

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Barletta	X		
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilman Frank	X		
Councilman McConville	X		
Councilman White	X		
Council President Rusnak	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Rizzo	X		

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda for this evening.

Councilman Bengivenga inquired what the grant amount that we received pertaining to #12-267 is. Borough Engineer, Mr. Miller, advised approximately \$225,000. Mr. Bengivenga advised that pertaining to #12-266 the two K-9 dogs have been brought in and the Chief has advised that today was their first day of training in which according to their handlers, they did very well. Also the Police Department has been conducting a contest to name the two new dogs. Chief Parker advised that approximately 1700 responded and one of the many suggested names by the students were coffee and donut of which the officers all got a kick out of. Another student suggested to name the dogs after fallen officers. Other suggested names were thunder, lightning, Zeus, etc. It seemed like the school really enjoyed this contest. No names have yet been chosen as the police department are still reviewing all the contest applications. Chief Parker advised that eventually they would like to incorporate the dogs and handlers into their trading card set. Also, the Warren Police Department has expressed an interest to also establish a K-9 unit into their police department and said how impressed they are with what we have been doing.

Resolution – Executive Session

Exec #12-275 Authorize the entering into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231 for the following:

- Potential Litigation – Insurance Claim (Auto)
- Contract Negotiation – Carol Place

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Frank			x				
Councilman McConville		x	x				
Councilman White	x		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
VOTE:			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Patrick Bayack, of 338 Beverly Road along with Mr. Vincent Genova and Vallery Genova of 3320 Beverly Road expressed their concerns pertaining to an abandoned home on their street. They passed around photo graphs depicting a large beehive, tall grass, overgrown vegetation advising that they believe the property to be a pig sty with rodents. They advised that they believe the property to be in foreclosure and have reached out to the bank themselves in which the bank will periodically mow. Mayor Anesh advised that there are methods of handling this. Mr. Cullen said that he believes the Code Enforcement Officer is aware of this but will be in contact with him first thing in the morning and make sure someone looks at it tomorrow.

Ms. Pat DeSantis asked why was nothing done for 9-11. Mayor Anesh advised he was at the Middle School that day for their ceremony. Councilman Barletta advised that the town did do something for the first couple of years, and also with the tenth anniversary but it was never an intention to do something on an annual basis. Mayor Anesh advised that the Elks usually have something but this year did not. Mayor Anesh further advised that this year the ceremonies conducted at the Trade Center sites intentionally did not bring in politicians, but instead wanted to make the ceremonies more about the victims and their families. Mayor Anesh went on to say that every day in transit to work he walks past the Trade Center site in which the somberness stays with him daily. Ms. DeSantis asked where the beam from the Trade Center will be placed. Mayor Anesh advised that there are strong opinions pertaining to where it should be placed and we are trying to work through them to find the best suited place for all.

With no further comments made, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from public comments.

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting. Council President Rusnak made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Councilman McConville, and unanimously carried by an all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk