Control Meetings Virtual Meeting Affordable Housing Resolution Newsletter NJ Dam Removal Newsdrop Virtual Meeting Announcement Billing & Polling Places CDBG Funding
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PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Giordano announced that the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital blood drive would be held on January 14, 2021. Announcing that this would be his last meeting as Mayor, he thanked several people including Mr. Hollod and Ms. Miller, Mr. Phoenix and Ms. Sherwood in the Clerk’s Office, Police Chief Parenti and the Police Department, Fire Chief Eaton and the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, Eric Bernstein and his staff, and all of the volunteers on the various Boards, Committees, and Commissions. He wished Mayor Elect La Ronde and the Council well, and Mr. Singleterry as he joins the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mr. Hollod thanked the Mayor for his leadership and professionalism over the last twelve years, and especially this year with the pandemic.

Mr. Merrill thanked the Mayor for his leadership and compassion, as well as his willingness and quickness to respond to residents. He wished Mr. Singleterry well with the county.

Ms. Schaefer thanked the Mayor for his leadership and support of the businesses and residents. Noting that he would be sorely missed, she wished him good health in his retirement. She also wished Mr. Singleterry well and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ms. Miller wished Mr. Singleterry well, noting what a pleasure it had been to serve with him. Thanking the Mayor for his leadership, she recalled that he had encouraged her to volunteer in North Plainfield which led to her being the first African American elected official in the Borough. She wished everyone a very merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Ms. Corzo thanked the Mayor, recalling that she had always heard nice words about him from the residents. Wishing Mr. Singleterry well, she advised that they would miss him. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Singleterry thanked the Mayor, noting it had been a pleasure to serve with him and his fellow Council members over the last fifteen years.

Mr. La Ronde thanked the Mayor for his service and as his family for sharing him. He wished Mr. Singleterry well and wished everyone happy Holidays.

Council President Stabile wished everyone Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings. He wished Mayor-elect La Ronde well in his new position. Thanking him for his time on the Council, he stressed that his work ethic is unbeatable. He thanked Mr. Singleterry for his time on the Council, noting that the County's gain is our loss. He fondly recalled their debates and discussions over the years. He spoke of his fondness for the Mayor as a great friend and wonderful man who had recruited four of the current Council members. The Mayor handled everything with grace and humor. "We are very grateful to have had you serve and one thousand thank-you's are not enough."

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Miller seconded by Mr. Singleterry and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President