

## **Minutes from the March 19, 2012 Public Meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Mayor Matthew 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. Those present were Council Members Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, Rusnak and White.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was offered by Councilman McConville.

Mayor Anesh presented a proclamation for "Purple Day" promoting awareness of the neurological disorder to Councilman Barletta, whose son has the disorder. Mr. Barletta thanked the Mayor for his support for Epilepsy Awareness and expressed how much it means to his family.

Mr. Bengivenga made a motion to accept the executive meeting minutes of February 21, 2012 and the Agenda, Executive and Public meeting minutes of March 5, 2012, seconded by Mr. White.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak Motion Carried**

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

Mr. McCullen of Walnut Street asked what the effective date is on Resolution 12-070. Mr. Rizzo explained the subsequent steps that could take place before the resolution is enforced including the possible appeal process that could ensue. Mr. McCullen also asked if the garbage trucks could be utilized for the litter can maintenance program. He was told perhaps in the future.

Les Bergen of Hamilton Blvd. asked for more information on Resolution 12-066 and the vapor intrusion investigation. Mr. Miller provided a summary of the project. Mr. Bergen also asked if Liquid Assets would be responsible for the cost of the police coverage needed the night of the incident. Chief Parker replied that the coverage falls under mutual aid between towns.

Mayor Anesh closed the public portion and called for the introduction of Ordinance # 1952.

Ms. Graf read Ordinance # 1952 by title only for introduction as follows:

**#1952 entitled:** An ordinance amending Ordinance # 1757 entitled "An Ordinance amending Article X entitled: "fees" of the Development Review Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve Ordinance # 1952 for introduction, seconded by Mr. White.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak Motion Carried**

Ms. Graf read Ordinance # 1953 by title only for introduction as follows:

**#1953 entitled:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance # 1363 entitled " An Ordinance amending and codifying Ordinance 730, 922, 1115, and 1184, entitled An Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, establishing a State Uniform Construction Code Enforcing Agency, Etc.

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve Ordinance # 1953 for introduction, seconded by Mr. White.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak Motion Carried**

Mr. Bengivenga requested that Resolution # 12-063 be voted on separately.

Mr. Rusnak made a motion to approve Resolutions #12-057 through 12-062 and 12-064 through 12-072, seconded by Mr. Barletta, all of which begin with **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

**#12-057**

**WHEREAS**, D & C Inc. has applied for a release of a performance bond posted for public improvements to Block 254, Lot 17 (158 Teeple Place); 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 Check in the amount of \$11,364.00 be released upon the posting of a two year maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,704.60 and the payment of any outstanding engineering escrow fees or COAH fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body held a public hearing on Monday, March 19, 2012 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.

**#12-058**

Authorization is granted to waive the \$250.00 rental fee for the Suburban Women's Club to hold a Luncheon/Fashion Show at the Senior Center on Sunday, April 22, 2012 from 2pm to 6 PM. All proceeds will benefit the Cancer Support Center of Central New Jersey and the South Plainfield High School Scholarship Fund.

**#12-059**

the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a refund check in the amount of \$250.000 for a cancelled Senior Center Room Rental to Kathleen Smith of South Plainfield Soccer Club.

**#12-060**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney and the law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C., have a potential conflict, and cannot represent the Borough of South Plainfield in connection with pending tax appeal cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Emil H. Philibosian, Esq., and the law firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst and Doukas has experience in representing municipalities in connection with tax appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A.. 40A: 11-1 *et seq.*, more specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, allows for the awarding of a contract for "Professional Services" without public advertising for bids; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract was not awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, compensation for the professional services shall be at a rate of \$135 per hour for all attorneys, plus reasonable expenses and costs; and

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for Professional Services with Emil H. Philibosian, Esq., and the law firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst and Doukas., to represent the Borough as special counsel for certain tax appeal cases

2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, because the services in question are of a specialized, technical and professional nature.
3. Any modification to the Contract shall be in writing and signed by both parties, and upon obtaining said signatures shall immediately become a part of the contract.
4. The Borough of South Plainfield may, upon ten (10) days written notice, and without cause, terminate the Contract.
5. The Contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey Contract and any provisions of the Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the Laws of the State of New Jersey.
6. The contractor shall report directly to the Borough Administrator, who will be the chief contact with the Borough of South Plainfield.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper within 10 days of its passage, as required by law, and shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the South Plainfield Municipal Clerk, South Plainfield Borough Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

**#12-061**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of appraisal services for the Stelton Road and West 7<sup>th</sup> Street road projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the borough's appointed appraisal firm of Sterling DiSanto & Associates has submitted a proposal to perform the required appraisals at a cost not to exceed \$22,000; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator to retain Sterling DiSanto for said services at a cost not to exceed \$22,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a); and

**WHEREAS**, funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and will be made available in account # C-04-55-923-002-901

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a professional services contract with Sterling DiSanto and Associates to perform the required appraisals on Stelton Road and West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, at a cost not to exceed \$22,000.

**#12-062**

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

**Block 210; Lot 18**  
**Andrew M. & Renae Kopchak**  
**c/o Atty Lyte, 1550 Park Ave Ste 201 POB 284**  
**South Plainfield, NJ 07080**  
**\$1,647.67**

**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.

**#12-064**

Authorization is hereby granted for T & M Associates to provide engineering services related to the preparation of a Development Fee Spending Plan in accordance with the Dept. of community Affairs (DCA) current model, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

**#12-065**

**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**, it has been determined that a need exists for the purchase and installation of two complete sets of video and audio recording systems, antennas, lights etc for the two new police vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a)*, a local contracting unit may, without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services estimated to be in excess of \$2,640.00 or more but less than \$17,500.00, by utilizing any contract entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury ; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of funds for this purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer in Account #2-01-25-240-001-311; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Borough Administrator that the award of contract be made to L-3 Com Mobile Vision, Inc., P.O. Box 5580, New York NY 10087-5580, at a cost not to exceed \$9,900.00, utilizing State Contract # AAAQ6017.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the South Plainfield Borough Council that the purchase and installation of two complete sets of video and audio recording systems, antennas, lights etc for the two new police vehicles, at a cost not to exceed \$9,900.00 is hereby authorized.

**#12-066**

Authorization is hereby granted for T & M Associates to provide engineering services related to the Subslab and Indoor Air Sampling activities associated with a Vapor Intrusion Investigation, in accordance with the requirements of NJ DEPat a cost not to exceed \$3,000

**#12-067**

**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 CY 2011 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 2012**

**CURRENT FUND**

			<b>AMOUNT</b>
2-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W	<b>10,000.00</b>
2-01-20-120-000-101	Borough Clerk	S&W	<b>25,000.00</b>
2-01-20-140-000-101	Computer Services	S&W	<b>10,000.00</b>

2-01-20-140-000-204	Computer Services	O&E	10,000.00
2-01-20-145-000-101	Collection of Taxes	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-20-155-000-101	Legal Services	S&W	5,000.00
2-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits	O&E	500,000.00
2-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	500,000.00
2-01-25-240-001-311	Police	O&E	25,000.00
2-01-25-240-003-241	School Crossing Guards	O&E	25,000.00
2-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	25,000.00
2-01-25-252-000-101	Emergency Management	S&W	5,000.00
2-01-25-252-000-311	Emergency Management	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-25-265-001-201	Fire Department	O&E	15,000.00
2-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	20,000.00
2-01-25-265-004-101	Juvenile Conference	S&W	250.00
2-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Administration	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	5,000.00
2-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	30,000.00
2-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-26-315-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-27-330-001-101	Board of Health	S&W	5,000.00
2-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental	S&W	5,000.00
2-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	25,000.00
2-01-28-370-001-209	Recreation	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	25,000.00
2-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	15,000.00

**Total CURRENT FUND**

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**1,350,250.00**

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**Pool**

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**AMOUNT**

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2-26-55-520-000-235 Other Expenses

O&E

**5,000.00**

**Total SEWER UTILITY**

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**5,000.00**

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**#12-068**

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

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

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mariano & Maria DeSantis	445	10.06	2010	\$18,199.19
242 St. Nicholas Ave, So. Plainfield			2009	\$18,687.03

**Make check payable to:**

Daniel G. Keough, Trustee  
783 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901-2332

**Total**

**\$36,886.22 \***

**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.

**#12-069**

Mario Abbruzzese is hereby re-appointed to the position of Code Enforcement Officer for the period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at an annual salary of \$14,160.00

**#12-070**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey presented a Notice of Charges against J.P.R.C., Inc., which does business as Liquid Assets, asserting violations of the New Jersey Administrative Code pertaining to a liquor license issued to J.P.R.C., Inc., and specifically charging that on January 15, 2012, the corporation engaged in or allowed, permitted or suffered a brawl or act of violence on their premises involving a crowd of approximately 150 to 200 people, and requiring a police response of approximately 35 police officers from South Plainfield, Plainfield, Piscataway and Edison; and that on such date, the corporation allowed, permitted or suffered the licensed place of business to be conducted in such a manner as to become a nuisance adversely affecting the quality of life in the municipality; and that on said date, the corporation engaged in, allowed, permitted or suffered the violation of a municipal ordinance or regulation by failing to comply with Borough Ordinance 136-9 by allowing a brawl and disturbances on the premises. The Notice of Charges sought suspension of a total of 70 days; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice of Charges was duly served upon the corporation, and a hearing was conducted on March 8, 2012 during which hearing Sgt. Wayne Diana testified on behalf of the Borough concerning the events which took place on the night of January 15, 2012, and Mr. John Colasanti, the owner of the corporation, testified on behalf of the corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Diana testified that on the night in question, a crowd of 150 to 200 people were present at the premises, when multiple fights broke out, and Sgt. Diana described a riot taking place, which necessitated calling all police officers on duty for the Borough at the time to the location, and calling for assistance from neighboring towns, with twelve police officers responding from the City of Plainfield, ten police officers responding from the Township of Piscataway, and six police officers responding from the Township of Edison. Sgt. Diana described the conditions which led to his deployment of a can of OC spray necessary to disburse the crowd. Sgt. Diana testified that he was aware of two individuals on site as security for the corporation. Sgt. Diana advised that he was concerned for his safety and that of all other officers responding due to the conditions at the site; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Colasanti testified that he is in charge of the operation of the bar. He testified that he used the services of a promoter, who retained an entertainer from Philadelphia who was to perform at approximately 1:30 a.m. on January 15, 2012, for a period of approximately six minutes. He advised that he retained six security personnel, which was double his normal security detail, out of concern for security anticipating that the event would draw a large crowd. One of the individuals was certified in the field of security, and the other five individuals were not so certified. He testified that the entertainer arrived late, but was advised to perform, at which time a fight ensued, Mr. Colasanti noted same, and called the police due to what he described as a skirmish taking place in the bar. Mr. Colasanti testified that he did not anticipate nor condone the conditions. Mr. Colasanti acknowledged that there was video of the events taking place that night, a police officer had requested the video the following day, and he did not provide access to it nor provide a copy upon advice of counsel. He received a Notice of Charges while the video still existed, but the video system is such that it tapes over itself every approximate 28 days. Accordingly, the video no longer exists; and

**WHEREAS**, the hearing was then closed, and the Governing Body discussed the responsibility and penalty;

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

1. J.P.R.C., Inc. is found to have violated N.J.A.C. 13:2-23.6(a) by engaging in or allowing, permitting or suffering on the licensed premises a brawl or act of violence;
2. J.P.R.C., Inc. is found to have been in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:2-23.6(b) by allowing, permitting or suffering the licensed place of business to be conducted in such a manner as to become a nuisance adversely affecting the municipality;
3. The charge of violation of Municipal Ordinance 136-9 is dismissed, based upon the legal advice that such Ordinance is likely unconstitutional; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that based upon the Schedule of Penalties provided by the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol Beverage Control, the Plenary Retail License No. 1222-33-001-005 held by J.P.R.C., Inc. shall be and is hereby suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days. Pursuant to such suspension, J.P.R.C., Inc. is prohibited from engaging in any alcoholic beverage activity in or about the licensed premises including delivery of alcoholic beverages, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, or advertisement that the premises are closed for any other reason than suspension. It is the position of the Borough of South Plainfield that the suspension not be converted into a monetary compromise; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of the suspension be served upon J.P.R.C., Inc. by personal or certified mail service, and proof of such service be maintained as a municipal record.

**#12-071**

Authorization is hereby granted for the purchase and installation of three complete mobile radios systems and mounts from Tactical Public Safety, 199 Edgewood Ave Suite A, West Berlin, NJ 08091 using State Contract #A53753, at a cost not to exceed \$14,045.25

**#12-072**

Authorization is hereby granted for the purchase of Two Mobile Precision M600 Dell Computers from Dell Marketing LP, 1Dell Way RR8-MS411, Round Rock Texas 78682, utilizing funds available from Account #2-01-20-140-000-225, at a cost not to exceed \$4,284.90

**#12-073**

Debbie Boyle and Robert Jones are hereby appointed as a member of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Committee, effective March 19, 2012 for a three year term, said term to expire on 12/31/2014.

**#12-074**

Angie Mohamed and Rachael O'Neil are hereby hired as instructors for a new weekly Zumba class at the South Plainfield Senior Center at a rate of \$65.00 per class, effective immediately. Funding has been certified in the Office on Aging Dept. O & E budget.

**#12-075**

authorization is hereby given to schedule a special public meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, the main purpose of which is the introduction of the CY2011 Municipal Budget. The Clerk shall advertise said meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act- Chapter 231-PL 1975.

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak Motion Carried**

Mr. Rusnak made a motion to approve Resolution # 12-063, seconded by Mr. McConville.

**#12-063**

**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**, it has been determined that a need exists to provide public Litter Can Maintenance for the Borough; 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**, Pinto Brothers submitted the lowest proposal at an annual cost of \$\$5,340.00 for the contract period of May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

**WHEREAS**, the availability of funds for this purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer from the Clean communities Grant Account # G-02-41-709001-301;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the awarding of a contract to Pinto Brother's Disposal, LLC for Public Litter Can Maintenance from May 1, 2012 - April 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$5,340.00 is hereby approved.

**YES: Barletta, Frank, McConville, and Rusnak**

**RECUSE: Bengivenga, White**

**Motion Carried**

Mr. White made a motion to accept the Correspondence as listed below, seconded by Mr. Bengivenga :

1. Cultural Arts Commission minutes – January 17, 2012
2. Cultural Arts Commission minutes – February 21, 2012
3. Planning Board Minutes – February 28, 2012
4. Environmental Dept. Report – February
5. Recreation Commission Minutes – February 16, 2012
6. Zoning board of Adjustment minutes – March 6, 2012
7. Robyn Rusnak – letter of resignation from Environmental Commission & Green Team

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak Motion Carried**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund 2-01	\$306,134.80
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	\$ 541.58
General Capital	\$ 2,896.45
Sewer Utility Capital Fund	\$ 2,314.40
Grant Fund	\$ 1,622.40
Treasurers Trust	\$ 4,829.22
Recreation Trust	\$ 5,399.91
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$323,738.76</b>

**YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak Motion Carried**

**REPORTS:**

Mr. Rizzo reported that the sale of the property on Hamilton Blvd. to Fisher Contracting finally closed. \$12,000 is being held until the mortgage of record is discharged.

Mr. Cullen briefed the Council on the status of the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (**ERRP**) stating that \$28,000 has been requested but the request is on hold pending funding. At this point, it doesn't look very promising.

Mr. Miller gave his Engineering Status Report which included

- New Market Ave, Phase II
- 2012 Stream Cleaning Project
- Truck Bypass – NJDEP application
- NJDEP Remediation
- Sampton Ave Improvements
- Middlesex County Road Projects
- Energy Audit



- Tree Planting
- NJDEP Stormwater Annual Report

Mr. Frank remarked on how proud he is to be part of the Council and the borough and sited the actions taken during the recent fire as an example of how remarkable the people of South Plainfield are in helping one another.

Mr. Barletta congratulated everyone involved in the presentation of Thursday's Festival concert at the high school and commented on what an outstanding evening it was.

Mr. Bengivenga thanked the Knights of Columbus and UNICO for sponsoring the annual St. Joseph Day event.

Mr. McConville gave an update on the status of the DPW garbage truck/bulk pick up program. They are waiting on the permits needed. Once that is received, residents will be able to phone DPW and make an appointment for individual bulk pick ups.

Mr. White reported on the following Senior Center and Recreation related items:

- the Senior Center Pool Players won their match this week.
- There will be a trip to Wildwood in May and there are a few seats still available
- The Bally's Atlantic City trips are starting again
- They will have a strolling guitar player at bingo on 3/23
- Congratulation to Angelo Paradiso on received military medals
- T Ball registration is still open
- Opening day for Ponytail and Junior Baseball is April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cultural Arts Talent Show is this Sunday, 3/25 at Wesley Methodist Church
- Easter Egg Hunt will ne April 7<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Rusnak reported that the Shared Services Committee is looking into possibly having the borough take over the maintenance of the school grounds and fields. They are trying to work out an agreement. He also reported that a report on the condition of the school roofs was left for him in his mailbox and the report indicated that the extent of work and the suggested cost of repairs were over estimated. Mr. Rusnak also noted that Mr. Miller's attendance at meetings has been reduced to an as needed basis rather than having him attend every meeting.

Mayor Anesh commented on how great the Festival Concert at the high school was and congratulated everyone involved. He also commented on the Girl Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary walk over the overpass bridge to Holy Savior Academy and the days activities.

Mayor Anesh opened the meeting for public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet made announcements on the following items:

- An update on the condition of the school roofs based on an examination of their condition by a professional roofer.
- The Relay for Life fundraising event to be held April 15 & 16 at Jost Field
- The merits of utilizing a digital sign rather than banners to advertise events
- The Education Asso. Wine Tasting event will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at Senior Center
- Brandon Carr Walk/Run fundraiser and PBA/RU Coaches basketball game will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School
- Tiger 24 will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> at Jost Field

Paul McCullen of Walnut Street asked if the budget would be published on the Borough website. Mr. Cullen replied that it should be up by Thursday. Mr. McCullen also stated that he was very glad to see that tress on Lakeview Avenue are going to be replaced. He also commented on the work being done by Middlesex County Mosquito Control.

Les Bergen asked about a sewer vac truck he saw working and asked if it was owned by the borough. Mr. Cullen replied that the vehicle he saw is owned by PARSA.

Leon Abbusamara of Schillaci Lane inquired about the plans for the stream restoration downstream of Spring Lake. Mr. Miller gave a summary of the scope of work to be performed

which includes the removal of downed trees, logs, brush, etc. in the stream as well as feeder creeks. Some silt would be removed in the worst spots but the removal of silt is limited by DEP. Mr. Abbasamara emphasized that the borough needs to advocate strongly to correct the problem of the flooding in the area near Fred Allen and Schillaci.

Michael Palace of So. Central Avenue asked for a status on the Quiet Zone proposal. Mayor Anesh responded by explaining that the initial work was done but that funding is an issue. The Council discussed the matter recalling prior discussions and decisions made.

Ginny O'Brien of Madison Drive recalled a prior plan that involved the Army Corps. of Engineers and included the construction of dykes around Spring Lake.

Mayor Anesh closed the public portion of the meeting and the Council moved into Executive Session.

On the Council's return from Executive session, Mayor Anesh announced that no further action was required and he called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. White at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L. Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk