

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012, 7:15 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 Frank led the invocation.

Mayor Anesh invited the Fire and EMS forward. Public Celebrations Committee was formally thanked for their time and effort in putting together a successful Labor Day Parade. A round of applause was extended.

Approve Council Minutes: August 20, 2012 - Agenda
August 20, 2012 - Public
August 20, 2012 - Executive

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:			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Public Comment For Agenda Items Only:

Mr. Paul McCullen of Walnut Street inquired how the new public works contract will impact the overall budget pertaining to pension and healthcare costs. Mr. Cullen advised citing how the overall process is a bit complicated.

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

#1967 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1760A ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO 2014 - was read in full by Mr. Cullen. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments. With no comments made, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

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:			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 12- 250

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield for the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a labor agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and Teamsters Local 469 contingent upon final ratification of said labor agreement, as drafted by the Borough’s legal counsel, with the Teamsters Local Union # 469.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-251

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO FISHER CONTRACTING INC. FOR THE 2012 MULTI-ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,371.25 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, August 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages from the Borough Engineer and submitted bids as follows:

Fisher Contracting Inc.	\$ 67,371.25
Stilo Excavation	\$ 89,950.25
Top Line Construction Corp.	\$137,727.32
DeFino Contracting Inc.	\$172,929.65

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney who has verified that the lowest qualified bidder is Fisher Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$67,371.25 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 #1943;

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 multi-road resurfacing program to Fisher Contracting Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$67,371.25

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION NO. 12-252

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CONDEMNATION ACTION INVOLVING DSC OF NEWARK, DSC OF DELAWARE, AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield brought an action by way of Verified Complaint in Condemnation seeking to condemn a portion of property owned by DSC of Newark Enterprises, Inc., and identified as Block 256, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough for the purpose of implementing the New Market Avenue extension; and

WHEREAS, a condemnation commissioner’s hearing was held on April 21, 2010, at which time the commissioners assessed a value to the property in the amount of \$258,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough appealed the award to the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has previously deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court \$110,000.00 for payment of property; and

WHEREAS, special counsel has recommended settlement for the total purchase price of \$206,000.00, which will require an additional payment of \$96,000.00 by the Borough;

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 accept and enter into a settlement with DSC of Newark Enterprises, Inc. to resolve the Condemnation Complaint filed in this matter for a total value of the taking of \$206,000.00, and that the additional amount of \$96,000.00 shall be paid within 30 days of this Resolution by the Borough for the condemnation of a portion of the property identified as Block 256, Lot on the Official Tax Map of the Borough.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2012-253

AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TWO K-9 CAGES FOR TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES FROM TRIANGLE COMMUNICATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,240.68

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 K-9 cages for two police patrol vehicles are necessary for the patrolling of K-9 dogs; and

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

Triangle Communication \$9,240.68
(State Contract 81343 for Labor , 81331and 81327 for Equipment)

WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Police Chief who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a State Contract with Triangle Communication in the amount of \$9,240.68 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 K-9 cages for two police patrol vehicles from Triangle Communication . in an amount not to exceed \$9,240.68.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2012-254

AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONICS AND EQUIPMENT FOR TWO K-9 PATROL VEHICLES FROM TRIANGLE COMMUNICATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,583.60

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 and installation of electronics and equipment for two K-9 patrol vehicles are necessary for the patrolling of two K-9 vehicles; and

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

Triangle Communication \$25,583.60
(State Contract 81343 for Labor , 81331and 81327 for Equipment)

WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Police Chief who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a State Contract with Triangle Communication in the amount of \$25,583.60 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 installation of electronics and equipment for two K-9 police patrol vehicles from the State Contract vendor; Triangle Communication . in an amount not to exceed \$25,583.60.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-255

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,977.44 FOR DOUGLAS & EILEEN CAREY OF 107 VAKARICH

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

**Block 233; Lot 8
Douglas & Eileen Carey
107 Vakarich Place
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$1,977.44**

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.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-256

**AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123.36 FOR
DEVON DOSHI OF 715 LUCY COURT**

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

**Block 528; Lot 43; Qual; C0715
Devon Doshi
715 Lucy Court
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$123.36**

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.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-257

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the appointments of the following four Junior Firefighters to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department:

Paul Melillo Jr. Kevin Basantes
109 Morrill Drive 113 Grove Street

Matt Roesch Sarah C. Bosse
12 Delekas Avenue 231 Manning Avenue

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	x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Frank			x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White	x		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION #12-258

**AUTHORIZING A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,716.32 FOR A TAX OVERPAYMENT TO CHRISTOPHER
PALMER OF 1714 PERSHING PLACE**

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

**Block 24; Lot 11
Christopher Palmer
1714 Pershing Place
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$ 1716.32**

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.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-259

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ANDY KERAGA AS PART-TIME GROUNDSKEEPER FOR TUESDAYS FOR AN HOURLY RATE AS SET BY ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

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 Andy Keraga as a part-time groundskeeper effective date of employment as September 4, 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
- Alice Temple, Environmental Specialist
- Robert Capparelli, Public Works Supervisor
- Marie Dudek, Payroll
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-260

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE FIRE DISTRICTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAX APPEAL REFUNDS AND SETTLEMENTS (S-1896 AND A-1503)

WHEREAS, municipalities are presently required to full fund refunds resulting from real property tax appeals despite the fact that fire districts, school districts, and county government all are funded through the tax revenue which is the subject of the appeals; and

WHEREAS, the current real estate market has resulted in an unprecedented number of tax appeals which have created a substantial burden on municipalities who are required to fund the entire cost of defending the appeals and payment of resulting judgments requiring tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, Senator Anthony Bucco has introduced legislation, S-1896, which would require municipal tax collectors to deduct the applicable pro rata share of property tax refunds from the amounts to be paid in a subsequent tax year to the county, school district or fire district; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield support the efforts of Senator Bucco and those in the Assembly who have introduced the Assembly version of this legislation, A-1503

WHEREAS, the State’s Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality’s final 5% allocation of its CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based upon the results of the CY 2012 Best Practices Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Inventory is meant to encourage municipalities to consider and embrace a range of best practices that will help improve financial accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the completed CY2012 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the CY2012 Best Practices Inventory process have been met by the Borough of South Plainfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to certify to the State Division of Local Government Services that the governing body has reviewed and discussed the completed CY2012 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the September 4, 2012 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12- 263

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 1500 TONS OF HOT MIX ASPHALT WITH STAVOLA CONSTRUCTION UTILIZING THE COMMON CENTS MIDDLESEX COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield for the purchase of 1500 tons of hot mix asphalt with Stavola Construction utilizing the Common Cents Middlesex County Cooperative Purchasing Program under Co-Op#71-MCCPS and Bid No. B-12-96 in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorizing is granted for the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a contract for same, if applicable.

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-263A

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 12-244 THAT AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (ZERO FOOTPRINT L300 THIN CLIENT) FROM NORTHEAST INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,850.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby rescinds resolution 12-244 that authorized the purchase of Information Technology Equipment (ZERO FOOTPRINT L300 THIN CLIENT) from Northeast Integrated Technologies, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$4,850.00

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- John Abbruzzese, IT

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		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 12-263B
RESCINDING RESOLUTION 12-245 THAT AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
EQUIPMENT (GFI VIPRE BUSINESS PREMIUM COMPETITIVE UPGRADE) FROM NORTHEAST
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,830.40**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby rescinds resolution 12-245 that authorized the purchase of Information Technology Equipment (GFI VIPRE Business Competitive Upgrade) from Northeast Integrated Technologies, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$3,830.40

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- John Abbruzzese, IT

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		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:

- Board of Education letter received pertaining to their August 29, 2012 meeting.

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 **\$327,925.65**

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				
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							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo, Esq. – has no report for this evening.

Administrator Cullen – recognized the many people who put so much work and time into putting together the Labor Day Parade.

Engineer Miller – Mr. Miller briefed the Council on the status of various projects, particularly the multi-road resurfacing project as well as the Sampton Avenue project. The roads are being prepared now. Sampton Avenue and Nunnick Lane bids will be opened later this week.

Clerk Antonides – was absent this evening due to illness.

Councilman Barletta – thanked the parade committee for all their hard work as well the fire, police, EMS, etc. A few more grand openings took place this past week. The unemployment rate in 2011 was 6.2% in South Plainfield which is a relatively low rate. Mr. Barletta said he thinks that attributes to what we are doing here in South Plainfield and we continue to welcome our commercial establishments here.

Councilman Frank – advised that we unfortunately lost one of South Plainfield’s hero’s this week; Bill Quarte. The parade was absolutely remarkable. Everyone did such a fantastic job. It was a pleasure to watch so many having a blast with the day’s events. Making progress otherwise.

Councilman Bengivenga – echoed appreciation to all the committees, groups, volunteers and organizations who contributed to put together this year’s Labor Day Parade. Mr. Bengivenga said he thinks he has heard more compliments about our fireworks this year than any other year. It was a great show. The rain held off just long enough. Mr. Bengivenga concluded by reminding everyone that this Saturday will be a battle of the badges softball game benefit hosted by the police and fire departments.

Councilman White – also complimented and thanked everyone involved in putting together such a wonderful Labor Day Parade. So much went into it. It was a great opportunity to walk around and see everyone there.

Councilman McConville – thanked all the volunteers for all their work in putting together a successful Labor Day Parade this year. It was a job well.

Council President Rusnak – commended everyone for a great job in putting together the Labor Day Parade. Also Mr. Rusnak complimented the Mayor and Councilmen Bengivenga, Barletta and White for all being such good sports about going into the dunk tank. Mr. Rusnak briefed everyone on the status of the Board of Education’s August 29th meeting pertaining to the tax appeal situation. Mr. Rusnak read the school boards letter pertaining to their meeting in full. That led us to put the resolution on this evening (#12-260). Mr. Rusnak advised he also has been in contact with the Governor’s office pertaining to this issue.

Mayor Anesh – said the Public Celebrations Committee did a great job. They work on it for nearly a year. Soon after each Labor Day Parade they hold a meeting to recap the day’s events and discuss any areas that may or may not need to be improved upon. The weather held out which we were very fortunate. Mayor Anesh thanked the Public Celebrations Committee as well as all the volunteers, fire, ems, police, DPW, etc. It is a very long day for all those involved in putting it together. Mayor Anesh advised that he heard several comments about how great the grand finale fireworks display was. Hobby Lobby’s grand opening seemed to be a big success. Mayor Anesh further advised that we have been working with Recreation to discuss how to revive the back area of the Municipal building. It was once a tennis court and among other things and has fallen in disrepair. We will be working to see how we can best revive that area for the community. To conclude, Mayor Anesh reminded everyone to be aware that school is back in session and for motorists to be mindful that children may be crossing the streets.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Lester Bergen of 1811 Hamilton Blvd., commented what a find job the parade marshals did. Mr. Bergen expressed his concerns pertaining to all the 18 wheelers on the roads.

A resident advised that he went to the soft opening of Hobby Lobby and it was really neat to see.

Mr. Sorrintino of Hopkinson Street thanked the Council for all their support as well as thanked Debbie Boyle and everyone else on the Public Celebrations Committee for all their hard work as well as the DPW and all emergency services.

Ms. Debbie Boyle of the Celebrations Committee, also thanked all the volunteers, emergency services, DPW, the Observer, all participants, as well as the Council for their support and help to make the Labor Day Parade such a success. Ms. Boyle spoke in terms of her disappointment in hearing the school board is doing a shared service with Piscataway for fuel citing how it was handled was wrong. Ms. Boyle questioned the possibility of giving South Plainfield children/organizations first preference pertaining to canning. Councilman White said he is looking into this and hopes to have an answer forthcoming. The Taste of South Plainfield will be held on October 12th at the Senior Center and tickets are being sold.

A resident stressed her highest compliments to the Department of Public Works for all their time and effort they put into the Labor Day Parade. They did a fantastic job. No matter what anybody needed help with they were right there helping.

Mayor Anesh concluded by advising that we have been working with Cablevision and Comcast and soon our meetings will be aired live via Verizon FIOS.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. At this time, 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 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:

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