

**MINUTES** of the Agenda Conference of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on Monday, **May 22, 2023** at 7:36 p.m. at North Plainfield Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

**PRESENT:**

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

Also Present: Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor  
David E. Hollod, Business Administrator  
Phil George, Esq., Associate Borough Attorney  
Michele Irby-Garry, CMR, Acting Borough Clerk

Council President Stabile read the following Notice of Compliance:

"This 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 12, 2022 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 Flag Salute was led by Chief Parenti followed by a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Chief William Parenti introduced Captain Alan McKay who then administered the Awards Ceremony for the North Plainfield Police Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Francine Gargano, 57 Willow Avenue, North Plainfield, voiced her displeasure with the Tax Collector for charging an excessive fee for her client’s duplicate tax sale certificate. The speaker then stated that the Council meeting agendas were not posted to the website until Sunday morning which is a violation of Borough Code 2-43. She further advised against the passage of any ordinances or resolutions that evening due to same. Mr. George assured that the Borough was in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

Diane Melendez, 24 Howard Street, North Plainfield, voiced her displeasure with the way the Tax Collector spoke to her husband when they obtained their duplicate tax sale certificate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Additional Payment due Contractor for 2021 Capital Road Improvements Project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod advised that this resolution revises, supplements, and amends Resolution No. 05-08-23-02d which approved final payment to CCM Contracting, Inc. for the 2021 Capital Road Improvements Project to allow for an additional payment.
2. **Award of Bid for Rockview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an agreement with Vortex Services, LLC for the Rockview Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$335,608.64.
3. **Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Education Services Commission** – D.E.H. Mr. Hollod explained that this resolution authorizes the Borough to participate in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS:**

Mr. Merrill reported that there are still open slots for the Borough's summer camp.


Ms. Corzo reported on the Planning Board's recent meetings involving the Yeshiva application. She announced that the Hispanic Heritage Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 16.

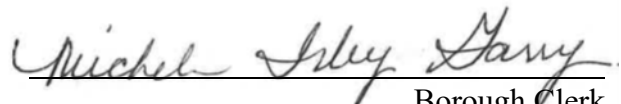
Ms. Given reported that the Board of Education had begun to look at alternate locations for graduation as the field will not be ready in time. The district just completed a strategic planning study which will guide them over the next five years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

  
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Council President

  
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Borough Clerk