# SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2015 7:25 P.M. PUBLIC MEETING

**<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u>** 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 Diana	X		
Councilman Richkus	X		
Councilman Rusnak	X		
Council President White	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 Council President White led the invocation.

**<u>Public Comment:</u>** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

<u>Proclamation(s)</u>: were moved up to the Agenda meeting. (Refer to the Agenda meeting minutes) <u>Public Auction of Surplus Municipal Property</u> was also moved up to the Agenda meeting. (Refer to the Agenda meeting minutes)

# Approve Council Minutes

February 2, 2015 – Agenda February 2, 2015 - Public

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

<u>ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE</u> – was read by title by Clerk Antonides for the following Ordinances; 2015, 2016 and 2017. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for March 2, 2015 at approximately 7:00 p.m. for the following three ordinances:

# ORDINANCE 2015 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATON FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2018 FOR NON-UNION PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNING BODY

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

**SECTION 1.** The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the years shown, except if otherwise noted.

Position	2015	2016	2017	2018
Administrator	29,009	29,560	30,122	30,694
Municipal Clerk	75,473	76,907	78,368	79,857
Chief Financial Officer	130,735	133,219	135,750	138,329
Confidential Asst.	26955 - 48519	27467 - 49441	27989 - 50,380	28520 - 51,337
OEM Coordinator	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Registrar Vital Stats/Principal Clerk	56,829	57,908	59,009	60,130
Social Services Director	9,799	9,985	10,175	10,368
Municipal Hosing Liaison	2,215	2,257	2,300	2,344
Affordable Housing Trust Reporter	2,215	2,257	2,300	2,344
DVRT Coordinator	5,805	5,916	6,028	6,142
Mayor	8,607	8,607	8,607	8,607
Council President	6,885	6,885	6,885	6,885
Council Person	5,738	5,738	5,738	5,738
Municipal Prosecutor	45,005	45,005	45,005	45,005
Public Defender	8,580	8,580	8,580	8,580
Planning Board Attorney	1,502	-	-	-
Zoning Board Attorney	1,502	-	-	-
PACO Compliance Officer	6,000	6,114	6,230	6,349
Municipal Court Judge	50,485	50,485	50,485	50,485
Deputy Registrar	1,551	1,580	1,610	1,641
Secretary to Mayor	1,736	1,769	1,803	1,837
Tax Collector	26,639	27,145	27,661	28,186
Tax Assessor	61,801	62,976	64,172	65,391
Assessor Field Representative	7,874	8,023	8,176	8,331
Environmental Specialist	69,135	70,449	71,787	73,151
Recycling Coordinator	5,418	5,521	5,626	5,733
Fire Official	81,160	82,702	84,274	85,875
Fire Subcode	6,412	6,533	6,658	6,784
Construction Officer	109,444	111,523	113,642	115,801
Zoning Officer	15,450	15,744	16,043	16,348
Court Administrator	69,996	71,326	72,681	74,062
Recreation Director	76,044	77,489	78,961	80,461
Pool Administrator	9,338	9,516	9,696	9,881
Health Board Secretary	2,732	2,784	2,837	2,891

**SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY**- All ordinance or parts inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE** – This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

#### Introduction of Ordinance #2015: February 17, 2015

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COUNCIL	MOTION	$2^{ND}$	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilman Diana			Х				
Councilman McConville			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Council President Rusnak			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# ORDINANCE NO. 2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE <u>REVISING PARKING AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCES</u>

WHEREAS, the Borough Police Department has recommended that Parking and Traffic Ordinances be reviewed and revised; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Advisory Commission has reviewed the recommendation and concurs in same;

**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 Parking and Traffic Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended prohibiting parking on the following designated streets:

- 1. Cady Lane Both sides the entire length of Cady Lane.
- 2. Avon Avenue Both sides between West Crescent Avenue and Cady Lane.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Parking Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended to provide that there shall be no parking, stopping or standing at any time on the following designated streets:

1. Jackson Avenue – West side from Evona Place to Garibaldi Avenue.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Parking Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended to provide that there shall be no parking, stopping or standing on one side of the following designated streets when school is in session between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. During such time, parking, standing or stopping shall not be permitted as follows:

- 1. Stratford Avenue West side from Cedar Brook Avenue to Cromwell Place.
- 2. Wickford Road East side from Skene Drive to Cromwell Place.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Traffic Regulations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended to provide the following streets shall be designated as one-way traffic:

1. Jackson Avenue – Hamilton Boulevard to Garibaldi Avenue, traffic permitted to travel in a southerly direction.

2. Garibaldi Avenue – Jackson Avenue to Harvard Avenue, traffic permitted to travel in an easterly direction.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Traffic Regulations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be amended to provide that left turns shall be prohibited from the parking lot of premises located at 2300 Park Avenue onto Maple Avenue.

This Ordinance shall supersede and take precedence over Borough Ordinances 758, 1182 and 1201 in their entirety, which are hereby voided. This Ordinance shall also supersede and take precedence over that portion of Borough Ordinance 1992 which allowed parking on Garibaldi Avenue.

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

Introduction of Ordinance #2016: February 17, 2015

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

# ORDINANCE NO. 2017 AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER CARNEGIE STREET, A PAPER STREET, WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, there exists within the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey a "paper street" known as Carnegie Street, as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of South Plainfield;

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the Borough to vacate its authority and control over Carnegie Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that such right-of-way is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough does not have any intention to construct a road to be known as Carnegie Street; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough, arising from the dedication of a road;

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

1. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to Carnegie Street are hereby extinguished and vacated;

2. At least one week prior to the time affixed for consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of introduction thereof, at a time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, should be mailed to every person whose land may be effected by this Ordinance insofar as it may be ascertained. Said notices shall be made by the Borough Clerk to the owners of Block 299, Lot 1.01 and Block 300, Lot 1.01;

3. The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file copies of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21;

4. The Mayor and Council declare this right-of-way to be surplus and not needed for public use;

5. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not effect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and it shall remain in full force and effect; and

6. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any other Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions herein shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the revised General Ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where consistent with the terms hereof.

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

Introduction of Ordinance #2017: February 17, 2015

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta	х		X				
Councilman Bengivenga							х
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		x	X				
Council President White							X
		VOTE:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION #15-68**

# AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED BY BERG N PITT OF PITT STREET IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 331, LOTS 1.02A, 1.02B, AND 1.03 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,007.00

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Berg N Pitt of Pitt Street for the improvements located at Block 331, Lots 1.02A, and 1.02B and 1.03; and

WHEREAS, Berg N Pitt has submitted a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$5,007.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at Block 331, Lots 1.02A, 1.02B and 1.03.

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

# **RESOLUTION 2015-69**

# AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to apply to Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Agency for discretionary aid; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Citizen Advisory Committee met to discuss possible uses of the 2015 CDBG funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield held a public hearing on February 17, 2015 to elicit input from Borough residents on the best uses for the 2015 CDBG;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield do hereby make application to Middlesex County Housing and Community Development for discretionary aid to be used for the following proposed uses:

Senior Center Salary	
Senior Center Meals on Wheels SUV	

\$12,500
\$24,000 (Ford Escape or comparable vehicle MSRP \$22,960-\$24,980)
\$28,000 (Ford Transit Connect or comparable vehicle MSRP \$24,710-\$29,185)
\$64,500

Senior Center Van

# TOTAL

# \$64,500

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Agency.

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

# **RESOLUTION 2015-70**

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.93 PERTAINING TO 3500 SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

# **OWNER/ADDRESS**

Block 467.02; Lot 2 Account # 6777-0 Campbell Soup Company 3500 South Clinton Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080 **\$60.93** 

# MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Campbell Soup Company One Campbell Place MS 216 Camden, NJ 08103

**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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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Councilman Bengivenga	Х		X				
Councilman Diana			Х				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak			X				
<b>Council President White</b>		х	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# RESOLUTION 2015-71

# ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION IN GOOD STANDING OF THOMAS SIMPSON AS AN ACADEMY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER

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

It hereby accepts the resignation in good standing from Thomas Simpson as an academy level Police Officer;

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

- 1. James Parker, Chief of Police
- 2. Marie Dudek, Payroll
- 3. Anne Daley, Benefits
- 4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

# RESOLUTION 2015-72 AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FOURTH QUARTER 2014 SEWER FEES FOR THE TWO PARCELS LOCATED AT 168 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE AND 205 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following parcels located at 168 Fairmount Avenue and 205 Fairmount Avenue require waivers for the fourth quarter 2014 sewer fees;

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South

Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to waive the aforementioned two parcels 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sewer fees.

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

# **RESOLUTION 15-73**

# AUTHORIZING THE CO-OP PURCHASE OF 4 2015 POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV'S FROM BEYER FORD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,636.00

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a Co-Op purchase of 4 2015 Police Interceptor SUV's from Beyer Ford in an amount not to exceed \$119,636.00 of which will be charged against line item C-04-55-936-000-901 pursuant to available funds by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

- 1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- 2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- 3. James Parker, Chief of Police

COUNCIL	MOTION	$2^{\text{ND}}$	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana				Х			
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		х	X				
Council President White	х		X				
		VOTE:	5	1			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# RESOLUTION 15-74 AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF 4 FLASHBACK 3 SYSTEMS FROM L3 MOBIL VISION FOR THE 4 NEW POLICE SUV'S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,497.40

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract purchase of 4 Flashback 3 Systems for the 4 new police SUV's from L3 Mobile Vision in an amount not to exceed \$19,497.40 pursuant to NJ State Contract Numbers A51311.

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

- 1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- 2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- 3. James Parker, Chief of Police

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana				X			
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		X	X				
Council President White	X		X				
		VOTE:	5	1			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# **RESOLUTION 15-75**

# AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF CAGES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE 4 NEW POLICE SUV'S FROM EAST COAST LIGHTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,670.31

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract purchase of cages and traffic safety equipment for the 4 new police SUV's from East Coast Lighting in an amount not to exceed \$43,670.31 pursuant to NJ State Contract Numbers A81336, 81327, 81338.

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

- 1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- 2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- 3. James Parker, Chief of Police

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana				X			
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		X	X				
Council President White	Х		Х				
	VOTE:	5	1				
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

#### **RESOLUTION 15-76**

# AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF 4 MULTI-BAND RADIOS FOR THE 4 NEW POLICE SUV'S FROM TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,736.40

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract purchase of 4 multi-band radios for the 4 new police SUV's from Tactical Public Safety in an amount not to exceed \$19,736.40 pursuant to NJ State Contract Numbers A83932.

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

- 1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- 2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- 3. James Parker, Chief of Police

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			Х				
Councilman Bengivenga			Х				
Councilman Diana				Х			
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		X	Х				
Council President White	Х		Х				
		VOTE:	5	1			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-77**

# AUTHORIZING T&M ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS TO ADMINISTER BIDS FOR THE 2015 CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,720

**BE IT RESOLVED** that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates to perform engineering design and construction administration as well as to administer bids for the 2015 Capital Road Improvement Program for the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$173,720.00.

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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			Х				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana				Х			
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak		X	Х				
Council President White	х		Х				
		VOTE:	5	1			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-78**

# AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF YOLANDA DIAZ AS ACTING COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND SAVITREE RAMRUP AS ACTING DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

**WHEREAS**, the present Court Administrator has fallen ill, and an emergent need exits to fill this absence until such time that the Court Administrator can resume her position;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for the temporary appointment of Yolanda Diaz as "Acting" Court Administrator with a temporary additional hourly rate of \$7.50 and Savitree Ramrup as "Acting" Deputy Court Administrator with a temporary additional hourly rate of \$5.00 until March 2, 2015 or upon the return of the Court Administrator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said appointments are effective as of February 18, 2015 and that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

- 1. Municipal Clerk
- 2. Chief Financial Officer
- 3. Yolanda Diaz
- 4. Savitree Ramrup
- 5. Marie Dudek, Payroll

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

# **CORRESPONDANCE**

- Traffic Safety Advisory Minutes December, 2014
- Email from Joan Blessing regarding Senior Center
- PARSA Minutes January 7, 2014
- Business Advisory Group Minutes January 7, 2015
- Environmental Commission Minutes December 10, 2014
- CDBG Minutes February 9, 2015

COUNCIL	MOTION	$2^{\text{ND}}$	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga	Х		X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak			X				
Council President White		х	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

5-01	138,352.36
4-01	33,024.48
4-26	0.00
5-26	1,090.20
4-07	2,065.51
5-07	3,209.53
C-08	0.00
C-04	1,306.20
C-27	7,377.32
E-18	0.00
G-	190.08
02	
T-12	0.00
T-13	1,222.73
T-14	7,244.50
5-01	\$195,082.90
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COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga		х	X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak			X				
Council President White	Х		X				
	VOTE:	6	0				
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

# **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Rizzo, Esq. - had no report for this evening.

Administrator Cullen - reported progress.

Engineer Miller - was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides -reported progress.

<u>Councilman Diana</u> – reported progress and also reminded everyone that April 18<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the 2015 Spring Clean-Up,

<u>Councilman Rusnak</u> – before reported progress, Councilman Rusnak advised that last Thursday he met with the Shared Service members and in forthcoming meetings will be reporting back in this regard.

Councilman Bengivenga - reported progress.

<u>Councilman Richkus</u> - said that the Senior Center will hold their annual Valentine's Day party this Friday. Councilman Rickus also advised that will also be attending a forthcoming recreation meeting in which various programs will be discussed.

Councilman Barletta - reported progress.

<u>Council President White</u> – reported that the new business, Tasty's Grill on Park Avenue opened on February 13th, and we welcome them and wish them much success. Also our Construction Official has been busy putting together a Homeowner's Workshop for their Spring projects which is something we have not done before in town. We are hoping for a good turnout.

<u>Mayor Anesh</u> – before reporting progress Mayor Anesh said the 2015 Spring Health Fair with JFK and Step It Up South Plainfield is forthcoming. More information will following in the coming days.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Mrs. Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet advised that the Board of Education Shared Services met with the Historical Association of South Plainfield to work with them on installing glass cases throughout the school(s) to display our towns history. The first ever spelling bee sponsored by Cultural Arts was excellent and about 21 students participated.

Mrs. Nancy Grennier from the Observer reminded everyone of the BAG Committee's Restaurant Week in South Plainfield next week and encouraged everyone to come out and frequent these local restaurants and show their support.

Mrs. Darlene Cullen of 1457 Fox Place reminded everyone that March 7<sup>th</sup> the Library will be doing their annual Read Across America event that will be held at the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Council President White made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk
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