

DRAFT MINUTES

These are the Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Plainfield Borough Council held on Monday, 12 July 2021.

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 Governing Body's actual approval of same. If changes are necessary, revised minutes will be posted to the website.

MINUTES of the Regular (virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **July 12, 2021** at 8:22 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Aimee Corzo
Suzette Given
Steven McIntyre
Everett Merrill
Keiona R. Miller (absent-excused)
Wendy Schaefer
Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President (absent-excused)

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor
David Hollod, Business Administrator
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk

Mr. Phoenix 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 28, 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 June 28, 2021.

The Council Vice President called for a Roll Call on the minutes: All five in favor.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 22, "LAND DEVELOPMENT", § 22-115, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS," MOST NOTABLY AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING § 22-115 BY ADDING § 22-115.33, ENTITLED "COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATIONS," PERMITTING CERTAIN CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN SPECIFIED ZONES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mercedes Mejia, 94 Fairview Avenue, North Plainfield, asked if the ordinance would approve the sales of cannabis in town. Mr. Merrill explained that it had been initially approved by a vote of 5-2 at a prior meeting. Mr. George reported on the Council's ad-hoc committee examining the matter. The ordinance is responsive to the findings of the committee. Certain zones along Route 22 will allow for sales from recreational cannabis retailers. Mr. Merrill added that subcommittee members on the topic had worked diligently. In the survey, between 70-75% of respondents were in favor.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Corzo, seconded by Ms. Given and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-01 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 21-05 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

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

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 23, "TAX EXEMPTIONS," MOST NOTABLY AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING § 23-8, ENTITLED "INELIGIBILITY," BY ADDING § 23-8(B), REQUIRING CERTAIN CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM PERMITTED EXCISE TAXATION.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

Motion to close public hearing by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on roll call carried, all five in favor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-02 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 21-06 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-07 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 26, "HEALTH REGULATIONS", ARTICLE XIV, ENTITLED "SMOKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY," MOST NOTABLY AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING § 26-14 BY PROHIBITING ANY USE OF CANNABIS ON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mercedes Mejia, 94 Fairview Avenue, North Plainfield, asked if the ordinance would allow people to smoke indoors but not outdoors. Mr. McIntyre explained that the ordinance extends prohibitions on public cannabis smoking to include public areas, restaurants and school perimeters to the same banned areas for tobacco smoking. Cannabis smoking would not be allowed in restaurants, for example, since tobacco smoking bans are already in place in those areas.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Corzo, seconded by Ms. Given and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-03 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 21-07 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Seconded by Ms. Corzo and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-09 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "CODE OF ETHICS," MOST NOTABLY SUBSECTION 2-43.6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION."

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion to close public comment by Ms. Corzo, seconded by Ms. Given and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-04 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 21-09 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

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

Mr. George advised that the following ordinance would appear before Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, ENTITLED "BUILDING AND HOUSING," TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS"

No action taken on this item this evening.

On advice of Mr. George, Resolution No. 07-12-21-05 was withdrawn for this evening.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-06 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 21-10 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing August 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey as the place for hearing and final adoption.

Seconded by Ms. Given and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER XI, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, MOST NOTABLY SECTION 11-13 TITLED "VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION."

Ms. Given presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-07 BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of North Plainfield that an Ordinance numbered 21-11 be read by its title by the Borough Clerk and be passed on its first reading and advertised as required by statute, fixing August 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, as the time and the North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey as the place for hearing and final adoption.

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

The Clerk read the ordinance by its title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 4 "GENERAL LICENSING," MOST NOTABLY BY ADDING A NW SECTION 4-17, ENACTING A TRANSFER AND USE TAX ON CERTAIN CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Vice President Merrill 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. Corzo presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

07-12-21-08 a, b, c, d, e, f

having been placed on the Consent Agenda and there having been no objection thereto, the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre and on Roll Call carried all five voting aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,400.00 SUBMITTED BY CTS GROUP ARCHITECTURE PLANNING, P.A. RELATED TO THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES PERTAINING TO BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain improvements to Municipal Buildings throughout the Borough as part of an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has received a proposal from CTS Group Architectural Planning, PA to design the plan and oversee the improvements to the Vermeule Mansion at 614 Greenbrook Road, the North Plainfield Memorial Library at 6 Rockview Avenue, and the Vermeule Community Center at 614 Greenbrook Road related to the 2019 CDBG-CV3 Public Facilities Project; and,

WHEREAS, CTS has submitted a total proposal in the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred (\$119,400.00) Dollars to design and oversee the project as set forth below; and,

WHEREAS, Vermeule Mansion Improvements in the non-historic toilet rooms will include; ADA Improvements to the bathroom, installation of one (1) touchless faucet, installation of one (1) touchless flush valve on toilet, installation of one (1) touchless soap dispenser, installation of one (1) touchless paper towel dispenser, installation of one (1) hand sanitizer station; and,

WHEREAS, the Vermeule Mansion Improvements to the kitchen will include the installation of one (1) touchless faucet, one (1) hand sanitizer and one (1) touchless paper towel dispenser; and,

WHEREAS, the improvements to the North Plainfield Memorial Library will include the following improvements to various toilet rooms; installation of even (7) touchless faucets, installation of two (2) touchless valves on urinals, installation of touchless flush valves on toilets (as applicable), installation of three (3) touchless soap dispensers, installation of two (2) hand sanitizer stations, installation of four (4) light switch sensors/timers on bathroom light switches, and fresh air intake/exhaust on large gathering areas located in the Main Library/Children's Collection, First Floor Conference room and the Lower Level Meeting Room; and,

WHEREAS, the Vermeule Community Center Restroom Improvements will include the installation of; twenty-one (21) touchless faucets in all toilet rooms and meeting rooms, nine (9) touchless flush valves on urinals and toilets, fifteen (15) touchless flush valves on toilets, twenty-one (21) touchless soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers, seven (7) touchless paper towel dispensers, three (3) hand sanitizer stations and new bathroom toilet/urinal partitions; and,

WHEREAS, the Vermeule Community Center Building Retrofit will include the installation of the addition of exhaust/fresh air for building meeting rooms, outdoor plaza space with permanent paved surface, Accessibility to the plaza area from the doors that exit the building, combination of permanent and temporary seating areas outside the building, availability of utility connections for electric and access to Wi-Fi connections, exterior site lighting via building mounted light fixtures and/or site bollards, and landscaped areas and a potential area for a rain garden for site drainage; and;

WHEREAS, the Contract Design Documents will focus on the design for all of these projects to provide equipment to help prevent the spread of germs and viruses, especially in this COVID-19 pandemic world. The design features will include touchless plumbing fixtures, dispensers and hand sanitizer stations, as well as upgrades to the existing toilet rooms and improvements to the fresh air/exhaust systems. Other improvements will include an outdoor paved patio, seating area with landscaping and rain garden; and,

WHEREAS, the design services will include meeting with the Borough to discuss design objectives for an outdoor patio and seating area, the preparation of one (1) set of drawing documents as required for construction, with one (1) cover sheet and floor plans, reflected ceiling plans with interior elevations as necessary for all projects, color selections, equipment selections and schedules as necessary and one (1) full set of set specifications that will apply to all projects; and,

WHEREAS, the design services will not include hazardous materials investigation, abatement, or remediation, color and fabric selection boards, interior design services, 3D digital renderings, building system commissioning, an assessment report of the existing buildings and/or recommendations to upgrade or bring in compliance to be considered a disaster-resistant structure; and,

WHEREAS, the basis for compensation to CTS Group as to the design services to be provided are as follows;

1. Site Survey & Topographic Mapping	Lump Sum	\$3,450.00
2. Investigation	Lump Sum	\$15,500.00
3. Contract Design Documents	Lump Sum	\$50,500.00
4. Bidding Assistance	Lump Sum	\$7,850.00
5. <u>Construction Support services</u>	<u>Lump Sum</u>	<u>\$28,500.00</u>
	Professional fees	\$115,800.00
6.1 expenses-Travel	Lump Sum	\$300.00
6.2 <u>Expenses-Reproduction Costs</u>	<u>Lump Sum</u>	<u>\$3,300.00</u>
	Reimbursable fees	\$3,600.00
	Total Fee Proposal	\$119,400.00

WHEREAS, if the Borough and CTS Group Architectural Planning, PA agree that more extensive representation at any of the sites by CTS Group than that described herein, as an additional service, compensation for those additional services will be based on the hourly rates set forth in the CTS Group Proposal, dated June 24, 2021 attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, invoices will be issued monthly and will include reimbursable expenses (reproductions costs, mailing, deliveries, etc.) which are outside of basic compensation; and,

WHEREAS, the CTS Group design team will be available to commence work on the aforesaid project starting in mid July of 2021. It is expected that the interior design phase will take approximately sixty (60) calendar days; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of time needed to design the exterior work is a function of survey scheduling, more information will be provided upon execution of agreement between the parties; and,

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 hereby accepts the proposal submitted by CTS Group Architectural Planning, PA (“CTS Group”) in the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred (\$119,400.00) Dollars in accordance with the Proposal submitted by CTS Group dated June 24, 2021, and attached hereto as if made a part of this Resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute any and all other necessary documents related to the acceptance of this Proposal and Payment for the services CTS Group Architectural Planning PA, LLC, for Building Improvement Projects as set forth above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment for these services shall be subject to the certification of the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds for payment for same.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08b RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO ACCEPT A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,163.35 RELATED TO THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH CIFELLI & SON GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC PERTAINING TO THE GRANDVIEW AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO ISSUE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$223,780.40 AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH TO EFFECTUATE SAME

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain improvements to roadways throughout the Borough as part of the 2019 Capital Road Improvement Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has entered into an agreement with Cifelli and Son General Construction, LLC to perform the work related to the 2019 NJDOT Grandview Avenue Road Improvements Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield has received a recommendation from Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, its Borough Engineer, to accept a change order in the amount of \$9,163.35 received from Cifelli and Son General Construction, LLC., to resolve all final unit quantities and police traffic control invoices; and,

WHEREAS, said change order also includes charges for minor overruns on the police traffic control time resulting in the total adjusted contract amount of \$390,567.60; and,

WHEREAS, Cifelli & Son General Construction, LLC have also submitted a one (1) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$39,056.76, with an effective date of May 31, 2021, with certified payroll reports and invoices for the change order and final payment, which are attached hereto and made part of this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC recommends that final payment be issued to Cifelli and Son General Construction, LLC in the amount of \$223,780.40, which represents the second (2nd) and final payment relating to this project; and,

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 hereby accepts Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,163.35 and approve Payment No. 2 as the final payment in the amount of \$233,780.40 in accordance with the recommendation made by Grotto Engineering Associates LLC,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute any and all other necessary documents related to the Payment for the services of Cifelli and Son General Construction, LLC, for the 2019 NJDOT Grandview Avenue Road Improvements Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment for these services 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 payment for said services shall be consistent with all applicable laws, the Borough’s bid documents and the recommendation of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC pertaining to the Project known as the 2019 NJDOT Grandview Avenue Road Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08c RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CIFELLI & SON GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE 2020 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – SUMMIT AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is in need of certain road improvements as it relates to the 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Summit Avenue Roadway Improvements Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield solicited bids for the Project and received seven (7) bids, the three (3) lowest of which are as follows:

<u>Bidding Entity</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc.	\$383,297.30
Stilo Excavation, Inc.	\$387,382.12

Your Way Construction, Inc.

\$405,854.38

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, as well as Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, the Borough's Engineer on the Project, have reviewed the bid submissions and recommend the award of the bid and contract for the Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc., whose main offices are located at 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, NJ 07110 (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), as there are no material defects with the bid proposal; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of the Contractor to perform all those services contemplated in the Borough's bid documents and the bid proposal submitted by the Contractor; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield finds that the Contractor is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

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 hereby awards the following Bid and Contract:

Project:	2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Summit Avenue Roadway Improvements
Successful Bidder:	Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc.
Base Bid:	In the Amount Not to Exceed Three Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand and Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$383,297.30)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a contract and all other necessary documents to engage the paving services of Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc. for the Project; and,

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; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award and the contract and its performance shall be consistent with all applicable laws, the Borough's bid documents and the bid proposal of Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc. for the Project known as the 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Summit Avenue Roadway Improvements Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08d REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$1,114,144.43 FOR THE 2021 BUDGET REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of North Plainfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$1,114,144.43 which item is now available as a revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,114,144.43 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08e A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES

WHEREAS, the owner of 170 Rockview Avenue also known as Block 154.01 Lot 6 and Corelogic both paid taxes levied on this parcel creating a credit.

WHEREAS, the Collector transferred this credit to the next quarter after payment creating interest due in error.

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 tax interest on this parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12-21-08f 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 12th day of July, 2021 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ State League of Municipalities Trenton, NJ	Newsletters & Advisories
County of Somerset, Somerville, NJ	Newsletters & Communications
Plainfield Area Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	Report and Invoicing
Public Service Electric & Gas, Newark	Storm Preparedness
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority	Minutes and Agenda

Middlesex, NJ Jerry Midgette, Somerset Co. Election Board Somerville	Early Voting Guidelines
NJ Highlands Coalition, Boonton, NJ Somerset County Business Partnership Somerville	NJ School of Conservation Somerset County Celebrates Juneteenth Newsletter
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton	Newsletter
NJ Motion Picture & TV Commission Trenton, NJ General Code Rochester, NY Capehart Scatchard, Esqs. Mount Laurel	Completed Electronic Supplement Code Supplement Pricing Newsletter
NJ Office of the Comptroller, Trenton Sustainable Jersey, New Brunswick	Compliance & Oversight Project Grant Proposal

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Merrill commented that the item requested by Ms. Schaefer would appear on the next meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor La Ronde remarked on the Fourth of July parade held this year on Monday, July 5th, noting that it was the first major public event in town following the year-and-a-half long Covid-19 pandemic. The crowd was a little light; nevertheless, he expressed sincere thanks to all involved for putting on a memorable patriotic event enjoyed by everyone. Regarding the July 10th fireworks, he added that it was a fine 23-minute display, and offered particular kudos to Joe Irovando for all that he had done to make it the great occasion that it was. He concluded by reminding that the series of Wednesday Evening Mayor's Concerts at the Vermeule Stage would get under way on the 14th with R&B and Motown music by the Tyrone Stackhouse Project. In the event of bad weather, the concerts will move to the North Plainfield High School Auditorium with advisories broadcast via 1630-AM accompanied by posting on the Borough website.

Councilwoman Given reminded all to support the Memorial Library's summer reading program.

Vice President Merrill echoed the Mayor's favorable remarks on the town's Fourth of July celebration, adding his appreciation for Katherine Miller and Joseph Asprocolas' assistance with Zoom tonight, his first meeting as chair. Further, he thanked Mr. George for his services as Associate Borough Attorney on the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Ms. Schaefer and on voice vote carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President