

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

(Immediately following 7:30 p.m. Agenda Conference)

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

- Aimee Corzo
- Suzette Given
- Steven McIntyre
- Everett Merrill
- Keiona R. Miller
- Wendy Schaefer
- Frank "Skip" Stabile

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APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 26, 2021

Roll Call

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL CONFIRMATION:

PLANNING BOARD:

Michael Giordano, Jr.

Unexpired four-year term

HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 21-02 CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Be read by its title by the Borough Clerk

MOTION: Close public hearing Roll Call

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Miller:

05-10-21-01 Adoption and advertising of Ordinance No. 21-02 Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

Statement by Council President

RESOLUTION:

Ms. Schaefer:

05-10-21-02 Approving Consent Agenda Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution to Apply for Funds for the Project Entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act
- b. Resolution to Submit Grant Application to NJ State Library for Renovations of the North Plainfield Memorial Library
- c. Authorizing Tax Collector to Create Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates
- d. Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Somerset Regarding the County's Shared Services Marketplace System
- e. Authorizing West End School PTA Merchandise Raffle
- f. Resolution Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 24 – June 6, 2021
- g. Resolution Approving Payment No. 2 (Final) to S. Brothers, Inc. and the Closing Out of the Contract and Release of Retainage for the 2020 Capital Road Improvement Program – Various Streets Project
- h. Approving Consolidated Bill List of May 10, 2021

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
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority Middlesex, NJ	Minutes and Agenda
NJ Dept. of Transportation, Trenton	Commitment to Communities
NJ State Treasurer, Trenton	Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax
NJ Alcoholic Beverage Control, Trenton	License Renewal Conventions
Municipal Clerks' Association of NJ Ocean Grove, NJ	The Quill Newsletter
NJ American Water, Voorhees, NJ	News Drop Newsletter
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Trenton	Community Right to Know Survey
	Weekly Update
	Application for Green Acres Funds
Somerset County Election Board	Primary Election Preparation
NJ Transit, Newark	Vaxride

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

General public comments shall be limited to five minutes for each individual.
(Rule 29 of the Borough Council's Rules of Order)

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NOS. 05-10-21-02 a through h

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that resolutions numbered

05-10-21-02 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h

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

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02a

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION II

Resolution to Apply for Funds: Two copies of this resolution must be included in the completed application. Each of the municipality and the library/nonprofit agency/association library must certify that they are authorizing their governing bodies to submit this grant application. This resolution may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall be one instrument.

The Borough of North Plainfield and the Somerset County Library System
Municipality Library/Nonprofit Agency
hereby certify that permission has been granted to apply for the project entitled the
New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, in the amount of: \$ 723,400.00
(which includes a Borough match of 50% of the total).

The filing of this application was authorized at the official meeting of the governing body
of the Municipality/Library/Nonprofit Agency held on: May 10, 2021.

For the Municipality:

Signature
Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President
Typed Name and Title
May 10, 2021
Date

Certification Signature
Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk
Typed Name and Title
May 10, 2021
Date

For the Library/Non-Profit Agency:

Signature

Typed Name and Title

Date

Certification Signature

Typed Name and Title

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02b

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO NJ STATE LIBRARY FOR
RENOVATIONS OF THE NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the Somerset County Library Commission hereby certify that permission has been granted to apply for the project entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, in the amount of:

\$723,400.00 (total construction project).
\$361,700.00 (50% Borough matching funds).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby approve the submission of said grant application.

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
5/10/2021		Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President				
5/10/2021		Everett Merrill, Council Vice President				
5/10/2021		Aimee Corzo				
5/10/2021		Steve McIntyre				
5/10/2021		Keiona R. Miller				
5/10/2021		Wendy Schaefer				
5/10/2021		Suzette Given				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the borough council of the Borough of North Plainfield at a meeting of said council held on May 10, 2021.

Lawrence La Ronde, Mayor

Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

Richard K. Phoenix, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk, Borough of North Plainfield

Council Member

By my hand, certified to be a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the North Plainfield Borough Council at its regular meeting of May 10, 2021.

Date signed: _____

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02c

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to create duplicate tax sale certificate(s) as follows:

Block 92 Lot 36 21-23 Lincoln Place # 41-98 issued 10/22/98

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02d

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF SOMERSET REGARDING THE COUNTY'S SHARED SERVICES
MARKETPLACE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services Act ("Act"), N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes two (2) or more contracting units to enter into a Interlocal or Shared Service Agreement for the exchange of work, materials and supplies; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the County of Somerset ("County") has commenced a voluntary Shared Service Marketplace System to enable the County and municipalities located within the County to exchange work, materials and supplies between and amongst themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to participate in the County's Shared Service Marketplace System by executing the attached Cooperative Agreement in order to effect substantial economies as to the exchange of work, materials and supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Somerset regarding the County's Shared Services Marketplace System. A copy of such Cooperative Agreement is annexed hereto and incorporated herein and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard K. Phoenix, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on May 10, 2021.

Richard K. Phoenix, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk, Borough of North Plainfield

Date: May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02e

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the following organization has been issued identification number 352-5-27290 by the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and has submitted applications to conduct raffles; and

WHEREAS, investigation has shown that this organization meets the requirements for the issuance of raffles licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue raffles licenses to the following:

West End School PTA
447 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield
On-premises merchandise draw raffle – RL # 1194
June 5, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Rain date: June 12, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02f

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Resolution Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 24 – June 6, 2021

Whereas, there were 585 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2020; and

Whereas, approximately 40% of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

Whereas, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 24 – June 6, 2021 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 90.23% to 93%; and

Whereas, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Borough of North Plainfield declares it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 24 – June 6, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021

Adopted: May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02g

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING
PAYMENT NO. 2 (FINAL) TO S. BROTHERS, INC. AND THE
CLOSING OUT OF THE CONTRACT AND RELEASE OF
RETAINAGE FOR THE 2020 CAPITAL ROAD
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – VARIOUS STREETS
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield previously awarded a contract for the 2020 Capital Road Improvement Program – Various Streets Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”), with said contract having been awarded to S. Brothers, Inc., whose main offices are located at P.O. Box 317, South River, New Jersey 08882 (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”); and,

WHEREAS, David J. Testa, P.E., C.M.E., C.P.W.M. of Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the “Engineer”), on behalf of the Borough, by letter dated April 30, 2021, 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 No. 2 (Final) in the total amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$28,075.32), plus the release of any and all of the Contractor’s retained funds held by the Borough for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, a Final Quantities Change Order in the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$32,568.30) has reduced the original Contract Sum from Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$778,915.55) to Seven Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$746,347.25); and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Contract, the Contractor has submitted a one (1) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$74,634.73), with an effective date of May 3, 2021; 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 Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) and the Closeout of the 2020 Capital Road Improvement Program – Various Streets Project is approved with S. Brothers, Inc., whose main offices are located at P.O. Box 317, South River, New Jersey 08882, in the total amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$28,075.32), plus the release of any and all of the Contractor’s retained

funds held by the Borough for the Project, 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 Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$32,568.30), which has reduced the original Contract Sum from Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$778,915.55) to Seven Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$746,347.25) 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 No. 2 (Final).

By: _____
Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021

CERTIFICATION

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BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD

By: _____
Richard K. Phoenix, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk

Date signed:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10-21-02h

**BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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 10th day of May, 2021 the same be paid; and that the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the same.

Council President

Council Member

Introduced: May 10, 2021
Adopted: May 10, 2021