

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, 7:25 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:25 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		
Engineer Miller	x		

FLAG SALUTE: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Barletta led the invocation.

PRESENTATION: Certificates of Appreciation to 2012 Summer Interns – Mayor Anesh invited all the 2012 Summer Interns forward and read in full the certificate of appreciation to the Summer Interns who's names are as follows:

Mecca Ali	Andrew Sanchez
Elizabeth Foy	Joseph Spinella
Christopher McNeil	Steven Timmerman
Michael Olano	Christopher Villacres
Allyson Piersanti	William Walsh

Mr. Cullen said this is the fourth year for the program and explained how important the Summer Intern Program and expressed his sincere appreciation to all the students who participated. The students were from all over the area and volunteer their time as our interns. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken.

PROCLAMATIONS: Commemorating the 15th Anniversary of The South Plainfield Observer
Honoring 110th President of the NJ Funeral Directors Association

Mayor Anesh read both proclamations in full. Mayor Anesh called Nancy Grennier forward to present her with the Proclamation commemorating the 15th Anniversary of The South Plainfield Observer. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken.

Approve Council Minutes: September 4, 2012 - Agenda
September 4, 2012 - Public
September 4, 2012 – Executive

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

Public Comment For Agenda Items Only:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments made from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2012-265
AUTHORIZING T&M ASSOCIATES TO GO OUT TO BID FOR A PUMP REPLACEMENT AT
CEDARBROOK PUMP STATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates to pursue the bid process for a pump replacement at Cedarbrook Pump Station and is also authorized to publish a solicitation for said bid accordingly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. T&M Associates

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

**RESOLUTION 2012-266
AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TWO FLASHBACK IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR THE
TWO K-9 POLICE VEHICLES FROM L3 MOBIL-VISION IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,675.90**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the purchase of two video systems for two police patrol vehicles is necessary for the patrolling of K-9 dogs; and

WHEREAS quotations/proposals were solicited and the following submitted quotations/proposals as follows:

L3 Mobil - Vision	\$9,675.90
(State Contract # A81311)	

WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Police Chief who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a State Contract with L3 Mobil-Vision in the amount of \$9,675.90 and has recommended that this proposal be accepted to purchase; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available to pay for said installation of electronics and equipment through account C-04-55-928-000-901;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, if applicable, for the State Contract purchase of two video systems for two police patrol vehicles from L3 Mobil-Vision in an amount not to exceed \$9,675.90.

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

RESOLUTION 12-267
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STILO EXCAVATING FOR THE 2012 MULTI-ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR SAMPTON AVENUE AND NUNNICK LANE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$349,930.95 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE CONTACT FOR SAME

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that multi-roads are in need of resurfacing; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages from the Borough Engineer and submitted bids as follows:

Stilo Excavating	\$349,930.95
Top Line Construction	\$402,127.66
Black Rock	\$433,209.90
Fischer Contracting	\$460,621.25

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney who has verified that the lowest qualified bidder is Stilo Excavating in the amount of \$349,930.95 and that the bid be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through Bond Ordinance #1961;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the 2012 road resurfacing program to Stilo Excavating at a cost not to exceed \$349,930.95

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

RESOLUTION 12-268
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLEY LEON TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS FIREFIGHTER

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 Charley Leon to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as Firefighter; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Thomas Scalera, Fire Chief
3. Marie Dudek, Payroll
4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 12-269

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$500.00 DONATION FROM THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD WRESTLING CLUB FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DIGITAL SIGN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby graciously accepts the generous donation of \$500.00 from the South Plainfield Wrestling Club for the purchase of a digital sign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Finance Office.

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

RESOLUTION 12-270

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR CANCELLED TRIPS TO VARIOUS SENIORS IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS BETWEEN \$20.00 TO \$68.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that, as the Senior Citizen Trips pursuant to the below list were cancelled by the applicant(s) there arises a necessity to hereby refund the submitted payment for said trips to the following individuals:

Clara McGill -
 207 W Elmwood Dr.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080 - **\$68.00** Doolans Trip 11/5

Walter Bizer
 1914 Stratford Ave.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080 - **\$40** Bally's 8/17

Joe Raiello
 1808 Stratford Ave.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080 - **\$20** Ballys 8/17

Louis Kick
 3225 Park Ave.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080 - **\$20** Taj 8/1

Rose Kelly
 224 Scalera St.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080 - **\$20.00** Taj 8/1

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 refunds.

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

RESOLUTION 12-271
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX APPEAL JUDGMENT TO BE CREDITED IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,200.88 TO YOUNES KHADIGA

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Middlesex 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 credited.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEARAMOUNT</u>
Younes, Sabet S & Khadiga 116 Lafayette Place South Plainfield, NJ 07080	416	5	2012 \$1,200.88
Total			\$1,200.88*

* No refund check to be issued. Credit will be applied to outstanding taxes.

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 credit(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION 12-272
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JEN ELECTRIC INC. FOR EMERGENCY TRAFFIC LIGHT REPAIR AT
THE CORNER OF DURHAM AVENUE AND HELEN STREET
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,310.50

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves of the emergency contract with Jen Electric Inc. for the repair of a traffic light at the corner of Durham Avenue and Helen Street in an amount not to exceed \$6,310.50

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

Glenn Cullen, CFO
 Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
 Jen Electric Inc.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-273
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FOUR TEMPORARY PART-TIME HELPERS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS
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 hiring of **Ryan Hutchinson, John Pellegrino, Eddie Sullivan, and John Polizzano** as temporary part-time helpers for the Public Works Department effective date of employment as September 18, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary for this position is an hourly rate as set by Ordinance.

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

Glenn Cullen, CFO
Robert Capparelli, Public Works Supervisor
Marie Dudek, Payroll
Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 2012-274
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT TO T&M ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION
FOR THE 2012 ROAD RESURFACING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates for construction management and inspection of the 2012 road resurfacing in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

Municipal Clerk
Chief Financial Officer
T&M Associates

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-274A
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF
RAPID RELEASE BAIL BONDS/FINANCIAL CASUALTY & SURETY.**

WHEREAS, Rapid Release Bail Bonds and Financial Casualty & Surety posted bail in the amount of \$2,500.00 on behalf of Benjamin Richardson, a defendant with pending charges in the South Plainfield Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, bail was forfeited for failure of the defendant to appeal to answer said charges; and

WHEREAS, Rapid Release Bail Bonds and Financial Casualty & Surety made application to set aside the forfeiture, which application was denied by the South Plainfield Municipal Court, and then appealed to the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement of the application has been negotiated,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough Attorney is authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield any and all settlement documents establishing that the bond is forfeited in part, with the Borough retaining \$1,500.00, and the Borough will remit the sum of \$1,000.00 payable to Financial Casualty & Surety in full settlement of all claims with regard to this matter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-274B

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CELL BLOCK CAMERAS & DVR FROM GARDEN STATE FIRE & SECURITY IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,675.90

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the purchase of cell block cameras & DVR for the Police Department is necessary; and

WHEREAS quotations/proposals were solicited and the following submitted quotations/proposals as follows:

Garden State Fire & Security \$4,466.00

WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Police Chief who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a Contract with Garden State Fire & Security in the amount of \$4,466.00 and has recommended that this proposal be accepted to purchase; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available to pay for said installation of electronics and equipment through account 2-01-25-240-001-331;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, if applicable, for the Contract purchase of cell block cameras & DVR for the Police Department from Garden State Fire & Security in an amount not to exceed \$4,466.00.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-274C

AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF POWEREDGE R520 TO REPLACE QED SERVER FROM DELL USA IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,842.32

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the purchase of Poweredge R520 to replace QED Server for the Police Department is necessary; and

WHEREAS quotations/proposals were solicited and the following submitted quotations/proposals as follows:

Dell USA \$5,842.32
 (State Contract #70256-WSCA/NASPO)

WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Police Chief who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a State Contract with Dell USA in the amount of \$5,842.32 and has recommended that this proposal be accepted to purchase; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available to pay for said installation of electronics and equipment through account 2-01-20-140-000-301;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, if applicable, for the State Contract purchase of Poweredge R520 to replace QED Server for the Police Department from Dell USA in an amount not to exceed \$5,842.32.

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

**RESOLUTION 2012-274D
 AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM
 WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,329.00**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the purchase of turn out gear for the Fire Department is necessary; and

WHEREAS quotations/proposals were solicited and the following submitted quotations/proposals as follows:

Witmer Public Safety Group	\$8,329.00
(State Contract #80948)	

WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Fire Chief who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a State Contract with Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$8,329.00 and has recommended that this proposal be accepted to purchase; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available to pay for said turn out gear through account 2-01-25-265-001-475;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, if applicable, for the State Contract purchase of turn out gear for the Fire Department from Witmer Public Safety Group in an amount not to exceed \$8,329.00.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE BE AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND AUTHORIZATION IS HEREBY GIVEN TO FILE ALL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Agenda for the Middlesex County Transportation Coordinating Committee
- Code Enforcement Monthly Report – August, 2012
- Environmental Commission Minutes – July 11, 2012
- Environmental Monthly Report – August, 2012
- Planning Board Minutes – August 14, 2012

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

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified and submitted a consolidated bill list for the payment of claims; and **WHEREAS**, all vouchers listed herewith have been encumbered and sufficient funds are available for payment; and **WHEREAS**, the required signatures of the Department Head or the and/or the Finance Chairperson, the Vendor, and the Chief Financial Officer, have all been obtained on each voucher on the attached list. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield Borough that the voucher list submitted is hereby approved for payment in the total amount of **\$528,644.56**
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this approval be forwarded to the following:

Municipal Clerk
 Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
 Dotty Paradiso, Supervisor of Accounts

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo, Esq. – advised that the Court Appeal Hearing pertaining to Liquid Assets is set for January 9, 2013.

Administrator Cullen – advised that the Lottery pertaining to the Housing Rehab Program will be conducted tomorrow afternoon. It will be a regular type of drawing. There were 27 who submitted interest in it. On another note, the 4th quarter tax bills will be mailed out tomorrow in which roughly they are \$40.00 less on average. To conclude, the K-9 dogs have been the most popular hits on our Facebook account.

Engineer Miller – Mr. Miller briefed the Council that he has recently met with Fischer who will be conducting various road improvements and should be ready to start by next week. Sampton and Nunnick roads were awarded tonight to Stilo. Our office will get that going as soon as possible.

Clerk Antonides – has no report for this evening.

Councilman Barletta – reported that he recently attended a new business open house for Combination Martial Arts. Mr. Barletta went on to say how much fun it was to learn some of the martial art stances.

Councilman Frank – advised that we take environmental issues very seriously in South Plainfield and recently concerns were expressed pertaining to unnecessary idling. Mr. Frank held up a prototype sign that says “Idle Free Clean Air Zone” which could be placed around town to encourage citizens to be mindful of our environment as it relates to unnecessary idling.

Councilman Bengivenga – congratulated Charlie Leon for his appointment this evening to the Fire Department. Mr. Bengivenga went on to express his appreciation to Cappi, DPW Supervisor, for his assistance with our road improvement programs. Thanks to all those involved we are able to do more with less. Mr. Bengivenga reminded everyone that this Saturday will be The Battle of the Badges at beginning at 4:00 p.m. and anyone interested in tickets can see him.

Councilman White – congratulated the South Plainfield High School football Tigers on their recent 27 to 6 victory. Also, Mr. White advised that the pool room at the Senior Center has just been repainted.

Councilman McConville – thanked the Governing Body for their support with hiring the temporary part-time helpers for the Public Works Department this evening. This will surely help the department out a lot. The leaf bag coupons will be mailed out this week and bulk collection has been extended until November 1st. Mr. McConville read a letter in full from the Public Works Supervisor thanking Mr. Bob Stilo for the loan of his motor mixer.

Council President Rusnak – advised that the 4th quarter tax bills just went out and our phone numbers are attached to the tax bills. Mr. Rusnak said he can't answer for the school or County portion of the tax bills but can answer regarding the municipal portion. Also, on a side note, the fence at the Riley School is being painted by volunteers. It is half done due to rain which caused us to stop. We will resume painting and hopefully finish it up in the coming days.

Mayor Anesh – reported that he received a call recently from the Governor's Office who in turn invited our emergency service personnel to the Governor's Mansion. Mayor Anesh advised that this year there were no political speeches during the Trade Center Memorial this year. Mayor Anesh said he walks past the Trade Center site every day and the emotions of that day stay with him and the wounds are still fresh however, the sight itself is night and day from what it was some eleven years ago. The Freedom Tower is near completion and may be done by next year. On another note, the Planning Board met last week in which Royal Coffee received their preliminary approvals. To conclude, Mayor Anesh reminded everyone that October 3rd begins the Walk to School Campaign which promotes the healthy aspects of walking. October 4th will be the rain date. October 13th is the Mayor's Health Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center which emphasizes healthy living.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Debbie Boyle congratulated Coach Cassio of the South Plainfield High School for their recent 27 to 6 win. Ms. Boyle thanked Mayor Anesh for his September 11th presentation at the Middle School. She also thanked the Mayor and Council for their support in going to the Patriot's Game where Mayor Anesh threw the first pitch. That night, Tommy Licato was granted a wish from Wish Upon a Heart. To conclude, Meet the Coaches Night will be at 7pm and everyone is encouraged to attend. Taste of South Plainfield is scheduled for October 12th. Advance tickets are on sale for \$30.00. The proceeds will go toward High School Senior Scholarships.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. At this time, 8:14 p.m., Mayor Anesh advised that they will be going into Executive Session and everyone is welcome to stay for their return back into public session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor and Borough Council reconvened back into public session at 8:25 p.m. and advised that there are no matters that require action from the closed session meeting this evening. Without further comment, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk