

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 3, 2020 7:02 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Faustini called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Council President Faustini read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	X		
Mayor Anesh		x	
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen		x	
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Council President Faustini and Councilman Wolak led the invocation.

**Public Comment:** Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. With no comments from the public, Council President Faustini closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

January 27, 2020 – Agenda Meeting

January 27, 2020 - Public Meeting

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott		x	X				
Councilman Smith	x		X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**Proclamation** - National Wear Red Day for Women – was read in full by Council President Faustini. Council President Faustini advised that the proclamation will be saved for this Friday's wear read day.

**ORDINANCES:**

The following Ordinance 2168 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on first reading. Council President Faustini set the public hearing for February 18, 2020 at approximately 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2168  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 216, ARTICLE III, SECTION 216-7,  
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
TITLED "MISCELLANEOUS FEES"**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

the following fees, as established by the South Plainfield Borough Council be and are hereby amended to include the following amended fees:



<b>CURRENT FUND</b>				
<b>FROM:</b>				<b>AMOUNT</b>
9-01-20-110-000-101	Executive		S&W	<b>2,000.00</b>
9-01-20-145-000-255	Taxes		O&E	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing		S&W	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-22-195-001-101	Code		S&W	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official		S&W	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges		O&E	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-28-370-001-495	Recreation		O&E	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging		S&W	<b>1,500.00</b>
9-01-31-465-001-565	Gasoline		O&E	<b>3,500.00</b>
9-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill		O&E	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Total FROM:</b>				<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>TO:</b>				<b>AMOUNT</b>
9-01-25-240-001-321	Police		O & E	<b>2,000.00</b>
9-01-26-290-003-321	Snow Removal		O & E	<b>3,000.00</b>
9-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights		O & E	<b>8,500.00</b>
9-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave		O & E	<b>6,500.00</b>
<b>Total TO:</b>				<b>20,000.00</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-82  
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN CASALIGGI AS A  
FULL MEMBER TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

It hereby authorizes the appointment of Karen Casaliggi as a full member to the Cultural Arts Commission to fill Christine Lee's unexpired term to 12/31/2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-83**  
**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD WOLFF TO THE POSITION OF ZONING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL AT THE ANNUAL SALARY OF \$75,000.00 WITH BENEFITS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

It hereby authorizes the appointment of Richard Wolff to the position of Zoning and Property Maintenance Official at the annual salary of \$75,000.00 with benefits effective March 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Anne Daley, Benefits
3. Carmela Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 20-84**  
**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR CDBG GRANT FUNDING FOR THE 2019 PROGRAM YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2019 the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved and authorized the submission of an Action plan for the Use of Funds for CDBG program year 2019 to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, said Action Plan included projected funding for various projects submitted by the Municipal Subgrantee known as the Borough of South Plainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has accepted the County’s Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for program year 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal subgrantee, the Borough of South Plainfield, will be responsible for the administration of the following activities utilizing a total of \$79,580.00 for program year 2019 Community Development Block Grant Funds:

ADA Restrooms & Pool Ramp – Public Facilities	\$67,080.00
Aging Director Salary – Public Services	\$12,500.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$79,580.00</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given for the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Subgrant Agreement between the County of Middlesex and the Borough of South Plainfield for CDBG Grant funding for the 2019 program year.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2020-85  
AUTHORIZING A 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT  
OF \$200,000.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2020 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year's budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>				
				<b>AMOUNT</b>
0-01-20-140-000-204	Computer	O&E		<b>10,000</b>
0-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E		<b>5,000</b>
0-01-27-335-001-255	Environmental Commission	O&E		<b>1,000</b>
0-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E		<b>100,000</b>
0-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory		<b>80,000</b>
0-01-25-252-000-311	OEM	O&E		<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total CURRENT FUND</b>				<b>200,000</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Recreation Commission Minutes – December 10, 2019
- Environmental Commission Minutes – December 11, 2019

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	19-01	19,523.87
Current Fund	20-01	242,893.80
Pool Utility	20-26	0.00
Pool Utility	19-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	20-07	1,380.37
Sewer Utility	19-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	13,475.44
Pool Capital	C-27	266.94
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	23,238.28
Dog Trust	T-12	3,333.33
Treasurers Trust	T-13	570.01
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,911.50
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	3,189.52
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$309,783.06</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott		x	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – was absent this evening.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – reported about the adopt-a-spot revitalization and discussion regarding the changing of the name from SPCBA to SPCAA. Councilman Smith concluded by reminding everyone that the annual Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> and refreshments will be served at Borough Hall.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman White – advised that the Portuguese BBQ by Cicio's Pizza will be having their grand opening in the coming days.

Councilwoman Mott – said that she met with Alice and Soltera about the recycling guidelines. They will begin tagging all the hazardous types of recycling items such as, pizza boxes, plastic bags, shredded paper etc. They will be tagged and left behind.

Councilman Bengivenga – advised that the annual CDBG committee meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. on February 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2020 allocation. The public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Faustini – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – was absent this evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place advised that the Cultural Arts Commission started a photo contest of guessing the location of close-up pictures of South Plainfield. Right now, it is open to South Plainfield residents only.

Council President Faustini announced at 7:16 p.m. with no further comments, we will be going into closed session at this time and all are welcome to stay if they wish.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Council President Faustini called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk