

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 06, 2014 7:02 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Bengivenga	X		
Councilman Diana	X		
Councilman Richkus	X		
Councilman Rusnak	X		
Councilman White	X		
Council President Barletta	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Bengivenga led the invocation.

Proclamation: Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day – October 10, 2014
Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2014
Physical Therapy Month – October, 2014
Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October, 2014

Mayor Anesh read the aforementioned Proclamations in full and presented a copy of the Proclamation to those applicable members of the audience. Photographs were taken by the media and a round of applause was extended.

Public Comment For Agenda Items Only:

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

Approve Council Minutes: September 22, 2014 – Agenda
September 22, 2014 - Public
September 22, 2014 –Executive

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING BY TITLE – was read by Clerk Antonides. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments. With no public comments made, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh then asked if the Council had any comments pertaining to this Ordinance. There were no comments from the Council. The following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 2004

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY THROUGH PORTIONS OF BUSHWICK AVENUE

WHEREAS, McDonald’s USA, LLC received approval from the Borough of South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment for development of property commonly known as Block 524, Lot 4.01 on the Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield conditioned in part on a realignment of Bushwick Avenue and dedication of a right-of-way for new portions of Bushwick Avenue to the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, McDonald’s USA, LLC and the Borough have entered into an agreement with regard to such development which also provides for the dedication of the right-of-way for new portions of Bushwick Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough of South Plainfield does hereby accept the dedication to the Borough of a portion of Block 524, Lot 4.01, a new portion of Bushwick Avenue within the Borough of South Plainfield, more particularly described on Schedule A attached hereto.

This Ordinance shall be filed in the Office of the Middlesex County Clerk upon adoption.

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final passage, adoption and publication according to New Jersey law.

Adoption of Ordinance #2004: October 6, 2014

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE – was read by Clerk Antonides. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 20, 2014 at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anesh than asked if the Council had any comments pertaining to this Ordinance. There were no comments from the Council. The following ordinance was introduced:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005
AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING VEHICLES FROM DESIGNED STREETS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has received several complaints regarding vehicle traffic on Amboy Avenue and connecting streets near Amboy Avenue; and

WHEREAS. The Public Safety Committee has recommended to the Mayor and Council that an ordinance be passed restricting vehicles from Amboy Avenue (Valley Street), Elsie Avenue, Carmine Avenue, Pulaski Avenue, Anthony Avenue, Pitt Street, Bergen Street, Hancock Street, Fulton Street and Garibaldi Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANIED BY THE Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended to provide that vehicles over the registered gross weight set forth herein are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described herein, except for pickup and delivery of materials, on such street, or the use of emergency vehicles on such streets.

NAME OF STREET	WEIGHT LIMIT	LOCATION
Amboy Avenue (Valley Street)	4 tons	Entire length
Elsie Avenue	4 tons	Between New Market Ave. and Valley Street
Carmine Avenue	4 tons	Between New Market Ave. and Valley Street
Pulaski Street	4 tons	Between New Market Ave.

		and Amboy Avenue
Anthony Avenue	4 tons	Between New Market Ave. and Valley St./Amboy Avenue
Pitt Street	4 tons	Between New Market Ave. and Amboy Avenue
Bergen Street	4 tons	Between Jackson Avenue and New Market Avenue
Hancock Street	4 tons	Between Harvard Avenue and New Market Avenue
Fulton Street	4 tons	Entire Length
Garibaldi Avenue	4 tons	Entire Length

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

Introduction of Ordinance #2005: October 6, 2014

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION: 2014-286

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,329.10 FOR C. & K. GRUVER OF 1888-1890 SECOND PLACE

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayer and/or their agent have overpaid their taxes and have requested a refund:

Block: 448 Lot: 4.03

Payable to:

Corelogic Services, LLC

Attn: Susan Logue

P.O. Box 961230

Fort Worth, TX 76161-0230

\$3,329.10

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 Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak			X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Barletta	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2014-287

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TWO PART-TIME POLICE COMMUNICATION OPERATORS; CHRISTINA TEDESCO AND GEORGE HOGAN

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Christina Tedesco and George Hogan as Part Time Communication Operators from the Police Department.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. James Parker, Chief of Police
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. Marie Dudek, Payroll
5. Anne Daley, Benefits

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

RESOLUTION 2014-288

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS DONE AT SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 101 MORRIS AVENUE TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,805.00 WHICH REPRESENT EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

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

It hereby authorizes the release of funds for improvements done at the South Plainfield Senior Residence located at 101 Morris Avenue in South Plainfield to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ located at 3 Manhattan Drive in Burlington, NJ 08016 in the amount of \$65,805.00 which represents exterior improvements that took place.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 2014-289

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS DONE AT SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 101 MORRIS AVENUE TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,436.00 WHICH REPRESENT BUILDING RELATED COSTS

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

It hereby authorizes the release of funds for improvements done at the South Plainfield Senior Residence located at 101 Morris Avenue in South Plainfield to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ located at 3 Manhattan Drive in Burlington, NJ 08016 in the amount of \$45,436.00 which represents building related costs and improvements that took place.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION No. 14-290

AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE STATE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE COMPLETED 2014 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY AS PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE OCTOBER 6, 2014 PUBLIC MEETING

WHEREAS, the State’s Fiscal Year 2015 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 2014 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 CY2014 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the CY2014 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 of the Borough of South Plainfield have reviewed and discussed the completed CY2014 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the October 6, 2014 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 2014-291

AUTHORIZING THE “CREDIT” REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,068.59 PERTAINING TO 121 CORPORATE BLVD, LLC

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>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
121 Corporate Blvd, LLC 121 Corporate Boulevard South Plainfield, NJ 07080	528	46.19	2014	\$9,068.59
Total				\$9,068.59*

* 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 Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana				X			
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		X	X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Barletta	X		X				
		VOTE:	5	1			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION No. 14-292

AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,586.00 WITH A MUNICIPAL IN-KIND MATCH OF \$15,439.50 AND A CASH MATCH OF \$5,146.50

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuse in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough that:

1. The South Plainfield Borough Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the aforementioned agreement between the County of Middlesex and the Borough of South Plainfield for the South Plainfield Municipal Alliance grant allocation for 2014 in the amount of \$20,586.00, with a municipal in kind match of \$15,439.50 and a cash match of \$5,146.50.
2. The South Plainfield Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for the administering of the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman Richkus							x
Councilman Rusnak			x				
Councilman White		x	x				
Council President Barletta	x		x				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2014-293

AUTHORIZING A BID AWARD TO SOLID ROCK CONTRACTING FOR A COAH HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 801 GARIBALDI AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,845.00

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

Authorization is hereby given to award a contract to Solid Rock Contracting for a COAH housing rehabilitation project for the Carroll property located at 801 Garibaldi Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$20,845.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment may be made to Solid Rock Contracting upon the completion of said refurbishment project.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-294

AUTHORIZING A BID AWARD TO ENVIROSCIENCE SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR A COAH HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 248 OAKLAND AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,450.00

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

Authorization is hereby given to award a contract to Envirosience Solutions, LLC for a COAH housing rehabilitation project for the Puar property located at 248 Oakland Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$19,450.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment may be made to Envirosience Solutions, LLC upon the completion of said refurbishment project.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman Richkus			x				
Councilman Rusnak		x	x				
Councilman White							x
Council President Barletta	x		x				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION No. 2014-295

AUTHORIZING THE TRANFER OF A SHUFFLE BOARD TABLE TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield owns a shuffle board table which is located at the Borough Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the shuffle board table is not in use, and has not been used for many years, and there is no purpose for same; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have requested that the Borough allow them to take possession of the shuffle board table; and

WHEREAS, the shuffle board table has nominal value;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that authorization is hereby given for the Senior Center to allow the Knights of Columbus to take possession of the shuffle board table located at the Senior Center, on condition that the Knights of Columbus agree that they will be responsible for transporting the table, and that they will return the table in the future in the event the Borough requests same.

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

RESOLUTION 14-296

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY POOL UTILITY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 TO PROVIDE FOR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES RESULTING FROM COMMUNITY POOL REPAIRS AND ENGINEERING EVALUATION

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an emergency appropriation to meet certain expenses incurred or to be incurred as a result of the extraordinary damage, repairs and engineering evaluation requiring the appropriation of funds of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the “Borough”), in the amount of an additional \$5,000.00. and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-46 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation and such appropriations shall be raised in full as a deferred charge in the subsequent year::

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (by not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body affirmatively concurring) as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46, a special emergency appropriation is hereby made in the additional amount of \$5,000,
2. The appropriation set forth in Section 1 hereof shall be raised in the 2015 Utility Fund Budget.
3. Two certified copies of this resolution shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately

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

RESOLUTION 14-297

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF RJR ENGINEERING CO., INC. FOR EMERGENT COMMUNITY POOL REPAIRS AND ENGINEERING EVALUATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that they hereby authorize the services of RJR Engineering Co., Inc. of 105 Guinea Hollow Road, Califon, NJ 07830 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for emergent repairs and engineering evaluation of the community pool.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer

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

RESOLUTION 14-298

AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF JORDON ROBINSON THROUGH THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD CO-OP PROGRAM AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$12.33 WITH NO BENEFITS FOR THE DPW

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council hereby confirms the part-time hiring of Jordon Robinson through the South Plainfield Co-Op program at an hourly rate of \$12.33 with no benefits for the DPW.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Marie Dudek, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

CORRESPONDANCE

- Board of Adjustment Minutes – August 5th & 19th, 2014
- Mayor’s Wellness Committee Minutes – September 16, 2014
- Traffic Safety Advisory Minutes – July 23, 2014
- Environmental Commission Minutes – August 13, 2014

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

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

Current Fund	3-01	3,996.32
Current Fund	4-01	340,230.01
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	17,576.98
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	191,892.81
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	33,200.87
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	5,249.65
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,400.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$593,546.64

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo, Esq. – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that every two years the Borough’s financial position is evaluated by Standard and Poor’s in which a credit rating is derived. Mr. Cullen said he is pleased to announce that Standard and Poor’s has affirmed our rating as double “AA” with a stable outlook. Mr. Cullen went on to state several highlights contained within the report.

Engineer Miller – briefly updated the Council that the contractor had milled Amboy and Carmine Avenues. They are scheduled to pave those roads by the end of this week. When that is completed, the next contractor will begin Pitt Street.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that there will be a poll worker training class on October 16th from 7pm to 9pm at the Senior Center.

Councilman Diana – advised that the annual Fall clean-up is this Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. If anyone is interested in helping out to please contact Councilman Diana or Dr. Temple. Councilman Diana further advised that he had the opportunity to again attend the Buddy Walk this past weekend of which is an event that is near and dear to his heart as his cousin has Down’s Syndrome. It is a really nice event with a large turnout, though the weather was not so great this year.

Councilman Rusnak – congratulated Mr. Cullen, Mr. Swisher (Borough Auditor), and the rest of the Administration/Finance Committee for the AA rating from Standard and Poor’s which shows the Borough is on solid ground with a good positive outlook moving forward.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Councilman Richkus – reported that the PAL will be hosting an open house this Saturday from 9am to 12. Basketball and Wrestling registration will be taking place. They will also be showcasing some of the new equipment. Councilman Richkus went on to report on various projects at the Senior Center. 689 meals were served making South Plainfield number two in the County during September. 62 meals are delivered to our seniors that are homebound. Just goes to show from our youngest to our oldest residents, South Plainfield really cares about everyone.

Councilman White – congratulated the Elks Lodge on their 50 years of service. It is amazing what this organization does and we really appreciate them. Advanced Auto Parts is now open. Their soft opening was on October 2nd with their hard opening scheduled for October 18th.

Council President Barletta – advised that this year’s annual UNICO Columbus Day Ceremony will be held at the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Anesh – reported that October 18th will be the 4th annual Mayor’s Wellness Health Fair. There will be 100 flu shots that will be given away. Also sign-up’s for the “Step It Up South Plainfield II” will take place. We do hope to announce the winner of the last Step It Up contest at a forthcoming meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Libby from the Observer inquired as to when the Walk to School Day is. Mayor Anesh said it will be on October 8, 2014.

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

At 7:29 p.m. Mayor Anesh called for a recess from the public portion of the meeting to go into Executive Session advising that everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk