

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 29, 2020 7:00 P.M.  
SPECIAL 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 7:00 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		
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>			
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.

Mayor Anesh reviewed some basic rules for conducting this virtual meeting this evening. All lines will be muted until such time that the floor is open for public comment. Each phone call or virtual hand raise will be taken one at a time.

Mayor Anesh asked if the Council has any comments on this evening's agenda. Councilman Smith inquired about Resolution 20-201 asking if Patti Construction received their state license yet and asked Mr. Cullen if he's sure everything is in order. Mr. Cullen explained that items from a prior bid some time ago were deemed incomplete and as such, this vendor did not get the job. Since then, he has obtained his necessary documentation. This particular resolution is not a bid, it is an emergency expenditure for corrective action measures to fix the footings for the existing slide at the community pool. The current contractor did not have anyone else on the job site available to do this work which is why we are using Pattie Construction for this emergent repair. There were no further comments from Council.

The below ordinance 2177 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2177  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2173 THAT ESTABLISHES RATES  
FOR USE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL  
TO 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:

<b>Pool Saver Pass *</b>	<b>Targeted 7/15</b>
Resident - Individual	\$130.00
Resident - Individual + 1	\$200.00
Resident - Family	\$230.00
Resident - Senior Citizen	\$55.00
<b>Session (8 - 30 minute lessons)</b>	
Member	\$40.00
Non-Member Resident	\$80.00
Non-Member Non-Resident	\$120.00

<b>Day Pass</b>	
Resident – Individual – WEEKDAY	\$12.00
Resident – Individual _ WEEKEND/HOLIDAY	\$15.00
** Non-Resident – Individual – WEEKDAY	\$25.00
** Non-Resident – Individual - WEEKEND	\$30.00

\* Note: Pool admissions may be limited by daily social distancing capacity requirements. Pool Saver Pass does not guarantee admission.

\*\* Note : Non-Resident Passes will be subject to availability

\*\*\* Individual: Age 13 & Over (as of 6/30/2020). 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 6/30/20).

All adults must show proof of residency. Individual +1 and families must reside in same home.

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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							

The below ordinance 2178 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with not comments made, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE No. 2178**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2172 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the years shown.

Employee Type	Rate per Hour	Stipend for Summer
Pool Attendant (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*		\$11,000.00

\*Swim Instruction will pay an additional \$1.00/per hour from guard rate.\*  
Salary is prorated due to delayed opening.

\*The Head Manager stipend has been adjusted and prorated for the shortened season. The Head Manager will be conducting preseason training for staff prior to pool opening.

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	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>							

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

### **Public Hearing of the 2020 Municipal Budget** (No vote this evening) (Copy available on Borough’s website)

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over the Chief Financial Officer, Glenn Cullen. Mr. Cullen explained that the budget amendment is making fairly significant increases both up and down nevertheless, our introduced budget is very similar to what our amended budget is going to be. We had to reduce our court fees by about \$105,000 yet we were able to find savings by cutting costs and with salaries and wages. What you’re looking at tonight are reductions due to COVID-19 in the Building and Court offices. Those two departments alone our revenue loss is about \$500,000. from where it was a year ago. We do have a minor increase in taxes from what was originally introduced but that’s because obviously we have been faced with many challenges on the revenue side. The Borough is about \$400,000. behind in cash collections from a year ago. We have new sets of challenges. We will be having a public hearing on the amendment at our next meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> which we will also most likely adopt the 2020 budget. The estimated tax bills should have been sent out. They are estimated amounts not based on this budget. Mr. Cullen said he expects there to be a reduction. If anyone has any questions it may be best to hold them until the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilman Bengivenga reiterated that with everything regarding COVID-19 it’s brought a challenge for all of us in the Borough. Councilman Bengivenga thanked Mr. Cullen, Mr. Miller, and all the Department Heads for being able to reduce the expense side of the budget. Glenn’s done a great job looking at every line item especially on the salary wage side which is essentially flat year after year. We’re at a point now where hopefully in the next two weeks we’ll have some mechanisms to be able to further reduce it but at the same time it’s a great job considering the circumstances we’re in. A

lot of the strains on our revenues is not just with the Court and Building offices but it's with the hotel tax, host fees that just continues to dwindle away. At the same time, we've had a big increase with our recycling contract. Glenn did a great job early on finding a way in reducing the impact to our residents. Councilman Bengivenga concluded by saying he is looking forward to continuing to work to get the budget down more.

Mr. Cullen said that last week we started to input a lot of our expenses due to COVID-19 into the CARES grant fund module of the state and proceeded to thank all the department heads that helped. Mr. Cullen particularly thanked Clerk Antonides with the help she's provided with revenue sources. Everyone has worked very well together as a team and this team is going to get through this.

Mayor Anesh thanked everyone considering all the challenges we are faced with.

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for the public hearing. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh Announced that consideration for adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget will be held July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

**20-199A Authorizing the Introduction of the Amendment to the 2020 Municipal Budget**  
(Copy available on Borough's website)

Mayor Anesh called for a motion to Introduce the 2020 Municipal Budget Amendment and then set the public hearing for the 2020 Municipal Budget Amendment for July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 20-199A: AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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				
Council President Faustini	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION # 20-199**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL FROM KEITH'S FENCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,305.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of fencing for the community pool along Cady Lane and installing a fence and gate behind the basketball courts from Keith's Fence in an amount not to exceed 15,305.00; 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, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			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>							

**RESOLUTION 20-200**  
**AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO ACCEPT RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING FEES**  
**IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00**

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

It hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to accept Red Cross Lifeguard training fees in the amount of \$60.00 per trainee; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			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>							

**RESOLUTION # 20-201**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF PATTI CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
**FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FIX THE FOOTINGS FOR THE EXISTING SLIDE AT THE COMMUNITY POOL IN**  
**AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,200.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Patti Construction LLC for emergency repairs to fix the footings for the existing slide at the community pool in an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00; 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			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>							

**RESOLUTION 20-202**  
**AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-198 THAT AUTHORIZED THE HIRING**  
**OF 2020 COMMUNITY POOL PERSONNEL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given to amend Resolution 20-198 for employing the following people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility at rates pursuant to Salary Ordinance 2178 to now indicate amendments to said listing of pool hires:

# Pool Employees 2020

Position	Last Name	First Name
<b>Head Manager</b>		
	Nickel	William
<b>Assistant Manager</b>		
	McLaughlin	Kate
	Gurrieri	Nicolas
	Wahlers	Bridgette
<b>Lifeguard - Tier 1</b>		
	Blouin	Nadia
	Glynn	Olivia
	Jaramillo	Isaac
	Manta	Lesly
	Valdeiglesias	Bianca
	Piña	Amanda
	Di Giorgio	Abigail
<b>Lifeguard - Tier 2</b>		
	Arieno	Isabella
	Moffitt	Alyssa
	Robertson	Nick
	Wahlers	Brendan
	Walters	Imagen
	Downes	Riley
<b>Lifeguard - Tier 3</b>		
	Barry	Trevor
	Faustini	Dominic
	Galati	Mia
	Olsen	Haley
	Shaw	Kristina
	Strassberg	Maxwell
	Alktaish	Ward
<b>Lifeguard - Tier 1 (pending certification)</b>		
	Callanan	Maria
	Cassio	Joseph (Joey)
	Conti	Jessica
	Cortes	Emily
	Dobrynio	Karly
	Geis	Madison
	Glover	Gianna
	Hernandez	Destiny
	Kurilew	Michael
	Lamberson	Ryan
	Leon-Tamara	Melissa
	Mackenzie	Jack

Mallqui	Laryssa
Nazarko	Adrianna (Age)
Ng	Joshua (Josh)
Nguyen	Anthony
Noel	Adrianna
O'Brien	Madison
Page	Dylan
Pfeiffer	Everette
Pfeiffer	Madelyn (Maddie)
Pullen	Samantha
Saffold	Isabella
Schwarz	Allison
Strassburger	Samuel
Sutor	Tatianna
Underdue	Jason
Valdes	Megan
Valle	Jaleena
Walters	Keenan
Wells	Brianna
Young	Bradley

Abdullah	Samar
O'Connor	Troy
Alktaish	Sidra
Williams	Kairhi
Ratti	Caroline
Santiago	Kayla
Mundy	Emily
Dunn	Jacob
Oshaughnessy	Cassie

**Pool Attendant (Non-Certified Staff)**

Ardito	Olivia
Blouin	Kurtis
Brown-Smith	Alexander
Callanan	Maria
Cassio	Joseph (Joey)
Conti	Jessica
Cortes	Emily
<del>Dawson</del>	<del>Cole</del>
DeLisa	Deanna
<del>DeLisa</del>	<del>Miranda</del>
Dobrynio	Karly
Donnelly	Jayden
Draper	Janya
Droge	Colin
Edmondson	Keagan
Fontana	Kimberly
Fuschetti	Jules

Geis	Madison
Glover	Gianna
Hernandez	Destiny
Jacobs	Ashlee
Kurilew	Michael
Lamberson	Ryan
Leon-Tamara	Melissa
Mackenzie	Jack
Makoski	Cara
Mallqui	Laryssa
Marks	Cameron
Masset	Jack
Nazarko	Adrianna (Age)
Ng	Joshua (Josh)
Nguyen	Anthony
Nieradka	Kylie
Noel	Adrianna
O'Brien	Madison
Page	Dylan
Pandya	Meeteeka
Pfeiffer	Everette
Pfeiffer	Madelyn (Maddie)
Price	Ace
Pullen	Samantha
Rachwal	Andrew (Drew)
Rokicki	Rachel
Romero	Jessica
Saffold	Isabella
Schwarz	Allison
Strassburger	Samuel
Sutor	Nicolea (Nicky)
Sutor	Heidi
Sutor	Tatianna
Tivald	Madison
Underdue	Jason
Valdes	Megan
Valle	Jaleena
Vitabile	Gabriella (Gabby)
Walters	Keenan
Wells	Brianna
Young	Bradley
Zazzara	Dean
Zultowski	Steven
Abdullah	Samar
O'Connor	Troy
Alktaish	Sidra
Williams	Kairhi

Ratti	Caroline
Santiago	Kayla
Mundy	Emily
Dunn	Jacob
Gil	Ashanty
Moffitt	Taylor
Ruchaevsky	Shayna
Santamaria	Taylor
Olano	Olivia
Flasser	Jennifer
Oshaughnessy	Cassie

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	x		X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini							X
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	19-01	0.00
Current Fund	20-01	6,123.45
Pool Utility	20-26	0.00
Pool Utility	19-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	20-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	19-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	292,628.00
Pool Capital	C-27	39,211.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	0.00
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	0.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	0.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$337,962.45</b>

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Without any comments 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 7:18 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