

**Minutes from the July 11, 2011 Public Meeting  
of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Mayor Anesh in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, with adequate notice of this meeting of the Borough Council being provided to the borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

Clerk Graf called the roll. Present were Council Members: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno and Rusnak.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation was offered by Councilman Bengivenga.

On the motion of Mr. Bengivenga and seconded by Mr. Barletta, it was moved to approve the following resolution:

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

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to appoint a Police Patrolman to replace a recent retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police and Administrator to appoint Ahmad Q. Stuckey to the position of Class H police officer at a salary of \$49,900 per year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the South Plainfield Borough Council that Ahmad Q. Stuckey is hereby appointed to the position of Class H police officer at a salary of \$49,900 per year, effective July 18, 2011.

Officer Stuckey was sworn in by Councilman Bengivenga. Mr. Bengivenga gave a brief introduction of Officer Stuckey to those present and the Mayor and Council members each offered congratulations and a warm welcome to the force.

Mr. Bengivenga made a motion to accept the Agenda, Public and Executive meeting minutes of June 20, 2011; seconded by Barletta.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno, Rusnak**

**ABSTAIN: Salerno**

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Anesh opened a public hearing on the release of a performance bond for 1335 Associates, LLC for public improvements made at 1335 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Block 3, Lot 29. There were no objections so the resolution will be approved later in the meeting.

Mayor Anesh opened the meeting for Public Comment on Agenda items only.

Frank Mikorski of Regency Place asked where the property in Ordinance # 1934 was located exactly and if #1935 was related. It was explained that they are companion ordinances. He also asked about Bond Ordinance # 1937 and the cost breakdown. He was told that the road resurfacing portion is \$341,328.25 with the balance covers sewer drainage work on several streets. Mr. Mikorski also asked for clarification on Resolutions 11-187 and 11-191. He asked about correspondence from Maser re: Suburban Bus Co. remediation.

Les Bergen of Hamilton Blvd. asked for clarification of Resolution # 1-183. Ms. Buteas replied that the resolution enabled the Green Team to apply for a grant. Mr. Bergen also asked for clarification on Resolution # 11-194, re: Mayor's secretary. Mr. Cullen explained.

Ms. Buteas asked whether there would be an adjustment in the salary of the employee vacating the position. Mr. Cullen replied that it would be address at a later meeting.

Clerk Graf and Mr. Cullen read the CY2011 Municipal Budget Amendment resolution.

Ms. Buteas asked what the tax impact would be with the amendment. She was told by Mr. Cullen that, where originally a \$59.00 increase was expected, it now appears that the average municipal tax will increase by \$43.00. Mr. Cullen explained the process.

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment resolution, seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, McConville, Rusnak**

**NO: Buteas, Salerno**

**Motion Carried**

Ms. Graf read Ordinance # 1934 by title only for public hearing and final adoption as follows:

#1934 entitled: An Ordinance vacating the borough's authority over a portion of Wooden Avenue, Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, there exists within the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey a street which is in, in part, a "paper street" known as Wooden Avenue as shown on the official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined such property to be surplus property, and has offered for sale to the only contiguous property owner, other than the Borough, a portion of Wooden Avenue, which portion is less than the minimum size required for development, and has no capital improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the contiguous property owner, Susan Krystopik, has expressed interest in purchasing the property, and had the property appraised by the Borough's appraiser, Russell K. Sterling, who has appraised a fair market value of \$12,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Krystopik desires to purchase the referenced property, and the Borough of South Plainfield desires to sell the referenced property; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough arising from the dedication of a street;

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

1. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Wooden Avenue which abuts Lot 4.01, Block 380, as described more particularly in Schedule A annexed hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby extinguished and vacated;
2. As Susan Krystopik is the only owner of the property contiguous to the property to be sold, the Borough of South Plainfield owning all other property contiguous to the property to be sold, notice of this Ordinance need not be provided, as no other person owns land that may be effected by the Ordinance; and
3. The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the Seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof in the office of the Clerk, County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

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

Mr. Barletta made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 1934; seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

As this is a final reading, Mayor Anesh held a public hearing on the ordinance. No comments or objections were offered so the public hearing was closed and the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno, Rusnak Motion Carried**

Ms. Graf read Ordinance # 1935 by title only for Public Hearing and Final adoption as follows:

#1935 entitled: An Ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus municipal property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:12-13.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex is the owner of a right-of-way which abuts Lot 4.01, Block 380 located within the Borough of South Plainfield (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has determined that the property is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined it to be in the public interest to sell said Property to the contiguous property owner in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:12-13(b);

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

1. The Borough Mayor and Council declare the Property to be surplus and not needed for public use;
2. The Property may be sold to the contiguous property owner, Susan Krystopik, by private sale for \$12,500.00 in accordance with an appraisal performed by Russell K. Sterling on May 17, 2011;
3. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney or such other Borough officials as the law may provide are hereby authorized to prepare and execute such documents as may be required to close and transfer title to the Property to the contiguous owner;
4. The Property may be sold subject to any existing encumbrances, liens, zoning regulations, easements or other restrictions, as such facts in an accurate survey would reveal, and any present or future assessments for the construction of improvements benefitting said property;
5. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not effect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and they shall remain in full force and effect;
6. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions or provisions of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

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

Mr. Barletta made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 1935; seconded by Mr. Bengivenga.

As this is a final reading, Mayor Anesh held a public hearing on the ordinance. No comments or objections were offered so the public hearing was closed and the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno, Rusnak Motion Carried**

Ms. Graf read Ordinance # 1936 by title only for Public Hearing and Final adoption as follows:

#1936 entitled: An Ordinance amending Salary Ordinance # 1777 entitled An Ordinance providing for the compensation of various borough employees and the method of payment of said compensation.

**WHEREAS**, the Salary Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield confirms the titles of officers and employees of the Borough and establishes their respective compensation, and the Ordinance remains in effect until amended or superseded; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council wishes to amend Salary Ordinance #1777 to include a part time position of Recreation Leader – Senior Center;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

SECTION 1. The aforesaid Salary Ordinance is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

- A. The ordinance is amended to include the Part Time position of “Recreation Leader, Senior Center” with an annual salary range of \$20,800 to \$26,000 based on an hourly rate of \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour

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

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after publication thereof after final passage.

Mr. Barletta made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 1936; seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

As this is a final reading, Mayor Anesh held a public hearing on the ordinance. No comments or objections were offered so the public hearing was closed and the Mayor called for a roll call vote.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Rusnak, Salerno Motion Carried**

Ms. Graf read Bond Ordinance # 1937 by title only for introduction as follows:

#1937 entitled: A Bond Ordinance providing for various road and storm sewer improvements in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating \$400,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$380,000 bonds or notes of the borough to finance part of the cost thereof.

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve Ordinance # 1937 on introduction; seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, McConville, Rusnak**

**NO: Buteas, Salerno**

Ms. Buteas asked about Resolution # 186 and whether there would be any loss of grant funds from the County for the Office on Aging. Mr. Cullen replied in the negative.

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve Resolution # 11-182 through 11-198, seconded by Mr. Bengivenga as follows:

**#11-182**

**WHEREAS**, 1335 Associates, LLC has applied for a release of a performance bond posted for public improvements to Block 3, Lot 29, 1335 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has certified all required public improvements to the property have been installed; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements and conditions of Borough Ordinance # 762 have been complied with as to filing and serving of notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the performance bond in the form of a Surety Bond of \$38,117.52 and a Check in the amount of \$4,235.28 be released upon the posting of a two year maintenance bond in the amount of \$6,352.92 and the payment of any outstanding engineering escrow fees or COAH fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body held a public hearing on Monday, July 11, 2011 and there were no objections filed against the release of said bond.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the above stated performance bond be released.

**#11-183**

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by Wal-Mart;

**THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield have determined that South Plainfield should apply for a \$1,000 capacity grant.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield endorses the submission of the application for a Sustainable Jersey Small Grant funded by Wal-Mart by the South Plainfield Green Team and designates the Borough Administrator to sign the application.

**#11-184**

**WHEREAS**, the following taxpayer has filed appeals with the State Tax Court and has received judgments reducing their assessment for 2010:

**Block 445; Lot 7  
Bruce J. Stavitsky Esq. c/o  
Sunset Acres  
341 Broad Street  
Clifton, NJ 07013  
\$1,593.16**

Tax Appeal Location: 4301 South Clinton Avenue

**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.

**#11-185**

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

**Block 36; Lot 5.02**

**Mr. & Mrs. M. Kurilew**  
**116 Firth Street**  
**South Plainfield, NJ 07080**  
**\$1,579.71**

**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.

**#11-186**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in need of hiring a new Recreation Leader (Senior Citizens) due to the retirement of Kevin Hughes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has advertised for said position and interviews were conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator that Patricia Olano of 19 Holly Park Dr. be appointed to fill said vacancy, at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, excluding benefits, commencing July 12, 2011

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Patricia Olano of 19 Holly Park Dr. be appointed to the position of Recreation Leader, Part Time, at an hourly rate of \$22.00, excluding benefits, commencing July 12, 2011

**#11-187**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists for the a temporary part time clerk typist in the Fire Prevention office; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Fire Inspector to hire Graciale M. Lopez of 102 Perth Pl. to fill said position, at a rate of \$11.65 with a maximum work week of 18 hours.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Graciale M. Lopez of 102 Perth Pl. is hereby hired on a temporary, part time (18 hour max per week) basis to the position of Clerk Typist at a rate of \$11.65, effective July 12, 2011.

**#11-188**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists for a part time grounds keeper at the Recycling Center due to a recent resignation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of Administrator and Environmentalist to hire Jose Irizarry as a part-time grounds keeper at a rate of \$11.37 per hour.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that Jose Irizarry is hereby hired as a part-time grounds keeper at a rate of \$11.37 per hour, effective July 12, 2011.

**#11-189**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) establishes standards and procedures for the awards of contracts and the purchase of goods and services which are to be paid with public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to engage the services of a Fireworks Display company to provide a fireworks show on Labor Day evening, September 5, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:11-6.1 requires the solicitation of quotations for purchases estimated to be in excess of \$2,640.00 or more but less than \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, quotes were received from:

1. International Fireworks \$13,500
2. Garden State Fireworks \$13,500

**WHEREAS**, the availability of funds for this purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Public Celebrations Committee to award the contract to International Fireworks at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with International Fireworks of Douglassville, PA and Wayne, NJ to provide a 30 minute fireworks display on Monday evening, September 5, 2011 as part of the Labor Day celebration.

**#11-190**

**WHEREAS**, property known as Lot **89**, in Township Block **152**, more commonly known as **921 Worth Drive** in **South Plainfield, NJ** is owned by **Gary & Marlene Toth**; and

**WHEREAS Gary F. Toth**, who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on May 25, 2010 as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS** the Tax Bills for the Calendar Years 2010 and 2011 were generated from the 2009 and 2010 Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for the above mentioned periods, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for June to December 2010 and the first and second quarters of 2011 in the total amount of **\$7,119.97**, resulting in an overpayment of these quarters in the amount of **\$7,119.97**, on the property known and designated as Lot **89**, in Township Block **152**.

**#11-191**

**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 CY2011 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 years 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 be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

**Borough of South Plainfield  
Temporary Budget Amendment  
Calendar Year 2011**

AMOUNT

1-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	5,000.00
1-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W	5,000.00
1-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	10,000.00
1-01-20-150-000-221	Assessing	O & E	3,000.00
1-01-20-155-000-101	Legal	S&W	5,000.00
1-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcment	S&W	25,000.00
1-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	500,000.00
1-01-25-240-002-101	Traffic Safety	S&W	100.00
1-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	50,000.00
1-01-25-265-001-325	Fire Department	O & E	25,000.00
1-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	15,000.00
1-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O & E	50,000.00
1-01-26-290-002-102	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	25,000.00
1-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O & E	25,000.00
1-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	25,000.00
1-01-26-310-000-235	Public Buildings & Grounds	O & E	15,000.00
1-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	10,000.00
1-01-26-315-000-215	Vehicle Maintenance	O & E	15,000.00
1-01-27-330-001-101	Board of Health	S&W	5,000.00
1-01-27-330-002-101	Youth Aid	S&W	2,500.00
1-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental Commission	S&W	5,000.00
1-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	20,000.00
1-01-28-370-001-255	Recreation	O & E	5,000.00
1-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	10,000.00
1-01-28-370-002-401	Office on Aging	O & E	5,000.00
1-01-30-410-001-204	Municipal Support	O & E	5,000.00
1-01-31-420-001-555	Electric	O & E	30,000.00
1-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O & E	49,900.00
1-01-31-465-001-565	Gasoline	O & E	30,000.00
1-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	20,000.00
1-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance	O & E	114,500.00

**Total CURRENT FUND Operations** **1,120,000.00**

**Pool UTILITY**

1-26-55-520-000-101	Salaries	S&W	<u>50,000.00</u>
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**Pool Utility** **50,000.00**

**#11-192**

authorization is hereby given to waive the Type 3 Fire Permit fees of \$331.00 for the 2011 Labor Day Fireworks presented by International Fireworks.

**#11-193**

authorization is hereby given to adjust the rate of pay for Recycling Center staff member Bernard Etere to a rate \$12.50 per hour.

**#11-194**

Anne Daley is hereby appointed to the position of Mayor's Secretary, effective July 12, 2011 at an annual salary of \$1,610.00.

**#11-195**

Chris Seidenberg is hereby hired as a Junior Counselor I for the Summer Parks program from July 5 – July 30, 2011 at a rate of \$8.02 per hour.

**#11-196**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Registrar is responsible for recording and registering vital events and maintaining vital records within the borough; and

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to appoint an Alternate Deputy Registrar to assist the Office of the Registrar when the Registrar is unavailable; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Janus has successfully completed the Registrar's course and exam and is eligible for appointment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the South Plainfield Borough Council that Diane Janus is hereby appointed to the position of Alternate Deputy Registrar, effective July 12, 2011 at an annual salary of \$1,438.00.

**#11-197**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to appoint an Acting Fire Official to oversee the responsibilities of the Office during the absence of Fire Official Joe Abbruzzese who will be on vacation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of Mr. Abbruzzese to appoint Fire Inspector Edward LaFerrera as Acting Fire Official during his absence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the South Plainfield Borough Council that Edward LaFerrera is hereby appointed to the position of Acting Fire Official, effective July 18 through July 22, 2011.

**#11-198**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to hold a special public Council meeting to allow for final adoption of the CY2011 Municipal budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the South Plainfield Borough Council that a special public meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of South Plainfield shall take place on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno, Rusnak Motion Carried**

Mr. Barletta made a motion to accept the Correspondence as listed below; seconded by Mr. Barletta:

1. Library Board Minutes – May 10, 2011
2. Library Board Minutes – May 26, 2011 Special Meeting
3. Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes – May 25, 2011
4. Environmental Commission minutes – May 11, 2011

5. Recycling Dept. Monthly Report – May 2011
6. Recycling Dept. Monthly Report – June 2011
7. Mazer Consulting – Suburban Bus Co. Remediation Report
8. Environmental Dept. Report – June 2011

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Rusnak Motion Carried**

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve the Bills List as summarized below, seconded by Mr. Bengivenga.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund - \$192,140.55  
 Sewer Utility Operating Fund - \$760.91  
 General Capital - \$1,318.30  
 Grant Fund - \$622.00  
 Treasurers Trust - \$8,360.14

**TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS - \$203,401.90**

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno, Rusnak Motion Carried**

**REPORTS:**

Mr. Cullen reported that the insulation project at the Senior Center is underway. He commented on the Governor signing the bill which makes changes to the Health and Pension Benefits for Public Employees. Mr. Cullen reported on the work performed by DPW to transform the vault in the basement into the new evidence room. Regarding the Sewer Vac rental, DPW has cleaned over 600 basins thusfar. He also reported Code Enforcement results for the month which generated \$6,000 in fines.

Mr. Miller reported that the bid results on the Rahway/Kenyon Ave resurfacing came in \$80,000 below the estimated cost. The low bidder was Stilo Excavation with a bid of \$341,328.25.

Mr. Salerno reported progress.

Mr. Barletta congratulated the Rescue Squad for a great car show. He reported that the Planning Board has reviewed the regulation and requirements for awning signs within the HDD Zone and therefore the Ordinance should be presented at the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for action.

Mr. Bengivenga offered his congratulations to Patricia Olano as the new Senior Citizen Recreation Leader.

Mr. McConville reminded the public that the deadline for becoming a Labor Day Parade sponsor is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, nominations for Grand Marshall must be submitted by July 22, 2011.

Ms. Buteas announced that the “Green Team” is very busy and they are now meeting twice a month. She commended the Rescue Squad for their Car Show event. She also congratulated and welcomed Patricia Olano to the Senior Center.

Ms Buteas asked Mr. Bengivenga about the Mazur Bus Co. remediation report. Mr. Bengivenga explained that no ground water contamination was found which had a positive impact on the estimated cost to remediate. The cost is between \$128,000 and \$213,000.

Ms. Buteas asked for an update on the website status. She was told that Pat Vargo is still working on a month to month basis. Members of the Council met with Zumu.

Mr. Rusnak announced that the Council expects to adopt the budget at the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He also reported that planning for the golf tournament is going smoothly.

Mayor Anesh welcomed Patricia Olano as Recreation Leader at the Senior Center. He congratulated the Middle School and High School graduates and the Rescue Squad for a great Car Show. The Mayor commented on the farewell service for Reverend Thompson. Mayor Anesh reported that he attended the Governor's signing of the Health & Pension bill as part of a Mayor's contingent of 65 Mayors in Trenton on June 28<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that he will be meeting with DEP regarding the 14 items cited in the Alternate Truck Route DEP application and also that the Wellness Committee is still being developed.

Mayor Anesh opened the meeting for public comment.

Jake Cataldo of Fairmount Ave asked about any cost savings realized from PSE&G changing the lights and adding solar panels. Mr. Cullen replied that the savings amounts to approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000. Mr. Cataldo also asked about tax appeals. Mr. Cullen explained that the loss of \$10 million in the ratable base for 2010 had a major negative impact on the budget.

Mr. Mikorski of Regency Place had a question relative to an article in the Observer on the tax rate increase for the County, Municipal and Board of Ed. Having seen the article, Mr. Mikorski was concerned and made an OPRA request for the Library's 2010 Audit. He noted the surplus funds in the audit and the marked difference between the current situation and that shown in the audit. He suggested that the Council should take steps to gain control over agencies like the Library for which we have no control over their financial decisions. Mr. Mikorski also noted that Code Enforcement activity have been very strong and the fines generated pays for their office.

Having no additional comments, Mayor Anesh closed the public portion. The Council moved into Executive Session.

Upon their return, Mayor Anesh announced that no additional business arose during the Executive meeting and so he called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded by Mr. Rusnak and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L. Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk