

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2020 7:03 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

***Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Anesh 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 Mayor Anesh and Councilman Smith led the invocation.

Public Comment: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

March 16, 2020 – Agenda Meeting

March 16, 2020 - Public Meeting

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

Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month
 Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month
 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Anesh read all three proclamations in full. Councilman White thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition of the Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month especially in light of recently loosing his mother who suffered from this disease.

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance 2172 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE No. 2072
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2032 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2020 FOR PART TIME SEASONAL COMMUNITY POOL HELP

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

Employee Type	Rate Per Hour	Stipend for Summer
Non-Certified Staff	\$10.50	
Lifeguard (Tier 1)	\$12.75	
Lifeguard (Tier 2)	\$13.25	
Lifeguard (Tier 3)	\$13.75	
Assistant Managers		\$6,250.00
Head Manager		\$12,500.00
Assistant Swim Coach		\$2,250.00
Head Swim Coach		\$5,500.00

*Swim Instruction will pay an additional \$1.00/per hour from guard rate.

SECTION 2. **INCONSISTENCY** – All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE** – This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following Ordinance 2173 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2173
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1947 THAT ESTABLISHES RATES FOR USE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL TO NOW PROVIDE RATES FOR THE YEAR 2020 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD that the following rates shall be established for use of the South Plainfield Community Pool for 2020:

Pool Budget 2020

Membership Type

Membership Type (# of included Guest Passes)	Before 6/15	After 6/15
Resident - Individual (2)	\$200.00	\$225.00

Resident - Individual + 1 (2)	\$300.00	\$325.00
Resident - Family (5)	\$350.00	\$400.00
Resident - Senior Citizen (3)	\$80.00	\$100.00
Non-Resident - Individual (2)	\$330.00	\$355.00
Non-Resident - Individual + 1 (2)	\$450.00	\$475.00
Non-Resident - Family (2)	\$600.00	\$650.00
Non-Resident - Senior Citizen (2)	\$150.00	\$170.00
Individual: Age 13 & Over (as of 5/31/2020). Applicants under 18 must have parental consent.		
Individual + 1: Adult plus one additional adult or child		
Family: Adult plus 2 or more		
Senior Citizen: 60 years of age (as of 5/31/20)		
All adults must show proof of residency.		Group
Memberships (Individual + 1 and Family) must reside in the same home.		

Guest Passes

Pack of 10 Guest Passes members only - members must accompany guests)	(for	Rate	
10 Guest Passes		\$100.00	

Swim Team

Members Only	Rate	
Swim Team Individual	\$40.00	
Swim Team 2nd +	\$25.00	

Swim Lessons

Session (8 - 30 minute lessons)	Rate	
Member	\$40.00	
Non-Member Resident	\$80.00	
Non-Member Non-Resident	\$120.00	

Day Passes (2 years and older)

Day Pass	Weekday	Weekends /Holidays
Resident - Individual	\$12.00	\$15.00
Non-Resident - Individual	\$25.00	\$30.00

Picnics/Group Events

Party of 15+ (Weekdays Only - Pool Members ONLY - No Guest Passes)	Fee per Participant	Minimum per Party
Minimum 15	\$10.00	\$150.00

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 20-132
AUTHORIZING A 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
OF \$1,450,250.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND, \$100,000.00 IN THE SEWER UTILITY 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.

*SEE ATTACHMENT ON NEXT PAGE

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

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
0-01-20-100-000-101	Boro Administration	S&W	20,000
0-01-20-110-000-101	Admin & Executive	S&W	10,000
0-01-20-120-000-101	Boro Clerk	S&W	15,000
0-01-20-130-000-101	Financial Administration	O&E	15,000
0-01-20-140-000-101	Computer Service	S&W	10,000
0-01-20-140-000-225	Computer Service	O&E	20,000
0-01-20-145-000-101	Taxes	S&W	10,000
0-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	10,000
0-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	35,000
0-01-23-220-000-611	Health Benefits	O&E	100,000
0-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	500,000
0-01-25-240-001-235	Police	O&E	10,000
0-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	10,000
0-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	35,000
0-01-25-252-000-101	OEM	S&W	2,000
0-01-25-252-000-325	OEM	O&E	1,000
0-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	25,000
0-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	25,000
0-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Admin	S&W	10,000
0-01-26-290-001-325	Public Works Admin	O&E	1,000
0-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	20,000
0-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	5,000
0-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O&E	20,000
0-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000
0-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	10,000
0-01-27-330-001-403	Board of Health	O&E	5,000
0-01-28-370-002-102	Office on Aging	S&W	15,000
0-01-30-410-001-403	Municipal Support	O&E	1,000
0-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	5,000
0-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	28,000
0-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	20,000
0-01-45-920-000-801	Bond Principal	Debt	375,000
0-01-45-930-000-802	Interest on Bonds	Debt	77,250
Total CURRENT FUND			1,450,250
SEWER UTILITY FUND			
			AMOUNT
0-07-55-515-001-585	Sewer O&E	O&E	1,000,000
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND			1,000,000

RESOLUTION 20-133

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$614.99
PERTAINING TO 3775 PARK AVENUE ASSOCIATES**

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

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey and have received judgments reducing their assessments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following appeals be refunded.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3775 Park Avenue Associates Park and Twsp Line South Plainfield, NJ 07080	495	2	2019	\$614.99

Make check payable to:

3775 Park Avenue Associates
c/o Zipp & Tannenbaum, L.L.C.
280 Raritan Center Parkway
Edison, NJ 08837

Total **\$614.99 ***

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION: 20-134

**AUTHORIZING A FIRE PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54.00 TO THE PLAINFIELD
CURLING CLUB DUE TO CANCELLED EVENT**

WHEREAS, the Fire Official confirms that the owner of the Plainfield Curling Club has cancelled their event due to COVID-19 and as such the applicant has requested a refund of the \$54.00 fire inspection fee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a refund check(s) in the amount(s) of \$54.00 to the following:

**Plainfield Curling Club
133 McKinley Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07728**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION 20-135

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO STILO EXCAVATING INC. FOR 2019 ROAD AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS ROADS TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF CADY LANE SEWER IMPROVEMENT RESULTING IN AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$13,450.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorized the additional project scope of the Improvements for the 2019 road and sewer improvement project on various roads to now include the addition of Cady Lane Sewer Improvements. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the contract unit prices and the original contract amount of \$959,707.23 will be increased \$13,450.00 for a new contract amount of \$973,157.23.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/BA
2. Amy Antonides, Clerk
3. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW
4. John Freeman, Najarian Associates
5. Stilo Excavating

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

RESOLUTION # 20-136

**AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENT SERVICES OF SHORE SYSTEMS GROUP LLC TO INSTALL
HELICAL PILES AT THE COMMUNITY POOL PUMP BUILDING
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,900.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the emergent services of Shore Systems Group LLC to install helical piles at the community pool pump building to repair the failing structure in an amount not to exceed \$5,900.00; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Recycling Monthly Report – February & March 2020
- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – January & February 2020
- Recreation Commission Minutes – 1/14/20 and 2/11/20

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Totaling \$267,014.07

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – thanked all residents for their understanding during this challenging time. All offices are open with limited staff and public access. The public is encouraged to contact us by phone or email and appointments can be made for pressing matters. The Borough like other municipalities is affected by the economic downfall. As such, we are making cuts where we can. Mr. Cullen thanked everyone for their help and will continue to pray for everyone effected by this virus.

Engineer Miller – reported that the first road project of the year is taking place with work starting on Cotton Street.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – wished Councilman White a happy birthday and went on to encourage we continue with social distancing, keeping faith and remaining strong.

Councilman Wolak – offered words of encouragement saying that we will get through this.

Councilman White – said he is very proud of our community and how it has come together during this difficult time. On another note, we will be putting links on our website regarding any stimulus packages offered and any financial assistance for our businesses.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked the Mayor and Mr. Cullen for keeping us all informed. On another note, the yard waste site does remain open at this time. Recycling is also open but will be closed for Good Friday.

Councilman Bengivenga – thanked everyone for all their effort during this time especially Mr. Cullen and Mayor Anesh. Councilman Bengivenga also thanked all our first responders.

Council President Faustini – said that everyone said it very well in thanking all those who are working so hard during this difficult time. At this time recreation has kept the parks open with the exception of the dog park which is now closed. The Recreation Director is hopeful of being able to open up programs later in the season and is looking forward to the summer programs. The Easter Bunny may also be making rounds with the help of the South Plainfield Fire Department.

Mayor Anesh – thanked John Abbruzzese, Amy Antonides and Glenn Cullen for all their help in making this virtual meeting happen. Mayor Anesh also thanked the state, county and federal partners for all their assistance during this pandemic. On a final note, Mayor Anesh reminded everyone to please keep the Borough clean and do not leave your used gloves and masks laying around. Please throw them away in a trash receptacle.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Darlene Cullen of Hamilton Blvd. said the Mayor has been great in keeping the public informed so far but is wondering if there is anyway to also notify us of the recovery of our residents. Mayor Anesh said not yet, but the County is working on it. They just don't want to provide inaccurate information.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked everyone for being there to assure we receive pertinent information during this time. Ms. Boyle went on to thank both Tap and the Observer for all their coverage of the COVID-19 with a special thanks to Tap for keeping blog posts in a positive direction.

Without any further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk