

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 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 7:03 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 Wolak led the invocation followed by a moment of silence in memory of retired South Plainfield Police Officer, William Frink Jr.

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:

April 20, 2020 – Agenda Meeting

April 20, 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 – Older Americans Month was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Senior Center Director, Tree Olano, was virtually present to receive the proclamation expressing her appreciation for it. Councilwoman Faustini said that the Senior Center had made 500 masks for their fellow seniors given them out via curbside pick-up. The meals on wheels program is still very active delivering some 3,000 meals.

The below ordinance 2174 was introduced and read by title by Clerk Antonides. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for May 18, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE No. 2174

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2072 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.

Pool Budget 2020			
Employees			
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	\$19.00		
Head Manager			\$12,500.00
Assitant Swim Coach**			\$2,250.00
Head Swim Coach**			\$5,500.00
*Swim Instruction will pay an additional \$1.00/per hour from hourly rate.			
**Swim Team rates are based on a full season. In light of COVID-19, if the season is adjusted, the rate will be adjusted accordingly.			

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				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 20-146
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS FOR CANCELLED EVENTS
AND SECURITY DEPOSITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refund(s) to senior(s):

Suburban Women's Club
 C/O April Bengivenga
 3112 Woodland Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$100 sec dep for cancelled event on 4/26/2020

Joann Faulkner
 4475 South Clinton Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$200 sec dep & hall rental cancelled event

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refund(s).

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

RESOLUTION: 20-147

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,418.98
 PERTAINING TO 88 TYLER PLACE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 468 Lot 3

88 Tyler Pl.
\$28,418.98

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**88 TYLER LLC
 336 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD
 MELVILLE, NY 11747**

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	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 20-148

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO ALL PHASE CONSULTING SERVICES CORP. FOR FLOOR LEVELING, HALL REPAIRS, ELECTRICAL HAND DRIER AND RECESS KIT FOR THE FAMILY LAVATORY AT THE COMMUNITY POOL WHICH INCREASES THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT IN AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$3,283.48

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the additional project scope of the aforementioned improvements for the Community Pool project to now include floor leveling, hall repairs, electrical hand drier and recess kit for the family lavatory. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the contract unit prices and the original contract amount of \$346,000.00 will be increased \$3,283.48 for a new contract amount of \$349,283.48.

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. Sonnenfield & Trocchia Architects
5. All Phase Consulting Services Corp.

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

RESOLUTION # 20-149

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A UV-C AIR & SURFACE DISINFECTION LAMP FROM EA MEDICAL LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,795.00 FOR THE EMS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a UV-C air & surface disinfection lamp from EA Medical LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,795.00; 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

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

RESOLUTION 20-150

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, AND HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes John Abbruzzese, IT Officer, to dispose of the following items deemed to have outlived its useful life and/or is permanently damaged, and that holds no monetary value;

- SonicWall TZ 180 SN 0017C529EE64
- SonicWall TZ 190 SN 0017C509A218
- SonicWall TZ 190 SN 0017C5096D64
- SonicWall TZ 190 SN 0017C5269EC4
- SonicWall TZ 190 SN 0017C5096928

BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield’s asset inventory; 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. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

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

RESOLUTION 20-151

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL 3RD QUARTER ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the 2020 budgets for the Borough of South Plainfield have not yet been adopted and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to send out final 2020 bills by the statutory date of June

14th due to the lack of a tax rate certified by the Borough of South Plainfield

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 determines that the tax collector may, by resolution of the governing body, send out estimated tax bills for the third quarter, and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield to send out estimated bills for the third quarter, 2020 based on an estimated tax levy of **\$91,237,448.40** and an estimated tax rate of **6.339** per \$100 of assessed value to be reconciled through the fourth quarter, 2020 billing to be mailed upon receipt of a certified tax rate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is to prepare, and mail estimated 3rd quarter, 2020 tax bills, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, the due date of the estimated 3rd quarter tax bills shall be the later of August 1, the additional interest-free period authorized pursuant to R.S.54:4-67, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the estimated tax bill for the third installment was mailed or otherwise delivered. Any payment received after this time may be charged interest back to August 1.

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

- a. Kimberly Clifford, CTC
- b. Glenn Cullen, CMFO

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

RESOLUTION 20-152

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE SECOND QUARTER TAXES DUE MAY 1, 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66 states that payments received after a 10-day grace period will be considered delinquent and subject to interest, and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 130 allowing municipalities to extend the grace period to June 1st for second quarter property taxes,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex that:

1. The grace period for the payment of the second quarter 2020 real estate property taxes due May 1st, 2020 shall be extended to June 1, 2020.
2. Interest shall be charged back to May 1st, 2020 for all payments made after the grace period date of June 1st, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION 20-153

AUTHORIZING A 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$2,160,668.00 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.

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
0-01-20-100-000-101	Boro Administration	S&W	25,000
0-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W	10,000
0-01-20-120-000-101	Boro Clerk	S&W	35,000
0-01-20-145-000-101	Taxes	S&W	5,000
0-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	10,000
0-01-20-150-000-221	Assessing	O&E	5,000
0-01-20-155-000-221	Legal	O&E	15,000
0-01-20-165-000-101	Engineering	S&W	4,000
0-01-23-210-000-655	Other Insurance	O&E	250,000
0-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits	O&E	910,000
0-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	500,000
0-01-25-240-001-225	Police	O&E	25,000
0-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	50,000
0-01-25-260-000-209	Rescue Squad	O&E	5,000
0-01-25-265-001-475	Fire Department	O&E	5,000
0-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	15,000
0-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	30,000
0-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Admin	S&W	10,000
0-01-26-290-002-435	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E	10,000
0-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	1,000
0-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O&E	75,000
0-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	25,000
0-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000
0-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	5,000
0-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental Commission	S&W	13,000
0-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	10,000
0-01-28-370-001-204	Recreation	O&E	5,000
0-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	10,000
0-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	15,000
0-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	5,000
0-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	27,000
0-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	35,000
G-02-41-770-001-301	CDBG - Grant Senior Center Imp.	O&E	10,668
Total CURRENT FUND			2,160,668

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

RESOLUTION # 20-154
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A ROBOTIC POOL CLEANER FROM RECREONICS INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,963.33

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a robotic pool cleaner from Recreonics Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,963.33; 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

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

RESOLUTION # 20-155
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MY SENIOR CENTER SOFTWARE SYSTEMB FROM XAVUS SOLUTIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,320.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a MySeniorCenter software system from Xavus Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$10,320.00; 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

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

RESOLUTION 20-156
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JESSICA ASKIN AS FULL-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR TO BECOME A PER DIEM TELECOMMUNICATOR INSTEAD FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Jessica Askin from the position of full-time Telecommunicator to become a per diem Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the hourly rate of \$30.00 effective May 5, 2020, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department

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

**RESOLUTION 20-157
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ALEX NIERADKA AS
FULL-TIME LEVEL 1 TELECOMMUNICATOR FOR THE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Alex Nieradka as a full-time Level 1 Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the starting salary of \$47,198.33 effective May 5, 2020, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department

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

**RESOLUTION 20-158
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JANELLE LLOYD AS
PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR AT THE PER DIEM TRAINING RATE
OF \$21.50 AND UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING
TO BE PAID AT THE HOURLY PER DIEM RATE OF \$30.00**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Janelle Lloyd as part-time Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the per diem training rate of \$21.50 and upon completion of training to be paid at the hourly per diem rate of \$30.00 effective May 5, 2020, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 20-159

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF KARL SCHUETZ AS TELECOMMUNICATOR FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Karl Schuetz from the position of Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 20-160
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS DONE AT
SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR RESIDENCE LOCATED AT
101 MORRIS AVENUE TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,829.00 WHICH REPRESENT
VARIOUS BUILDING PROJECT RELATED REPAIRS

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

It hereby authorizes the release of funds for improvements done at the South Plainfield Senior Residence located at 101 Morris Avenue in South Plainfield to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ located at 3 Manhattan Drive in Burlington, NJ 08016 in the amount of \$29,829.00 which represent various building project related repairs; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- There were not matters of correspondence this evening.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	19-01	4,399.88
Current Fund	20-01	94,238.99
Pool Utility	20-26	0.00
Pool Utility	19-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	20-07	413.25
Sewer Utility	19-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	98,531.40
General Capital	C-04	39,729.65
Pool Capital	C-27	83,956.12
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	21,300.43
Dog Trust	T-12	3,865.50
Treasurers Trust	T-13	319.20
Recreation Trust	T-14	0.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$346,754.42

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that estimated tax bills will be sent out. Mr. Cullen thanked particularly the DPW and Police Department for helping to control a number of costs. The Governor mentioned that the state is experiencing historic revenue losses. We are experiencing some economic challenges here, but we put in place a number of changes early on. We have made changes to our part-time per diem help. Everyone has all been very cooperative. We are expecting to introduce our budget at the next meeting. We are working toward opening up our building to the public utilizing proper social distancing measures of remaining 6 feet apart for accepting tax payments. The community pool is still moving forward so forward.

Engineer Miller – reported that the first road project of the year is taking place on Joan Street and Desepio with concrete work. The road project for St. Nicholas is pending DOT approval right now. Once approved we will be ready to go out to bid. The Cragwood and Corporate Blvd. project is being finalized and prepared for submission to the DOT.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – said we are all going through this together, but we will get through this. Things will get better.

Councilman White – directed small business owners to our website for economic assistance guidance. Also, through a phone call with Congressman Pallone, there is a new package for small business that has some \$60 billion. For stimulus checks you can go to IRS.Gov on the internet to establish that.

Councilman Smith – thanked the Mayor, Council and all department heads and everyone else for chipping in to do their best during these difficult times. Councilman Smith extended his thoughts and prayers to Councilman Dean’s family.

Councilwoman Mott – expressed her deepest condolences to Councilman Smith and his family regarding the loss of his brother.

Councilman Bengivenga – thanked the administration and finance committee and Mr. Cullen in dealing with the revenue shortfalls. Councilman Bengivenga thanked Mr. Cullen and the Department Heads for all their cooperation during these challenging times. At the end of the day we want to be safe and make sure things are put in place for the safety of our residents and we have a plan put in place for the fiscal responsibility that we have for the taxpayers. We look forward to working over the next couple weeks in strengthening or financial position in the Borough.

Council President Faustini – reported that we are continuing to work with the state and county regarding the guidelines and protocols for the opening of the pool. This past weekend we launched a brand-new program with is really a partnership with the Senior Center and Recreation. It’s a pen pal program. We are looking to keep the communication going between the generations and particularly for those who may need a little extra outreach right now. The program has had a good response so far. If anyone is interested, they may sign-up for it via our website. Virtually the Library has an exciting calendar for May which you can sign up via email for their programs. They will then send you a Zoom link.

Mayor Anesh – advised that before tonight’s meeting he was on a conference call with the County who received \$143 million in CARES aid. Discussions will take place as to how those funds will be made available to the municipalities. It can only be used for COVID-19 related expenses. Presently population aid from the state is also being discussed with the legislature. They will soon be reaching out to administrators and CFO’s in this regard. Mr. Cullen added that we have had a fairly substantial loss in revenues particularly with the Court Office, Building Department, Fire Prevention. Hotel tax revenue is down which is \$35,000 per month. The figures become substantial when you start adding them up.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked the Mayor, Council, all volunteers and first responders for all their help and support during these difficult times. Prayers to all our families, prayers to Robert Bengivenga Sr. on his triple bypass. Condolences to Pete Smith’s family.

Mr. Cullen thanked the number of volunteers who have donated items throughout this pandemic. Also, a special thank you to former Councilman Ray Rusnak who has been volunteering his time to help with the Meals on Wheels deliveries every day.

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 Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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