

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2015 7:02 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:04 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	Arrived at 7:44 pm
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 Councilman Diana led the invocation.

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

Proclamation(s): National Library Week
Volunteer Litter Clean-Up Week
Autism Awareness Month – April, 2015
Honoring CYM Sports League of the Diocese of Metuchen
Sexual Harassment Awareness Month – April, 2015

Mayor Anesh read all the aforementioned proclamations in full presenting the National Library Week to Darlene Cullen, Library Board President and presenting a proclamation honoring CYM Sports League of the Diocese of Metuchen to all the team members. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess. At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Anesh called the meeting back to order.

Public Auction of Surplus Municipal Property Known As:

- Block 398, Lot 2.10 located at the Northeast Corner of Harvard Avenue & St. John's Place. Minimum Bid Amount of \$120,000. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for bids starting with a minimum bid of \$120,000.00. Mr. Tommaso Grasso of 13 Diana Drive was the one and only bidder in the amount of \$120,000.00. Mr. Rizzo, Esq. will draft a contract for execution and approval at our next Council meeting.

Approve Council Minutes March 16, 2015 – Agenda
March 16, 2015 - Public

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE – Was read by Clerk Antonides and Mayor Anesh set the Public Hearing for May 4, 2015 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

#2019 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT PUSURANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. A. 40A:4-45.1 *et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% or the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), whichever is less, over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.0% increase its final appropriations by a percentage greater than the COLA, but not to exceed the 3.5% rate as specified in the law, when authorized by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the COLA for 2015 has been certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as .5% and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.0%, may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2015 budget by more than 2.0% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$431,779.94 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$755,614.90 and that the 2015 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduction of Ordinance #2019: April 6, 2015

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2015-119A
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO READ THE PROPOSED
2015 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been delivered to the South Plainfield Library, posted in the Municipal Building, with copies available to any persons requesting same; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk shall fulfill her responsibilities of insuring the availability of the Municipal Budget to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the CY 2015 Municipal Budget be read by title only and not in full.

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 2015-119B
AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby introduces the 2015 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached 2015 proposed municipal budget, read by title by the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield during introduction on April 6, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing relative to said budget will be conducted on May 18, 2015 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. A full complete copy of the proposed 2015 Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk during normal business hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2015 Municipal Budget Revenue and Appropriation Summaries shall be published in The Courier News and The Observer prior to the aforementioned public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTURE RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following;

1. Director of Local Government Services
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer/Administrator
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. The Courier News and The Observer

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION #15-120
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED
BY JIM GUSTAFSON OF KOSCIUSKO AVENUE
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 404.04, LOT 1.04
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,322.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Jim Gustafson for the improvements located at Block 404.04, Lot 1.04; and

WHEREAS, Jim Gustafson has submitted a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$2,322.00; 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 404.04, Lot 1.04.

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

RESOLUTION 15-121
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOCTORS EXPRESS URGENT CARE OF SOUTH
PLAINFIELD AS THE BOROUGH PHYSICIAN FOR THE
2015 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY THAT: DOCTORS EXPRESS URGENT CARE OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD is hereby appointed as the official Borough Physician for the 2015 calendar year.

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

RESOLUTION 15-122
AUTHORIZING THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CO-OP PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE
DPW FROM ATLANTIC SALT, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,157.25

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 authorizes the Middlesex County Co-Op purchase of road salt from Atlantic Salt, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$13,157.25; and

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. DPW

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

RESOLUTION 15-123
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ICE CONTROL SAND FROM K.L.K. TRUCKING INC. FOR THE DPW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,100.00

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 authorizes the purchase of ice control sand from K.L.K. Trucking Inc. for the DPW in an amount not to exceed \$3,100.00

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. DPW
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 15-124
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF \$100.00 TO CINDY BLUE OF PISCATAWAY, NJ FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT OF SENIOR CENTER ROOM RENTAL

WHEREAS, the Senior Center Leader has confirmed that Cindy Blue of Piscataway, NJ held her event on March 21st at the Senior Center and as such, the \$100.00 security deposit is due back to her;

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 refund check(s) in the amount(s) of \$100.00 to Cindy Blue of 805 Center Street, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

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

RESOLUTION 15-125
AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF POLICE HANDGUNS FROM LAWMEN SUPPLY CO. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,426.30

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 authorizes the State Contract purchase of police handguns from Lawmen Supply Co. for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$11,426.30.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 15-126

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF MIKE BUTEAS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BOROUGH'S PORTION OF THE REPAIRS TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BASEBALL CLUBHOUSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00; THE BALANCE ABOVE THIS AMOUNT TO BE PAID FOR BY THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

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 authorizes the services of Mike Buteas Construction for the Borough of South Plainfield's portion of the repairs to the South Plainfield Baseball Clubhouse in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00; the balance about this amount is to be paid for by the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION: 2015-127

AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF STOP SIGNS ON PIERCE STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF DESEPIO AVENUE, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

WHEREAS, a need for stop signs has been determined by the Traffic Safety Division of the South Plainfield Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield on Pierce Street at the intersection of Desepio Avenue, in both directions; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Department of Transportation will be forwarded a copy of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Traffic Safety Division of the South Plainfield Police Department is hereby authorized to designate stop signs on Pierce Street at the intersection of Desepio Avenue, in both directions.

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Traffic Safety
3. DPW

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

RESOLUTION 2015-128
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME TELE-COMMUNICATOR OPERATORS
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH ON A PER DIEM BASIS WITH NO BENEFITS

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 Amie Guild and Sean Walsh part-time Tele-Communicator Operators on a per diem basis with an effective date of April 7, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at the recommendation of the Police Chief that that following part-time Tele-Communicator Operator be removed from the roster as they are no longer available to work for the Borough: Vicki Sabo.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Marie Dudek, Payroll
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. James Parker, Chief of Police

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

RESOLUTION 15-129
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE
SERVICES OF VINTAGE TECH TO PROVIDE E-WASTE RECYCLING (ELECTRONIC WASTE) AT
NO CHARGE TO THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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 authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a contract for the services of Vintage Tech to provide e-waste recycling (electronic waste) at no charge to the Borough of South Plainfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said contract term is good for one year, and may be renewed up to two optional one-year extensions; and

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. Alice Temple, Recycling Coordinator
4. DPW

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

RESOLUTION 2015-130
AUTHORIZING A 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
OF \$620,000.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND, \$500,000.00 IN THE SEWER UTILITY AND \$10,000.00 IN
THE POOL UTILITY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2015 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget set forth on the attached page does not exceed twenty six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year’s budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

CORRESPONDANCE

- Middlesex County Planning Board Minutes – February 10, 2015
- Recreation Commission Minutes – January 14, 2015 and February 11, 2015
- Business Advisory Group Minutes – January 7, 2015 and February 4, 2015
- Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes – February 25, 2015
- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – February, 2015

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

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

Current Fund	5-01	423,738.87
Current Fund	4-01	8,668.34
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	6,322.40
Sewer Utility	5-07	1,373.83
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	36,391.54
Pool Capital	C-27	2,500.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	14,874.06
Dog Trust	T-12	3,438.33
Treasurers Trust	T-13	41,400.40
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,979.55
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	5-01	\$540,687.32

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

Councilman Richkus arrived at this time to the council meeting due to a family emergency (7:44 p.m.).

COUNCIL REPORTS:

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

Administrator Cullen – advised that we will be announcing the budget hearing dates. Construction on the community pool began last Friday with the goal of opening it on time for the season. We received a letter from the County pertaining to their purchasing land for open space with some questions in which we will be looking at.

Engineer Miller – briefed the Council on the forthcoming 2015 Road Improvement Program saying that his office is in the process of working on the limits of the project. Mayor Anesh inquired about receiving any DOT grants and Mr. Miller said he has not heard yet though anticipates receiving a letter from the DOT in this regard in the coming days. We have reason to believe that funding will be in place for 2015 and 2016.

Clerk Antonides –reported that the instructions for filing the 2015 Annual Financial Disclosure Statements have been distributed and the deadline for filing is April 30, 2015.

Councilman Diana – advised that due to recent concerns pertaining to an increase in the deer population, this subject matter is being placed on the Environmental Commission meeting agenda. Councilman Diana also reminded everyone that the Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday, April 18th and encourages everyone to come out to volunteer with the clean-up effort. Also this year we will be making tree saplings available for those residents to take home with them after the clean-up. It is also the date for the rabies clinic at the DPW.

Councilman Rusnak – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga –advised that the Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed the parking ordinances and will be amending it for two hour parking on Hamilton Blvd. Councilman Bengivenga also pointed out that the traffic light by New Market Avenue going toward Piscataway seems to be timed longer than in the past. Councilman Bengivenga said he looked into why this is occurring and learned that it is due to a new state law that mandates when a train passes the light will be timed longer. To conclude Councilman Bengivenga mentioned a couple noteworthy articles he read in this month’s League of Municipalities magazine.

Councilman Richkus - reported progress.

Councilman Barletta – asked Mr. Miller what the status is of the forthcoming tandem dump truck bid for the DPW. Mr. Miller advised that there were errors in the bid specifications and therefore the bid opening that was set for April 14th is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Council President White – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – advised the 2015 Spring Health Fair will be on May 16th and JFK has graciously offered to donate pedometers to coincide with our Step It-Up South Plainfield Program. There will also be a 5K run that day. Mayor Anesh encouraged everyone to check out the new “My Waste” application on our website. It will be very helpful in providing alerts pertaining to recycling collection etc. It is a totally free application.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Suzanne Lepore thanked Councilman Diana for adding the concerns regarding the deer population to the Environmental Commission agenda and further thanked all those who attended the recent talent showcase. As a reminder, May 2nd at 7pm at the high school we will have the Shakespeare Theatre.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet informed the Council of an upcoming conference on Autism and went on to mention various events in town such as tricky trays that will be taking place. The high school is hopeful of coordinating a date and time to have a basketball game against the PBA.

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 motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk