

DRAFT MINUTES

*These are the Draft Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Thursday, 28 December 2020.*

*Every attempt has been made to make these as comprehensive
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MINUTES of the Special (virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **December 28, 2020** at 8:34 a.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 (absent – excused)
Keiona R. Miller
Wendy Schaefer
Douglas M. Singleterry
Frank “Skip” Stabile, Council President

Also Present: Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., 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 23, 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 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Giordano.

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

Mayor Giordano read the following Call of Meeting:

I, Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council for Monday, December 28, 2020 at 8:30 am. Such meeting shall be conducted by telephone/videoconference due to the Covid-19 Virus Public Health Emergency declared by Governor Philip Murphy which requires social distancing measures that would not be achievable in the customary location in the Council Chambers at North Plainfield Borough Hall, in addition to P.L. 2020, c. 11. The Borough Clerk is charged with providing proper notice of the Special Council Meeting to all applicable parties, setting up the technical parameters of the meeting, training the participants in the proper use/procedures of the telephone/videoconferencing methodology and conducting the Meeting in accordance with all governing statutes, including the allowance for public participation. The purpose of this Special Council Meeting is to determine the time and means of conducting the Annual Reorganization Meeting and to revise the schedule for all Agenda Meeting Conferences and Meetings of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield for calendar year 2021. A resolution regarding same will be considered and acted upon. This Special Meeting may also include any other such matters of business as may be necessary and required to be approved at an otherwise regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-28-20-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that it does hereby wish to rescind Resolution No. 12-14-20-05b and adopt the following schedule as a schedule of agenda meeting conferences and Council meetings for the calendar 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, WJLP-TV, 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

In accordance with Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New Jersey regarding Covid -19 (“coronavirus”), Borough Hall is currently closed to the public. Therefore, unless otherwise specially noticed, all Agenda Meeting Conferences and Meetings of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield for calendar year 2021 shall be held virtually via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information will be posted on the Borough’s website before each meeting date. With the exception of the Reorganization Meeting as indicated below, Agenda Meeting Conferences shall begin at 7:30 p.m., immediately followed by Council 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 (Reorganization)		1 @ 12:00 noon	
January	4	11	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	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank D'Amore, 40 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, referenced his comments from the October 26 meeting about the various properties which do not have Rental Certificates of Occupancy on file. He again asked for an investigation into same.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President