

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2020 7:08 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 7:08 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.

Mayor Anesh again 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.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Mayor Anesh awaited virtual hand raises, he then un-muted all microphones. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

- June 15, 2020 – Agenda Meeting
- June 15, 2020 - Public Meeting
- June 29, 2020 – Special Meeting

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>							

**19th Amendment Centennial Essay Contest:** - Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Clerk Antonides who stated that it was a pleasure to work with both Council President Faustini and Councilwoman Mott on this essay contest. The essays were so well written and enjoyable to read which made the decision-making process a real challenge.

The topic of the essay was in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Each contestant needed to highlight an activist who had a connection to New Jersey and explain the importance of his or her role to the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

A very special thank you to Darlene Cullen of the South Plainfield Tap for her very generous sponsoring of all of our prizes for this evening's winners. The winners are as follows:

**FOR Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** Representing the MIDDLE SCHOOL

Third Place: \$ 75 Gift Card - Aadi Shah  
Second Place: \$100 Gift Card - Nina DeSimone  
First Place: \$150 Gift Card -Neha Bommireddy

**FOR Grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>** Representing the HIGH SCHOOL

Third Place: \$ 75 Gift Card - Kaitln Baskiewicz  
Second Place: \$100 Gift Card – Purva Bommireddy  
First Place: \$150 Gift Card – Fiza Rizvi

Council President Faustini congratulated all the winners saying that the essays were all very impressive both with content and their writing ability. Council President Faustini said she is very proud of everyone who submitted an essay saying that their writing skills are so important which will help you through life. Council President Faustini thanked everyone who participated and thanked TapInto South Plainfield for their very generous sponsorship.

Councilwoman Mott said she could tell that there was a lot of effort and though put forth into these essays and they were all very fun to read. It was definitely a very difficult decision to make. Everyone was written fantastic. Councilwoman Mott thanked Darlene Cullen with TapInto for the generous donation of prizes; we greatly appreciate it as well as appreciate all the students that participated.

The below ordinance 2176 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments from the public closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2176**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
“HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE” UNDER CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE VIII TITLED “BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND  
COMMISSIONS” WITHIN THE BOROUGH CODE**

**WHEREAS**, South Plainfield is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise our families, in large part because of our wealth of diverse bodies, minds, and backgrounds.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to create a Human Relations Committee of the Borough of South Plainfield;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 17 the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled, “Boards, Committees and Commissions” shall be amended to add Article VIII, Human Relations Committee as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII - Human Relations Committee**

**SECTION 17-44. Establishment, Membership and Terms; Compensation.**

There is hereby established a Human Relations Committee for the Borough of South Plainfield that shall be made up of eleven (11) members and four (4) advisory members. The membership of the Commission shall be composed of a member from each Borough agency as follows:

- A. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission to be designated by the Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission.
- B. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Recreation Commission to be designated by the President of the Recreations Commission.

- C. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Business and Economic Development Advisory Group to be designated by the Chair of the Business and Economic Development Advisory Group.
- D. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Environmental Commission to be designated by the Chair of the Environmental Commission.
- E. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees to be designated by the President of the Library Board of Trustees.
- F. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Housing and Community Development Committee to be designated by the Council Liaison of the Housing and Community Development Committee.
- G. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee to be designated by the Chair of the Public Celebrations Committee.
- H. One (1) Member of the South Plainfield Mayor's Wellness Committee to be designated by the Chair of the Mayor's Wellness Committee.
- I. One (1) member of the South Plainfield Board of Education to be designated by the President of the Board of Education.
- J. One (1) member of the Council of the Borough of South Plainfield who shall act as a liaison to be designated by the Mayor.
- K. One (1) member representative of the South Plainfield Police Department to be designated by the Police Chief.
- L. Advisory members must be eighteen (18) years of age and residents of South Plainfield. They shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council. Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years and until the appointment and qualification of their successor, except that the initial term of advisory members shall be as follows: two (2) advisory members for a term of three (3); one (1) advisory member for a term of two (2) years; and one (1) advisory member for a term of one (1) year. The initial appointment of advisory members shall be done at the annual reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council next following the adoption of this Ordinance.
- M. All members shall serve without compensation.

Except for the initial appointment in the year of adoption of this Ordinance, all terms shall be from the day of appointment until December 31 of the year in which the appointment was made.

**17-45. Appointment.**

For the initial year the Committee is established, appointments shall be made by the respective Commissions, Committees, groups and individuals as referenced in Section 17-44 by September 1 of each year to serve the remainder of the calendar year. For each year thereafter, appointments shall be made by February 1 of the calendar year. Upon each appointment being made, the person making such appointment shall notify the Borough Clerk of the appointment and provide the name and contact information to the Borough Clerk who shall maintain a record of same.

**17-46. Powers and Duties.** The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To establish, amend, and supplement its own bylaws to the extent not inconsistent with this article nor with any other municipal, state or federal regulation or law. The Committee shall meet regularly and at a minimum of bi-monthly (every two months).
- B. To foster, through community effort, good will, cooperation and conciliation among the groups and elements of the inhabitants of this Borough, and to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for the development of policies and procedures in general and for programs of formal and informal education that will aid in eliminating all types of discrimination based upon race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual preference, marital status, or developmental, mental, or physical disabilities.
- C. To investigate, mediate and attempt to resolve without resort to the judicial system or other form of adjudication any allegations of unlawful discrimination by residents of the Borough.
- D. To make a written annual report in June of each year to the Mayor and Council detailing its activities for the previous year and to make presentations before the Mayor and Council at such time as the Council shall request or the Committee deems desirable.
- E. The Human Relations Committee shall advise the Mayor and Borough Council on ways to promote social and cultural harmony throughout the Borough. The Committee shall propose educational and cultural programs to promote awareness and foster an inclusive sense of community within South Plainfield. It will also provide guidance to the Mayor and Council and other Borough Committees on ways to encourage kindness, cooperation, and unity among the multicultural residents of our town.
- F. The Committee is dedicated to cultivating an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance in South Plainfield that ensures residents and visitors of all backgrounds and circumstances can feel safe and welcome here.

G. The Human Relations Committee shall be advisory in nature, it nor its members have the authority to contract, bind or act on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield. Its sole function is to assist the Mayor, Council, Committees, Boards, Agencies and Administration of the Borough of South Plainfield in matters provided for above in the Borough of South Plainfield.

**SECTION 17-47. Chairperson.**

The Human Relations Committee shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect from those members described in paragraphs 17-44A through H above a chairperson who shall preside over all meetings.

**SECTION 17-48. Rules and Bylaws.**

The conduct of the Human Relations Committee at its meetings and for all activities of such Committee shall be governed by Rules and Bylaws which shall be established and adopted by the Committee at its first meeting of each year.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey 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				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini	x		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The below ordinance 2179 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for August 10, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 415 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED “SWIMMING POOLS”.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 415 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled Swimming Pools was established by ordinance in 2008 to set rates for the community pool complex; and

**WHEREAS**, there is, on occasion, a need to adjust such rates and making such adjustment by ordinance is burdensome;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 415 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled Swimming Pools, Article I, Community Pool Complex Fees, Section 415-1, Rates Established shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SECTION 415-1 - Rates Established.

Rates for use of the South Plainfield Community Pool shall be established by resolution of the Mayor and Council as they shall deem appropriate.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

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

## **BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

### **20-204 Authorizing the Public Hearing and Approval of the 2020 Municipal Budget Amendment**

(Copy available on Borough's website)

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Mr. Cullen who explained our budget is \$31,254,000.00. There were decreases in salaries and wages for Recreations, Police and Public Works, similar reductions were made in miscellaneous revenues in areas such as the Court, Building Department, and unfortunately, we have seen an increase in other areas such as tax appeals. As mentioned earlier our revenue losses are down \$210,000 in the Court, \$260,000 in the Building Department, \$125,000 in hotel tax, \$160,000 in sewer. It has proved to be very difficult to offset some of those revenue losses. We are hoping that the tail end of the year we will see some relief from those losses as well as some CARES Act funding. At this point in time there is not CARES Act funding in this budget. The impact to the average homeowner is \$109.50.

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing. Mayor Anesh awaited virtual hand raises, he then unmuted all microphones. Mayor Anesh encouraged anyone who may have a question to please feel free to speak. \*6 will unmute any phone lines. Mayor Anesh waited several minutes to be sure to give everyone ample opportunity to voice any public comment. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Councilman Bengivenga said that he appreciates all the time and effort that CFO Cullen, all the department heads, our Auditor and the Council spent on this budget. For the past few months we went diligently through this budget with dropping revenue throughout the state due to COVID-19. It was a big challenge to face, but we faced it early allowing us to tackle some of the expenditures in order to offset some of the revenue's losses. Obviously with the CARES Act and some revenue resources that will come in the future we are hopeful of having a decent Fall. Councilman Bengivenga thanked everyone again saying he realizes the struggle it's been having one thing in the beginning of the year to have it all totally flip flop in the midpoint of the year. It's a good solid budget, the actual budget is up less than 1%. It's just primarily the revenue side we are struggling with.

Mayor Anesh said Mr. Cullen and the entire Finance Committee chipped in on this budget. We have had some crazy times over the years but don't think anyone would have foreseen this pandemic. We will get through this and Mayor Anesh said he is aware that the state is seeking to borrow some \$10 billion, which shows the kind of impact the state is experiencing. Mayor Anesh said it is challenging times and he appreciates all the hard work. Mr. Cullen added that there is no borrowing taking place to plug a hole in this budget.

Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget Amendment

### **RESOLUTION 20-204**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves and confirms the public hearing and adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget Amendment pursuant to the attached budget document.

**20-205 Authorizing the Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget**

(Copy available on Borough’s website)

**RESOLUTION 20-205**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves and confirms the adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached budget document.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

Councilman Bengivenga asked to have resolution 20-207 put aside to be voted on separately.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 20-206**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL RYBECK AS FIREFIGHTER FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the appointment of:

Daniel Rybeck  
2105 Murrey Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by Fire Chief Scalera.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
5. Fire Chief Scalera

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>				
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-207**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,**  
**COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING HOURS**  
**OF OPERATION FOR THE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER**  
**STATION AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a solid waste transfer station and materials recovery facility within the Borough which is a public facility owned and operated by Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc., which is located on Lot 1 in Block 299, also known as 2101 Roosevelt Avenue in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility is located in an industrial zone and encompasses 1.8 acres, and there are few residential or other commercial dwellings in the immediate area; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility is allowed to accept approved solid waste types during specified hours which are currently 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays; and

**WHEREAS**, Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc. has requested an expansion of such hours necessitated, in part, by the disruption of operations due to the state of emergency and Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of hours will not adversely impact any neighboring dwellings or operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it approves an expansion of hours for the operation of the transfer station and materials recovery facility located at Lot 1, Block 299, also known as 2101 Roosevelt Avenue, within the Borough of South Plainfield to provide that such operations that are now permitted from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday shall be permitted from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with processing until 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and such operations that are currently permitted on Saturdays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. shall now be permitted from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with processing until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event it is determined that the operations during the expanded hours as set forth in this resolution are causing annoyance or disruption to neighboring property owners or occupants, or that they are otherwise determined by the Mayor and Council to be contrary to the public welfare, the Mayor and Council reserve the right to reduce the hours of operation back to the current hours allowed.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	x		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 20-208**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NJ DOT FOR THE DURHAM AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 20-209**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ABANDONED UNCLAIMED VEHICLE(S)**

**WHEREAS**, the South Plainfield Police Department in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, are in possession of abandoned vehicles due to the failure of the owners claiming such and are now desirous of conducting a public auction on July 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey for the following abandoned vehicles:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	STATUS	MIN. BID
2003	PONTIAC	VIB	5Y2SN62LX3Z435841	FAIR	\$500.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the South Plainfield Police Department are hereby authorized to publicly advertise and auction the aforementioned vehicles deemed to be abandoned by their owner(s).

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-210**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP TO INSTALL AND REPLACE A BSP FAILING SWITCH FOR THE OPERATING SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,365.16**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group to install and replace a BSP failing switch for the operating system in an amount not to exceed \$7,365.16 pursuant to state contract number 88796, 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

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							

**RESOLUTION 20-211  
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF THE BID AND QUOTE THRESHOLD  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3**

**WHEREAS** effective July 1, 2020 the Governor has authorized an adjustment to the bid and quote thresholds for contracting units subject to the Local Public Contracts Law which allows local contracting units with an appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent to increase their bid threshold to a maximum of \$44,000.00 and their quote threshold to a maximum of \$6,600.00; and

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 permits an increase in the bid and quote thresholds if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid and quote thresholds; and

**WHEREAS** Kelly Cupid possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq; and

**WHEREAS** Kelly Cupid is the official QPA on file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the Borough and the Borough desires to take advantage of the increased bid thresholds;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$44,000.00 and its quote threshold to \$6,600.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, the local unit is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Kelly Cupid's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**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. Kelly Cupid, QPA

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							

**RESOLUTION 20-212  
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY  
ROLE REALTY, LLC FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS  
TO BLOCK 255, LOT 13,  
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,136.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Role Realty LLC for public improvements located at Block 255, Lot 13; and

**WHEREAS**, has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$5,136.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-213**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2020 - 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSES TO ALL LICENSEES THAT HAVE MET ALL STATE AND BOROUGH REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE PAID ALL APPROPRIATE FEES.**

**WHEREAS**, applications for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2020-2021 have been submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, no objections to said renewals have been filed; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper Borough fees have been paid by all applicants and the renewal retail licensee tax clearance certificate has been issued.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following licensees be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-44-006-005	Plenary Retail Distribution	Dhara & Reshma Inc.	Oak Tree Discount Wines
2	1222-36-030-002	Plenary Retail Consumption	Friendwell Management LLC	Best Western
3	1222-31-028-001	Club	So Plainfield Columbian Club	Knights of Columbus
4	1222-31-024-001	Club	Plainfield Curling Club Inc	Plainfield Curling Club
5	1222-31-023-001	Club	Italian American Progressive League	Italian American Progressive League
6	1222-31-022-002	Club	So Plainfield BPOE of America	So Plainfield Elks #2298
7	1222-33-019-006	Plenary Retail Consumption	Brinel LLC	Paulo's Bar & Restaurant
8	1222-33-017-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Giocerbone Inc	Angelina's Tavern
9	1222-33-018-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Norman's Bar & Grill	KC's Korner
10	1222-44-004-007	Plenary Retail Distribution	Witty's Liquors at So Plainfield	Witty's Discount Wines & Liquors
11	1222-33-005-007	Plenary Retail Consumption	Konbrothers Inc	Park Avenue Diner

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2020-2021 liquor licenses to the above-named licensees.

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						

**RESOLUTION 20-214  
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):

Dorothy Paradiso  
2624 Holly Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
\$100 sec dep - cancelled event

Plainfield Unico  
3112 Woodland Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
\$100 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 <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							

**RESOLUTION # 20-215  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL  
WITH PRO ACOUSTICS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of a sound system for the Community Pool from Pro Acoustics in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00; 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. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director
4. John Abbruzzese, IT

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							



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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-218  
AUTHORIZING THE 2020 DAILY PASS RATES FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL**

**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 provide daily pass rates for the community pool due to the delays for the 2020 shortened season:

**FEES: The following Fees will be used during the 2020 Summer Pool Season:**

<b>2020 Daily Pass Rates</b>		
Due to delays for the 2020 season, it has been determined that the best plan for the shortened season is to sell Daily Passes only. In consideration of this, these are the adjusted rates.		
Daily Pass Rates	Weekday	Weekends /Holidays
Infant - Resident	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child - Resident	\$5.00	\$6.00
Individual - Resident	\$8.00	\$9.00
Senior - Resident	\$3.00	\$4.00
Infant - Non-Resident	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child - Non-Resident	\$10.00	\$15.00
Individual - Non-Resident	\$20.00	\$30.00
Senior - Non-Resident	\$10.00	\$15.00
<b>Individual: Age 13 &amp; Over (as of 5/31/2020). Applicants under 18 must have parental consent.</b>		
<b>Infant: Age 2 &amp; Under (as of 5/31/2020)</b>		
<b>Child: Age 3-12 (as of 5/31/2020)</b>		
<b>Senior Citizen: Age 55 &amp; Over (as of 5/31/20)</b>		
-All adults must show proof of residency-		
-Children (2-12yrs) must be accompanied by an adult while visiting the pool-		
The sale and hours of Non-Resident passes will be subject to availability constraints		

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION # 20-219**  
**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN IDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an indemnification and hold harmless agreement for electrical work by Nicola Demonte for the community pool; and

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

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

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-221**

**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM AND SENIOR FREEZE PROGRAM AND URGING MEMBERS OF THE 18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO NOT SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR’S DEFUNDING OF THESE PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is seeking to push the resulting economic collapse from COVID-19 onto the backs of the taxpayers of New Jersey, including Senior Citizens, disabled and low and middle-income New Jersey residents by virtue of freezing and defunding the Homestead Benefit program and Senior Freeze program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homestead Benefit program is open to homeowners of all ages who meet certain income and residency requirement and pays municipalities which then credit residents' tax bills and according to state tax data the average credit was \$255 in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Freeze program reimburses senior citizens and disabled residents who meet certain requirements for increases in their property tax bills over a period of years and according to state tax date, the average reimbursement was \$1,190 in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, these two programs combined to help about 680,000 residents annually shoulder their highest-in-the-nation property tax bills, where last year, New Jersey's average tax bill was \$8,953.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Gov. Murphy and his financial advisers have proposed cutting \$220 million payment for Senior Freeze and \$138 million for the Homestead Benefit program, after already freezing \$4.87 million for Senior Freeze and \$142 million for the Homestead Benefit program in March; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Governor previously froze the programs, many residents did not receive credit on their May tax bills and due to the length of time it typically takes the state to process the credits before appearing on a tax bill, the failure to fund the program in the next three months will result in these vulnerable residents not receiving credit on their August or November tax bills; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the State Legislature, Governor Murphy's plan means that checks that are typically sent to Senior Freeze participants will not arrive this summer and residents eligible for the Homestead Benefit tax credit will see an increase on their upcoming tax bills; and

**WHEREAS**, Seniors, disabled and low- and middle-income New Jersey residents will necessarily pay more on their property tax bills in the coming months under Gov. Murphy's plan to cut these two aid programs to balance the crushing blow to state revenues caused by the Governor’s decisions to effectively stop commerce in New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that it does hereby urge that Governor Murphy fully restore funding for the Homestead Rebate program and Senior Freeze program in order to assist those residents who are most in need of property tax relief.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event that Governor fails and/or refuses to restore the funding for these programs, that it does hereby urge State Senator Patrick J. Diegnan and State Assembly members Nancy Pinkin and Robert Karabinchak and all State Senators and members of the State Assembly to vote against Governor Murphy’s plan to cut funding for the Homestead Rebate program and Senior Freeze program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to Gov. Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator Patrick J. Diegnan and State Assembly members Nancy Pinkin and Robert Karabinchak.

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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Recycling Monthly Report – May 2020
- Board of Health Monthly Report – June 2020
- Environmental Commission Minutes – February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 11, 2020

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	19-01	11,766.02
Current Fund	20-01	559,724.60
Pool Utility	20-26	4,291.18
Pool Utility	19-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	20-07	1,113,131.64
Sewer Utility	19-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	25,273.75
Pool Capital	C-27	6,995.38
Election Account	E-18	3,150.00
Grant Fund	G-02	8,486.40
Dog Trust	T-12	3,991.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	8,645.04
Recreation Trust	T-14	200.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$1,745,655.81</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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – thanked the council for their support with the budget and all those who participated in putting it together. On another note there has been a tremendous amount of work done on the pool and though we were delayed from opening we are still making every effort to finish up the final stages and open soon.

Engineer Miller – the contractor has begun some of the work for the St. Nicolas Road project. The Cragwood and Corporate Road Project has been submitted to NJDOT and we're waiting for their review and to get their comments back. Then we will be ready to go out to bid.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman White – advised that Next Step Nutrition is now hiring. They are open for delivery and takeout. They have a smoothies and also have this killer protein waffle. On another note, we now have a locator link on our website for our Hometown Hero banners. Councilman White thanked the DPW for their work in getting all the banners up before July 4<sup>th</sup>, they all look great and we have had very positive feedback about them. Councilman White concluded by congratulating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial winners of the essay contest.

Councilman Smith – The Recycling Committee has worked with the Library to have signs placed that say to remember to place used masks and gloves in the trash; do your part to keep the community clean. Councilman Smith thanked the Recycling Committee and the Library for doing that. The Library will be discussing when they can begin limited access to the public into the building. The Recreation Department is partnering with South Plainfield schools in putting together a movie night to be held probably the first week of August. We are awaiting the screens to be delivered. It will be socially distanced, and you will have to reserve a spot so we can assure everyone is properly distanced.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Council President Faustini – reminded everyone that the virtual reading club at the Library is underway which is part of the assignments for students returning to school next year to do some reading. The Library does have curbside pick-up available. They have recently added story time craft kits.

Mayor Anesh – as of today we had 3 additional COVID-19 cases which brings our total cases to 534. It is important to note that for about the past three weeks we have been maintaining 3 or less daily cases. Florida on the other hand has reported the largest one day increase out of any state. The Governor issued recently an executive order to wear face masks outdoors if social distancing can not be maintained. On another note since the DMV has recently opened and due to the high volumes, it is recommended for you to do as much online with DMV as you can.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Darlene Cullen of TapInto South Plainfield thanked Amy Antonides, Council President Faustini and Councilwoman Mott for all their work on the essay contest and thanked the Council for allowing her to be the sponsor of the contest. A lot of work and dedication went into it.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked the Hometown Hero’s Committee and Councilman White for the wonderful way to honor our veteran’s. The banners look beautiful. Ms. Boyle then congratulated all the 2020 graduates.

Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor and announced that at this time, 7:46 p.m., we will be going into closed session and everyone is welcome to stay if they wish.

Upon return from the closed session meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Anesh announced that as a result of this evening’s closed session it has resulted in the need to add a resolution to this evening’s agenda. Mayor Anesh called for a motion to add resolution 20-220 to the agenda. Councilman Bengivenga made a motion to add resolution 20-220, seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried with an all-in favor voice vote.

**RESOLUTION # 20-220  
AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
AND PSE&G FOR PHASE III MAIN INSTALLATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes an agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and PSE&G for the restoration of roads under PSE&G’s Phase III Main Installation Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this agreement shall allow PSE&G to install dual mains behind the curb for the full length of Franklin Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield, but require the remaining moratorium roads listed in PSE&G’s Phase III Program to be done as direct bury in the roadway and PSE&G shall provide the Borough of South Plainfield 75% restoration credit of said roads, as calculated by the Borough Engineer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Road Opening Permits and bonding requirements shall be calculated the same as in Phase I and II, as calculated by the Borough Engineer and that no permit shall be provided without consent of this agreement in its entirety; 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
4. Kelley Sutter Roi, Project Manager-PSE&G

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>							

**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 8:12 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk