

# BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 7:30 p.m.

## Virtual meeting via Zoom

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social distancing due to Covid-19, this meeting excludes public attendance. The entire meeting proceedings, including opportunity for public comment

will be made available live, in real time via the "Zoom" system at

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#### **ROLL CALL:**

Council Members: Aimee Corzo, Council Vice President

Suezette Given Steven McIntyre Everett Merrill Keiona R. Miller Wendy Schaefer

Frank "Skip" Stabile, Council President

**NOTICE:** An Executive Session on the topic of **Affordable Housing** is scheduled to be

convened at the closed of regular business of this meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

Agenda Conference & Regular Meeting of February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023

Roll Call

# HEARING & FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-05 CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:45-14)

Reading of title by Acting Clerk

**MOTION:** Close public hearing Roll Call

**RESOLUTION:** 

Mr. Merrill:

**03-27-23-01** Adoption and advertising of Ordinance No. 23-05 Roll Call

**ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET** 

**RESOLUTIONS:** 

Ms. Miller:

03-27-23-02 Authorizing the reading of the 2023 Municipal Budget by title Roll Call

Clerk reads Municipal Budget by its title:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

**PUBLIC COMMENT** 

MOTION: Close Public Hearing Roll Call

Ms. Schaefer:

**03-27-23-02** Adoption of Year 2023 Budget Roll Call

HEARING & FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-06 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 22 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT", MOST NOTABLY ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED "ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT," AND MORE SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING § 22-122-4, ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS," BY AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING AND REVISING § 22-122.4.7 ENTITLED "NOTIFICATION TO NEW PROPERTY OWNERS."

Reading of title by Acting Clerk

MOTION: Close public hearing Roll Call

**RESOLUTION:** 

Ms. Given:

**03-27-23-04** Adoption and advertising of Ordinance No. 23-06

Roll Call

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Statement by Council President

Ms. Miller:

03-27-23-05 Approving Consent Agenda

Roll Call

- a. Resolution for Awarding Sidewalk Replacement Project to T. Fiotakis Construction, LLC.
- b. Resolution Issuing On-Premises 50/50 Raffle for North Plainfield Education Foundation
- c. Resolution of the Borough Council Appointing James DiPaolo as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator
- d. Resolution Issuing of Taxi License to Jose Suarez Cardenas
- e. Resolution Issuing Outdoor Café License to El Rincon Restaurant
- f. Resolution Appointing BGIA as Risk Managers
- g. Resolution Appointment of Municipal Judge Francesco Taddeo
- h. Resolution of the Borough Council Authorizing the Mayor & Borough Clerk to Execute an Agreement with Bruno Associates, Inc. for Grant Writing Services
- i. Consolidated Bill List of March 24, 2023

**RESOLUTION:** 

Ms. Schaefer:

03-27-23-06 Convening Executive Session: (Attorney/Client Privilege) Roll Call

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. Affordable Housing – (B.H.)

**RECONVENE** 

**RESOLUTION:** 

Ms. Corzo:

03-27-23-07 Affordable Housing Resolution as to Redevelopment – (E.M.B) Roll Call

**REPORTS:** 

Police Department Monthly Report - January 2023 Board of Health Report - February 2023

#### **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** 

# BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

## ORDINANCE NO. 23-05

# CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield in the County of Somerset finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$234,373.87 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, in the County of Somerset, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of North Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$820,308.55, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Borough of North Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

INTRODUCED: PASSED: PUBLISHED: ADOPTED: ROLL CALL:	
AYES: NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	
Michele Garry Acting Borough Clerk	Council President
	Lawrence LaRonde Mayor

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 23-05 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

_	Council President
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	Council Member

Introduced: March 27, 2023

Adopted: March 27, 2023

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, that the approved 2023 Municipal Budget of the Borough of North Plainfield be read by its title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the determination of the Council that a complete copy of the approved budget, as aforesaid, has been made available for public inspection at the North Plainfield Memorial Library and the Somerset County Library at least one week prior to today's date, and that a copy of said budget has been made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during this public hearing.

 Council President
Council Member

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council Members of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

\$30,742,973.85 (Thirty Million, Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents) Item Two below for municipal purposes, I so move.

 Council President
Council Member

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

## **ORDINANCE NO. 23-06**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 22 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT", MOST NOTABLY ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED "ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT," AND MORE SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING AND REVISNG § 22-122-4, ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS," BY AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING AND REVISING § 22-122.4.7 ENTITLED "NOTIFICATION TO NEW PROPERTY OWNERS."

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-1 and *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-2, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, regulations, rules and bylaws not contrary to the laws of this State and/or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government, order, and protection of person and property and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants and, as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any other law; and,

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:55D-65.1 of the Municipal Land Use Law, the governing body of a municipality may make and amend from time to time ordinances and regulations for the preservation of the historic character and historic structures of the municipality and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by the Municipal Land Use Law for the preservation of historic districts; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of North Plainfield has an Ordinance in place for the regulation and preservation of its designated historic district, which requires that written notice of the requirements of the historic district be served upon buyers and sellers and their real estate brokers of properties within the historic district in order to acquaint them with the nature and extent of the Borough's preservation efforts; and,

**WHEREAS,** the transmittal of the written notice of the requirements of the historic district to both parties of a real estate transaction and each broker can impose excessive paper waste and efforts to sellers and selling brokers, when the seller is selling a property in the historic district and need not be advised of such requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield now intends to reduce paper waste and streamline closing practices for buyers and sellers of properties in the historic district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough

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of North Plainfield be amended, revised and supplemented as to Chapter 22 of the Borough Code, entitled "Land Development", most notably by amending, supplementing and revising Article VIII, entitled "Zoning Board Of Adjustment," and, more specifically, by amending, revising and supplementing § 22-122.4, entitled "Designation Of Historic Landmarks And Historic Districts," by amending, supplementing and revising § 22-122.4.7, entitled "Notification To New Property Owners," as follows:

§ 22-122.4.7, Notification to New Property Owners, is hereby amended as follows:

#### § 22-122.4.7 Notification to New Property Owners.

Every municipal certificate of compliance issued to owners of properties or structures in the Historic District in connection with the sale or conveyance of properties or structures in the Historic District shall state, in conspicuous typeface, that the property or structure is subject to the limitations and regulations governing properties and structures in the Historic District under Article 22-122 of the Borough's Land Development Ordinance. Such notification, along with a copy of the appropriate ordinance and other pertinent HPC documents, shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the prospective buyer and seller, realtor, and attorney of the buyer. [property, to the extent known]. This notice shall be sent in addition to the issuance of a regular certificate of compliance. Such notification shall be deemed actual and constructive notice to new property owners of the effect and applicability of these provisions to their ownership, use and improvement of their property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

INTRODUCED: PASSED: PUBLISHED: ADOPTED: ROLL CALL:	AYES: NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:					
APPROVED BY T	HE MAYOR:	Yes	No	_		
The above is	s a true copy of, 2023	the Ordinance	adopted by the	Borough of N	orth Plainfield o	'n

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ATTEST:		BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
Michele Irby-Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield		Frank A. "Skip" Stabile, Jr., Council President
Date signed:	, 2023	Date signed:
Lawrence LaRonde, Mayor		-
Date signed:	, 202	3

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an ordinance numbered 23-06 be adopted and advertised as required by statute.

Council President
Council Member

Introduced: March 27, 2023

Adopted: March 27, 2023

# 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

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

 Council President
Council Member

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH T. FIOTAKIS CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., FOR THE BOROUGH SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT – VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of North Plainfield (hereinafter referred to as the "Borough") is in need of certain excavation, grading, concrete work and related services for the replacement of sidewalks at various locations in the Borough (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and,

**WHERESAS**, the Borough solicited bids for the Project and the following two (2) bids were received:

<b>Bidding Entity</b>	Base Bid	Add Alternate Bid	Total Bid
T. Fiotakis Construction, L.L.C.	\$ 87,555.00	\$35,500.00	\$123,055.00
Cifelli & Son General Construction., Inc.	\$111,100.00	\$44,450.00	\$155,550.00

**WHEREAS**, the estimate of Grotto Engineering Associates, L.L.C., the Borough's Engineer on the Project, was One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars (\$114,895.00) for the Project, indicating that the lowest bid was seven percent (7%) over the Engineer's estimate, but that rebidding of the project was unlikely to produce any lower bids, and that, upon review, the low bid prices are reasonable; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Engineer therefore recommended, in its review of bids and recommendation for award of contract dated March 6, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, that the Borough award the contract to T. Fiotakis Construction, L.L.C. both as to the Base and Alternate Bid; and,

WHEREAS, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esquire and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C., as well as Grotto Engineering Associates, L.L.C., the Borough's Engineer on the Project, have reviewed the bid submissions and recommend the award of the base bid and alternate bid contract for the Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, T. Fiotakis Construction, L.L.C., whose main offices are located at 197 Central Avenue, Edison, New Jersey 08817 (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 Base Bid, Alternate Bid and Contract, subject to any and all approvals by other governmental agencies for the work:

Project: Sidewalk Replacement – Various Locations

Successful Bidder: T. Fiotakis Construction, L.L.C.

Base Bid: In the Amount Not to Exceed Eighty Seven Thousand Five

Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$87,555.00)

Add Alternate: In the Amount Not to Exceed Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred

Dollars and No Cents(\$35,500.00)

Total Bid: In the Amount Not to Exceed One Hundred Twenty Three

Thousand Fifty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$123,055.00)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Acting Borough Clerk to sign and/or execute a contract and all other necessary documents to engage the construction services of T. Fiotakis Construction, L.L.C., 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 T. Fiotakis Construction, L.L.C., for the Project known as the Sidewalk Replacement – Various Locations Project.

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile	
Council President	

# CERTIFICATION

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,	a meeting of the Borough Council held on March
27, 2023.	
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Ac	ting Municipal Clerk
Во	rough of North Plainfield
Date signed:	

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

WHEREAS, the following organization has been issued identification number 352-5-42611 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 Acting Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a raffles license to the following:

North Plainfield Education Foundation 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield On-premises merchandise draw raffle – RL # 2302 March 16-18, 2023 at 5pm to 11pm March 23, 2023 at 5pm to 9pm

Council President

Introduced: March 27, 2023 Adopted: March 27, 2023

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting 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 meeting of the Borough Council held on March 27, 2023.

Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: March 27, 2023

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

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING JAMES DIPAOLO AS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.

**WHEREAS,** App. A 9:40.1(a) of the New Jersey State Statutes states that the Mayor shall appoint a municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of three (3) years to perform all such duties as may be required of an Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of North Plainfield; and,

**WHEREAS**, James DiPaolo possesses the skills and training required for such position.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the nomination by the Mayor, James DiPaolo be, and hereby is, appointed as Coordinator of the North Plainfield Office of Emergency Management for a three (3) year term retroactive to January 2, 2023, through January 1, 2026 and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

	Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President
utroduced: March 27, 2023	Council Member

Introduced: March 27, 2023 Adopted: March 27, 2023

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting 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 meeting of the Borough Council held on March 27, 2023.

Michele Irby Garry	
Acting Borough Clerk	
Borough of North Plainfield	

Date signed:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that it does hereby authorize the issuance of a license to drive a taxicab for two years, pursuant to N.P.R.G.O. 4-1 et seq., to the following in accordance with the applications heretofore submitted:

Jose Suarez Cardenas 43 Sycamore Avenue North Plainfield, NJ 07060

		Council President
		Council Member
Introduced: Adopted:	March 27, 2023 March 27, 2023	

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: March 27, 2023

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

WHEREAS, the following applicant has filed application for an Outdoor Sidewalk Café license for the period ending December 31, 2023:

El Rincon Latino Restaurant 109 Somerset Street North Plainfield, NJ 07060

WHEREAS, review of the application and investigations of the site by appropriate Borough Officials discloses that the granting of said application would be in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that an Outdoor Sidewalk Café license be issued to the applicant in accordance with the filed application, subject to all requirements set forth in <u>N.P.R.G.O.</u> 14-10 and the following conditions:

- 1. Restaurant management shall keep the outdoor dining area clear of litter, food scraps and soiled dishes and utensils at all times.
- 2. Trash receptacles shall be provided in outdoor dining areas used for consuming take-out items unless public trash receptacles are located nearby.
- 3. At the end of each business day, the establishment is to clean and sweep the entire sidewalk in and around the outdoor dining area.
- 4. No debris shall be swept, washed, or blown into the sidewalk, gutter or street.
- 5. Trash receptacles shall be emptied daily.
- 6. If awnings or umbrellas are used, they shall be washed whenever they become dirty.
- 7. Applicant must not block adjacent doorway with any tables, chairs or planters, and must maintain six (6) feet of clear space between tables/planters and curb and/or structures to ensure A.D.A. compliance.

Council President
Council Member

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Michele Irby Garry

Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: March 27, 2023

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

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT INSURANCE AGENCY FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund require professional risk management consulting services to be performed; and

WHEREAS, the Business & Government Insurance Agency has offered its professional risk management consulting services to the Borough of North Plainfield for the Fund Year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Business & Government Insurance Agency has proposed compensation for its services in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the Borough's annual assessment as promulgated by the Garden State Municipal JIF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Business & Government Insurance Agency be and is hereby appointed to provide professional risk management consulting services as referenced herein and that the Fund Commissioner and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents relevant to this service.

Council President
Council Member

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: March 27, 2023

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

# RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCESCO TADDEO AS NORTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of North Plainfield has a shared municipal court agreement with the Borough of Watchung and the shared municipal court agreement requires the appointment a municipal court judge by Watchung with conformance by North Plainfield and for which the Borough of North Plainfield now wishes to confirm such appointment made by Watchung.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor hereby nominates and the Borough Council hereby appoints Francesco Taddeo, Esquire as Municipal Judge for the Borough of North Plainfield for the total annual salary of Sixty-Six Thousand Forty Dollars (\$66,040.00) Dollars (for both courts), of which the Borough of North Plainfield's share of said salary is seventy (70%) percent or Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eight (\$46,228.00) Dollars less all applicable deductions. Said appointment shall be retroactive to March 16, 2023 and Judge Taddeo shall serve an unexpired three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024 and until a successor is qualified and appointed.

		Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President
Introduced: Adopted:	March 27, 2023 March 27, 2023	Council Member
	chele Irby-Garry, Acting N	CERTIFICATION  Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County ereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution
	•	regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 27
		Michele Irby-Garry Acting Borough Clerk, Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: \_\_\_

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		Frank A. "Skip" Stabile Council President
Introduced: Adopted:	March 27, 2023 March 27, 2023	Council Member
		CERTIFICATION
of Somerset,	State of New Jersey, do h	Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield, County ereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 27
		Michele Irby-Garry Acting Borough Clerk, Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed: \_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR 2023 GRANT WRITING SERVICES.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of North Plainfield is aware of the availability of competitive grants and other funding opportunities which are provided through County, State, Federal and private non-profit projects and funding sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of North Plainfield to use the services of a professional grant writing entity to prepare and submit grant proposals to such funding sources to pursue funding for various municipal projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director of Law/Borough Attorney Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. and the offices of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, have reviewed the proposal of Bruno Associates, Inc., 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, New Jersey 07013 to provide grant writing services on an hourly blended rate of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) per hour, not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) for calendar year 2023, including consulting with the Borough's officials and employees, research in the area of available funding, identifying grant opportunities, preparing and submitting such grants as may receive the authorization of the Borough for submission, and has recommended that a contract be issued to Bruno Associates, Inc., pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A11-3(a) for the same; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of North Plainfield is desirous of obtaining the services of Bruno Associates, Inc., to perform all those services contemplated in the Borough's solicitation of a proposal submitted by Bruno Associates, Inc., for grant writing services.

**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 a contract to Bruno Associates, Inc., to provide grant writing services to the Borough for the period of March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for an hourly blended rate of One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) per hour, not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) for calendar year 2023, subject to finalizing the form of a contract by and through the office of the Director of Law/Borough Attorney; and,

**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 services of Bruno Associates, Inc. for the grant writing services so authorized; 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 and the proposal for professional services contract submitted by Bruno Associates, Inc.

Frank A. "Skip" Stabile
Council President

Council Member

Introduced: March 27, 2023 Adopted: March 27, 2023

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Michele Irby Garry, Acting 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 meeting of the Borough Council held on March 27, 2023.

Michele Irby Garry
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of North Plainfield

Date signed:

# **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 27th day of March, 2023 the same be paid; and that the
Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the
same.

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		Council President
		Council Member
Introduced: Adopted:	March 27, 2023 March 27, 2023	
	CERT	TIFICATION
Plainfield, foregoing to	County of Somerset, St	Municipal Clerk of the Borough of North ate of New Jersey, do hereby certify the olution adopted by the Borough Council at eld on March 27, 2023.
		Michele Irby Garry Acting Borough Clerk Borough of North Plainfield
Date signed:		

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield that prior to the adjournment of this meeting it shall convene in executive session from which the public will be excluded for the purpose of discussion on:

# Attorney/Client Privilege – Affordable Housing

Exclusion of the public for this purpose is specifically permitted by <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 et seq. The contents of this discussion will not be disclosed until such time as the disclosure of same will not adversely affect the public interest and upon resolution of the Council. Formal action may be taken following end of executive session.

Council President
Council Member

# **Monthly Report**

January 2023



Accreditation demonstrates the professional achievements of the men and women of this Department. This recognition further demonstrates our collective dedication to excellence in professional Law Enforcement. By voluntarily meeting New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission standards, the North Plainfield Police Department has shown itself willing to be held to a higher level of professionalism, building trust between the Department and the citizens it serves

Prepared For: Mayor Lawrence La Ronde

Prepared By: Chief William Parenti 263 Somerset Street North Plainfield, NJ 07060 March 6, 2023

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

#### Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 1 Patrol Officer
- 2 SLEO III Officers

#### Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Ofc. Alexis Castillo transitioned to light duty on June 2, 2022 for maternity leave. She remains out of work.
- Sgt. Donald Everett has been out of work since July 27, 2022 for a non-work related surgery. He returned to light duty on September 14, 2022 and remains on light duty.
- Det. William Parenti Jr. was involved in a motor vehicle accident on November 9, 2022. He remains out of work.

#### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- Effective January 3, 2023, Richard Lopez was hired as a Police Dispatcher.
- Effective January 25, 2023, Cynthia Cancel transferred from Police Dispatcher to Parking Enforcement.
- Effective January 31, 2023, Patrolman Robert Kropewnicki retired.
- Effective January 31, 2023, Parking Enforcement Officer Dana Downing retired.

#### CID Monthly Report

#### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On January 4, 2023, a resident of Grove Street came to headquarters and reported that last November someone accessed her online bank account with her username and password. The suspect then attempted to deposit a \$7,500.56 check utilizing the mobile application. The victim notified the bank regarding this check being deposited and that someone had accessed the account. In December, another check was deposited in the amount of \$12,000.21. The victim notified the bank again about this fraudulent check deposit and bank security then closed her account on December 30, 2022 temporarily until they conclude their investigation.

On January 7, 2023, while on patrol, a North Plainfield officer observed a Watchung patrol unit pull up to a white SUV which had run off the road and was now disabled in the wooded area just east of North Drive and Route 22 East. The Watchung officer advised the North Plainfield officer that the vehicle was recently pursued by the Warren Police and was involved in an attempted home burglary in Warren Township. North Plainfield officers assisted Watchung in searching the woods for the actors. Watchung officers located an actor attempting to hide in the stream in that area. The male actor was placed under arrest by Watchung, handcuffed, and turned over to the Warren Police. North Plainfield officers continued to assist Watchung in the search. Additional agencies involved in the search included the NJ State Police helicopter, Warren, Greenbrook, and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. An additional female actor was located and placed under arrest in the area of Mali Drive and Meadowbrook Drive by the K-9 officer.

On January 23, 2023 at 2125 hrs., patrol responded to Somerset Street on the report of a stolen motor vehicle. The reporting party, a resident of Plainfield, reported he left his vehicle, a 2013 Black Cadillac ATS, unlocked and running while he and some friends went into the business. When they came out the vehicle was stolen. The victim further advised that he left \$3,000 in cash in the back seat, which was his payment from work. Surveillance video showed an unknown male suspect wearing a black jacket and grey sweatpants enter the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen and a county alarm was issued. At 2327 hrs., the Plainfield Police notified this agency that the vehicle was located after it crashed on Central Avenue during a pursuit with the Plainfield Police. The suspect fled on foot and escaped.

NOTE: We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

#### A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	68	68
Closed	33	33
Active	3	3
Suspended	32	32
Forwarded to SCPO	0	0

#### A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	19	19
Closed	17	17
Active	1	1

Suspended	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	1	1

#### Community Outreach

The Community Policing Unit made twenty-three (23) first time alarm notifications and one (1) general alarm notification. D/Sgt. Domizi assisted in numerous translations for both patrol & CID.

#### Narcotics Strike Force

P.O. James Kirchner was rotated into the Task Force Officer position after P.O. Justin Pelissier completed over two (2) years with that unit. The newly assigned officer attended helicopter surveillance training with the National Guard and Field Force Training. He also assisted with multiple controlled narcotics buys in North Plainfield and other jurisdictions within the county including Bound Brook, Franklin, and Somerville.

#### Other Matters

CID tracked nine (9) Handle with Care notifications made to the school district. CID conducted seven licensing investigations in January (3-Firearms, 1-Raffle, 3-Employee Backgrounds). Lt. Ciempola conducted two (2) Megan's Law re-registrations.

#### Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

On January 12, 2023, D/Sgt. von Spreckelsen testified in Grand Jury for the robbery/stabbing case in State v. Morales and Ramos, which resulted in an indictment and subsequent guilty plea.

We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: During the month of January, there were two (2) internal affairs complaints filed.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
23-001	Rule	Pending	Pending
23-002	Rule	Pending	Pending

# PATROL DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	16,146	16,146
Miles on unmarked patrol	0	0
Total miles on patrol	16,146	16,146

# Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	2	2
Moving Hazardous Violation	69	69
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	163	163
Ordinance Violation	7	7
Parking Violation	272	272
Seatbelt	4	4
Radar	40	40
Refusal Breath Test	1	1
Child Restraints	0	0
Reckless Driving	5	5
Cell Phone	5	5
Careless Driving	18	18
Suspended License	23	23
Written Warnings	404	404
Totals	1,013	1,013

# Radar Posts:

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	37 Hours
Farragut Road	1 Hour
Grove Street	10 Hours
Leland Avenue	8 Hours
Myrtle Avenue	1 Hour
North Drive	2 Hours
Norwood Avenue	14 Hours
Oneida Avenue	2 Hours
Rock Avenue	6 Hours
Rt 22 E/Columbia	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Gray	1 Hour
Rt 22E/North	3 Hours
Rt 22E/Somerset	1 Hour

Rt 22E/Watchung	20 Hours
Rt 22E/West End	2 Hours
Rt 22E/Westervelt	11 Hours
Rt 22E/Wilson	1 Hour
Rt 22W/North	5 Hours
Somerset Street	13 Hours
Warfield Road	1 Hour
Washington Avenue	4 Hours
Watchung Avenue	2 Hours
West End Avenue	8 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	2 Hours
Total Radar Posts	203
Total Radar Hours	157 Hours
Total Radar Enforcement	158

# Radar Speed Recorder:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Myrtle Avenue	01/02/23-01/09/23
Norwood Avenue	01/02/23-01/09/23
Grove Street	01/09/23-01/17/23
Rockview Avenue (500 Block)	01/09/23-01/17/23
Brook Avenue	01/18/23-01/25/23
Somerset Street (600 Block)	01/18/23-01/25/23
Harrison Avenue	01/26/23-01/31/23
Watchung Avenue	01/26/23-01/31/23

# School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	25 Hours
High School	0 Hours
Somerset School	0 Hours
Stonybrook School	19 Hours
West End School	14 Hours
TOTAL	58 Hours

# Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME	
Clinton Avenue	01/01/23-01/03/23	
Myrtle Avenue	01/01/23-01/03/23	
Somerset Street	01/01/23-01/03/23	
Westervelt Avenue	01/01/23-01/03/23	

Manning Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Parkview Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Washington Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Watchung Avenue	01/03/23-01/17/23
Grove Street	01/17/23-01/31/23
Harrison Avenue	01/17/23-01/31/23
North Jackson Avenue	01/17/23-01/31/23
Rockview Avenue	01/17/23-01/31/23

#### Miscellaneous Information:

- We responded to 127 rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 334 building or premise checks.
- We investigated 32 general alarms.
- We made 584 motor vehicle stops.
- We conducted 2 walking beats.
- We conducted 60 school checks.
- We conducted 74 park checks.
- We conducted 34 area checks.
- The police department recorded a total of 4,071 incidents.
- BWC videos and CAD entries were reviewed by the Patrol Division Commander.
- Use of Force and MV Pursuit After Action Reviews were conducted.

#### Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:		Title 39		Meter Rel	ated	Total		
		Month	/YTD	Mon	th / YTD	Mont	h / YTD	
	Totals	334	334	293	293	627	627	

Meters		Permi	ts 7	Total Revenue			
Monthly / YTD		Monthly	/ YTD	Monthly / YTD			
	9,140.32	9,140.32	5,580.00	5,580.00	14,720.32	14,720.32	

#### Monthly Accident Totals

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#### **Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
Hazardous	34	Non-Hazardous	22
Alcohol Related	0		

#### Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:

Rt 22-Reportable 35 Rt 22 Non-Reportable 0

Boro Streets-Reportable	42	Boro Streets Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	10	Private Property Non-Reportable	0
Total Reportable Accidents	87	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	1
Accident Injury Report:			
Reports W/Injuries	17		
Persons Injured	23		
Fatal Accidents	0		
Accidents Year To Date (YT	D): 8	88	
<b>Summons Issued at Accident</b>	s:		
Refuse Breath Test	1	Driving While Intoxicated	2
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Hazardous	34	Non-Hazardous	22
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Hazardous	34 0	Non-Hazardous	
Hazardous Alcohol Related	34 0	Non-Hazardous	
Hazardous Alcohol Related Breakdown of Reportable an	34 0 <b>1d Nor</b>	Non-Hazardous	22
Hazardous Alcohol Related Breakdown of Reportable and Rt 22-Reportable	34 0 ad Nor 35	Non-Hazardous  n-Reportable  Rt 22 Non-Reportable	0

#### Accident Injury Report:

Total Reportable Accidents

Reports W/Injuries 17
Persons Injured 23
Fatal Accidents 0

#### Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

Total Non-Reportable Accidents

- Traffic conducted collections & escorted parking to the bank 8 hrs.
- Traffic conducted monthly alcotest maintenance.
- Sgt. Kardos and Parking Enforcement conducted meter repairs.
- Traffic investigated/conducted follow ups on 5 hit and run accidents.
- Traffic processed six (6) vehicles for tow companies.
- Traffic surveyed the downtown and school area for needed parking signs and yellow curbing.
- Traffic surveyed snow streets for signage.
- Traffic conducted selective enforcement on Rt 22/North for 1 hr, Rt 22/West End for 1 hr, and Somerset/Overpass for 1 hr.

#### SERVICE DIVISION:

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$816.00	\$816.00
Calls for Service/Responses	4,071	4,071
Discovery Requests	38	38
Report Requests	13	13
Pieces of Evidence/Property	23	23

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	1
Assault, Agg:	2	2
Assault Simple	14	14
Burglary	2	2
Larceny	21	21
M.V. Theft	1	1
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	22	22
Bias Incidents	0	0

Monthly Arrest Analysis	Mo	nth	YTL	)
~	Adult	/Juv	Adult	/Juv
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	9	0	9	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0
Violation of Drug Laws	0	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0

Driving Under the Influence	2	0	2	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	4	0	4	0
Total UCR Arrests for Month	16	0	16	0
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	3	0	3	0
Grand Total Arrests for Month	19	0	19	0

• 0 Juvenile Arrests for the Month

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Parenti Chief of Police February 2023

## Board of Health Monthly Report



### North Plainfield

PREPARED BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



# Somerset County Department of Health – Board of Health Monthly Report North Plainfield February 2023

#### **Communicable Disease and Nursing**

#### **Schools Immunization Audits**



Yearly audits of Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School student immunization records to ensure compliance with NJ Law regarding immunization requirements.

#### **Immunization Audits for Schools/Daycare Facilities**

- Growing Tree School
- Holy Cross Preschool

#### **Community Disease Control and Prevention**



Investigation, surveillance, and reporting of communicable diseases.

- → Tuberculosis (TB) control through case monitoring and management, contact follow-up, and provision of medications.
- → Childhood lead poisoning prevention through blood lead screening and assessment of lifestyle and environment for sources of lead.
  - New elevated blood lead level cases: 2
  - Repeat testing for elevated blood lead levels: 2
  - Home visits conducted for elevated blood lead levels: 1
- → Chronic disease resources are available as well as educational programs and screenings to increase awareness, encourage prevention, and promote early detection of cancer and other chronic diseases. Chronic disease prevention efforts and outreach are in collaboration with various community organizations and members.



### Total Number of Communicable Disease Cases Investigated

• 84



#### **Top Three Communicable Diseases**

- Novel Coronavirus 2019 NCOV 82
- Giardiasis 1
- Hepatitis C 1

#### **Emergency Preparedness**



COVID-19 vaccines are administered at various clinics throughout the County - total of **68,100** COVID-19 vaccines administered since December 2020. SCDOH conducts homebound COVID-19 vaccinations for residents who for medical or other reasons are unable to travel to the County clinics.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

- Cases of COVID-19 continue to be investigated on a daily basis as per NJDOH guidance.
- SCDOH works with schools, daycares, long-term care facilities, and other non-healthcare settings to identify outbreaks and provide public health recommendations to these facilities.
- SCDOH will continue to publish daily COVID-19 stats on the website (COVID-19 | Somerset County) every Thursday with the exception of Holidays.



## Somerset County Department of Health – Board of Health Monthly Report North Plainfield

#### February 2023

#### **Consumer Health**

#### **Consumer Health Program Overview**



- Plan Reviews: 0
- Retail food inspections: 15
- Retail Food re-inspections: 1
- Retail Food pre-operational inspections: 0
- Special Event applications: 0
- Complaint Investigations: 1
- Received animal bite report: 1
- Ongoing COVID 19 vaccine and booster clinics serving residents of Somerset County

#### **Administrative**



- File Searches: 1
- Issued retail food, hotel, recreational bathing, and vending machine licenses.

#### **Training and Education**



- Revisions to the Body Art Rule, N.J.A.C. 8:27
- FEMA ICS 100, ICS 700, ICS 800

#### **Environmental**



- Well Installation Inspections: 0
- Well Installation Permits Issued: 0
- Septic Inspection Reports: 0

#### **Childhood Lead Prevention**



- New elevated blood lead level cases: 2
- Repeat testing for elevated blood lead levels: 2
- Home visits conducted for elevated blood lead levels: 1

#### **Court Proceedings / Enforcement Actions**



- Notice of Violation (NOVs) Issued: 0
- Court Appearances: 0
- Fines Issued: \$ 0

#### **Basic Food Handler Certification**



Completion of ServSafe Basic Food Handler course: 1

### SOMERSET COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT Borough of North Plainfield February 1<sup>ST</sup> -28, 2023

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PROGRAM AREA	INSP	INSP	RE-INSP	RE-INSP	INSP	RE-INSP	INSP	RE-INS
Retail Food	15	14	1	1	28	2	106	5
Retail Food: follow up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temp/mobile Retail Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Retail Food: Pre opt	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Recreational Bathing	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1
Massage parlor	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
COMPLAINTS	2023 REC'D	2022 REC'D	2023 INVG			2023 Year-To-Date REC'D INVG		ear-To-Date INVG
Retail Food Establishments	1	0	1	0	1	1	7	7
Garbage / Debris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermin / Insect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Maintenance	1	2	0	0	1	0	10	0
Public Health Nuisance	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odor – Non-CEHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise – Non-CEHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADMINISTRATIVE	2023		2022		2023 Y	ear-To-Date	2022 Ye	ear-To-Date
Consultations	0		0		0		0	
Plan Reviews	0		0		0		3	
Hearings	0		0		0		0	
Court Proceedings	0		0		1		0	
NOV's Issued	0		0		0		1	
Summonses Issued	0		0		0		1	
Lab Reports Reviewed	0		0		0		0	
Staff Meetings	0		0		0		0	

### RETAIL FOOD INSPECTION RATINGS REPORT

COMPANY NAME	CITY	RISK TYPE	INSPECT DATE	SAT	SAT-A	SAT-B	COND SAT	UNSAT	PRE-OP INSP	INITIAL INSP	RE- INSP	FOLLOW- UP
D & E BAKERY	NORTH PLAINFIELD	3	2/3/2023			V					<b>✓</b>	
TACOS EL CREDOR	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/6/2023		$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$		
HERBS LIQUORS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/6/2023		$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$		
JAVA JOINT NP LLC	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/8/2023			$\overline{\checkmark}$				$\checkmark$		
LA NONNA PIZZERIA	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/8/2023			$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$		
EL REFUGIO RESTAURANT II	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/9/2023			<b>✓</b>				<b>y</b>		
ST PETER TRADE LLC	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/9/2023		$\checkmark$					$\overline{\checkmark}$		
WAWA 8397	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/13/2023		$\overline{\checkmark}$					<b>✓</b>		
WORLD SUPERMARKET NP	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/14/2023			<b>✓</b>				$\checkmark$		
7-ELEVEN #18141E	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/17/2023			$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$		
FINE FARE LOS AMIGOS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/17/2023			$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$		
EDDYS KITCHEN	NORTH PLAINFIELD	2	2/21/2023		✓					$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$		
COSTCO WHOLESALE #1166	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/22/2023		V					$\checkmark$		
NB LIQUORS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/22/2023		V					$\checkmark$		_ ·
HAPPY DAY CONVENIENCE STORE	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/23/2023		$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$		
CLINTON LIQUORS	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/23/2023		$\checkmark$							
CVS PHARMACY #464	NORTH PLAINFIELD	1	2/28/2023		$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$		
			TOTALS	0	) 0	0	0	0	0	16	1	. 0

Thursday, March 2, 2023

#### **COMPLAINTS REPORT** -- 2/1/2023 TO 2/28/2023

PROPERTY / LOC ADDRESS	GEROGRAPHIC AREA	TYPE	ACTION	STATUS	DATE RECEIVED	DATE of INVESTIGATION	FILE NUMBER
	NORTH PLAINFIELD	RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT	INVESTIGATION	CLOSED	2/6/2023		NP-23-06-02-0002
292 WATCHUNG AVE APT 2	NORTH PLAINFIELD	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	REFFERED	CLOSED	2/13/2023		NP-23-12-13-0003
	NORTH PLAINFIELD	ANIMAL	REFFERED	CLOSED	2/27/2023		NP-23-02-27-0004



# Somerset County Department of Health – Board of Health Monthly Report North Plainfield Borough February 2023

**County Environmental Compliance & Enforcement** 

#### **Air Quality**



Dry cleaner inspections: 0

B Source: 1

Noise Complaints: 0Complaints: 0

NJDEP referrals: 0Idling enforcement: 0

#### **Solid Waste**



Facility inspections: 0

Demo checks: 0

Container inspections: 0

Hauler inspections: 0

• Single-Use Plastics Inspection: 0

Complaints: 1NJDEP referrals: 0

#### Water



Water pollution investigations: 0

Transient well inspections: 0

• Non transient well inspections: 0

Complaints: 0

NJDEP referrals: 0

#### **Pesticides**



IPM inspections: 0

Landscaper inspections: 0

Complaints: 0

NJDEP referrals: 0

#### Open Public Records Act (OPRA)



OPRA reports completed: 1

NJDEP = New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection



### Somerset County Department of Health – Board of Health Monthly Report February 2023

#### **Health Education Services**

#### **Monthly Health Observances**



SCDOH health educators promote and bring awareness to monthly health observances through press releases, social media & community outreach opportunities.

- National Children's Dental Health Month
- National Heart Health Month
- National Cancer Prevention Month
- Give Kids a Smile Day (2/3)

#### Community Outreach/Programming - Listed on calendar below



- Social media outreach on Twitter for monthly health observances, winter weather safety, COVID-19 immunization information/clinics, childhood lead prevention, emergency preparedness cancer prevention, tobacco, heart health information, Super Bowl food safety, and kids' dental health.
- Basic Food Handler course (online) through ServSafe 2/8
- Chronic Disease CHIP Committee Meeting 2/3
- Healthier Somerset Coalition Meeting 2/21
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Outreach provided educational materials
- Community Engagement Night (Franklin) 2/21
- ShareFair Community Resource Event (Manville) 2/25
- African American Wellness Coalition Meeting 2/16

#### **Publications**



- SCDOH Monthly COVID-19 Situation Update Report for January 2/24
- Children's Oral Health Fact Sheet

#### **SCDOH Website Management**



- COVID-19 case (overall and by municipality) and death numbers
- Upcoming COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinic dates
- Webpage updates
  - Homepage: Updated the Public Distribution List for Somerset County Health Departments
  - o Emergency Preparedness → Cooling Centers: Updated SCLSNJ hours of operation
  - o COVID-19 Page:
    - SCDOH Situation Update for January
    - NJDOH Municipality Report for Somerset County

#### **Upcoming/In Development**



- Basic Food Handler course (online) through ServSafe − 3/8
- Community Engagement Nights (Franklin) 3/28 & 4/27
- Colorectal Cancer Virtual Presentation 3/20
- Rutgers Public Health Symposium 4/3
- Somerset Patriots COVID-19 Outreach/Education 4/6 & 4/20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Twitter posts for Health Observances throughout the month			1	2	3 Chronic Disease CHIP Committee Meeting	4

5	6	7	8 Basic Food Handler Course  COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Outreach	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	Healthier Somerset Coalition Meeting Community Resource Event	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Outreach	23	24	Community Resource Event
26	27	Provided Educational Resources for Far Hill's Quarterly Newsletter				



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Public Health Emergency Preparedness – LINCS Team

#### **External Meetings**



- NJDOH Vaccine Update Meetings –02/06, 02/13, 02/27
- NJDOH LINCS Grantee Meeting 02/17

#### **Public Health Emergency Preparedness Outreach/Activities**



- SCDOH COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics total of 68,100 COVID-19 vaccines administered since December 2020
- SCDOH Homebound Vaccination 1 (Franklin Township), 1 (North Plainfield), 2 (Raritan)
- SCDOH Monkeypox Vaccinations by Appointment 3 (2/10)
- SCDOH Distribution of antigen COVID-19 test kits to municipalities 5,126
- North Region Burn/Pediatric Tabletop Exercise (02/24)
- ShareFair Wellness Event in Manville (02/25)

#### **LINCS Messages**



The SCDOH receives the messages from the New Jersey Department of Health and disseminates them to county partners and organizations who are the target audiences for the message via email. There are four categories:

- Public Health Information 19 messages sent
- Public Health Update 1 message sent
- Public Health Advisory 2 messages sent
- Public Health Alert 0 messages sent
- Somerset County Department of Health LINCS Messages 8 messages sent

#### **Somerset County Medical Reserve Corps**



- MRC Wellcheck Webinar (02/02)
- Blood Pressure Screenings at ShareFair in Manville (02/25)
- Strategic Planning Meeting with Federal MRC Coordinator (02/28)

#### **Upcoming/In Development**



- Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- NJ MRC Quarterly Meeting March 9th
- MRC Regional Workshop in Richmond, Virginia March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- County Emergency Management Council Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>
- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center in Bridgewater on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Clinics at Somerville United Reform Church (March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Somerset County MRC Autism Shield Training at Emergency Services Training Academy (March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### **February Clinic Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				COVID-19		COVID-19
				Mobile Vaccine		Mobile Vaccine
				Clinic		Clinic
				Flu/COVID-19		
				Vaccine Clinic		

5	6 COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Clinic	7 Homebound Vaccination	8 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	9	10	COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Clinic
12	13	14 Homebound Vaccination	15	16	17	18
19	COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Clinic	Homebound Vaccination	COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic	23	24	COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Clinic & ShareFair Clinic
26	27	28				