

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2016 7:01 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Richkus	X		
Councilman Rusnak		X	
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Bengivenga		X	
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Bill Robertson	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Barletta 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 – South Plainfield Boys Soccer Team – Mayor Anesh read the Proclamation in full and called the coach(s) and students forward to receive a copy of the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family and media present.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

March 7, 2016 – Agenda
March 7, 2016 - Public
March 7, 2016 - Executive

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 16-102
AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF JONATHAN BLACK AND RICKY ZEKAS
AS GROUNDSKEEPER, WITH NO BENEFITS TO ASSIST AT THE YARD WASTE SITE
AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$12.26**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that based upon the recommendation of Alice Temple, Environmental Specialist, it hereby confirms the part-time hiring of Jonathan Black and Ricky Zekas as "Groundskeeper" with no benefits at an hourly rate of \$12.26 effective March 22, 2016;

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. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Sutor, Payroll
5. Alice Temple, Environmental Specialist
6. Len Miller, DPW

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

**RESOLUTION 16-103
AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE FOR
E-TICKETING SOFTWARE AND MODEMS
FROM GTBM INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,227.25**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the State Contract purchase of E-Ticketing software and modems from GTBM Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$68,227.25 pursuant to state contract number M-0483/89980; 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. James Parker, Police Chief
4. IT Department

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-104
AUTHORIZING THE PLAINFIELD’S CHAPTER OF UNICO TO UTILIZE BOROUGH HALL ON
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
TO CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**

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 Plainfield’s Chapter of UNICO to utilize Borough Hall on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. The Plainfield’s Chapter of UNICO

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta		x	X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak						X	
Councilman White	x		X				

Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
		VOTE:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2016-105
AUTHORIZING A BID AWARD TO SOLID ROCK CONTRACTING FOR A COAH HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 141 WAVERLY PLACE (ZMUDA) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,065.00**

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 CONSTRUCTING for a COAH housing rehabilitation “ZMUDA” project for the property located at 141 WAVERLY PLACE in the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$7,065.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment may be made to SOLID ROCK CONSTRUCTING upon the completion of said refurbishment project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-106
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT FOR \$18,480.00 FOR A COAH REHABILITATION PROJECT LOCATED AT (EGGERT) 107 CONKLIN STREET IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield has entered into a contract for \$18,480.00 for a COAH rehabilitation project located at (Eggert) 107 Conklin Street in South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield find it necessary to extend the limits of the project to include additional repair work; and

WHEREAS, the extra work will be performed utilizing COAH funding; and

WHEREAS, the work will be paid for based on the actual as-built quantities at a price not-to-exceed \$18,480.00 plus the addition of \$750.00 for a new total contracted amount of \$19,230.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through COAH funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to increase the original contract amount of \$18,480.00 an additional \$750.00 to an adjusted contract amount of \$19,230.00 to extend the scope of the project to include the additional repair work deemed necessary by the COAH Housing Administrator for the Borough of South Plainfield.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta		x	X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak						X	
Councilman White	x		X				

Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
		VOTE:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

#16-107 Authorizing settlement of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 tax appeals filed by V-4 Holdings, LLC for the property known as 238 St. Nicholas Avenue and identified as Block 445, Lot 10.05 on the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Map

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

**RESOLUTION 16-108
AUTHORIZING THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CO-OP PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT
FOR THE DPW FROM ATLANTIC SALT, INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,319.51**

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 \$70,319.51

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. Len Miller, DPW

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

**RESOLUTION 16-119
AUTHORIZING 2015 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000
FOR THE CURRENT FUND, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below transfers be approved.

Borough of South Plainfield			
Transfers			
2015			
CURRENT FUND			
FROM:			AMOUNT
5-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W	1,000.00
5-01-20-120-000-235	Clerk	O&E	1,500.00
5-01-20-140-000-311	Computer	O&E	2,500.00
5-01-20-155-000-221	Legal	S&W	2,500.00
5-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	1,500.00
5-01-28-370-003-235	Cultural Arts	O&E	2,000.00
5-01-31-420-001-555	Electric	O&E	2,000.00
5-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E	2,000.00
5-01-31-465-001-565	Gasoline	O&E	2,000.00
5-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	2,000.00
5-01-43-490-000-651	Court	O&E	1,000.00
Total FROM:			20,000.00
TO:			AMOUNT
5-01-20-165-001-235	Engineering	O & E	3,000.00
5-01-26-315-000-215	Vehicle Maintenance	O & E	1,500.00
5-01-28-370-001-404	Recreation	O & E	1,000.00
5-01-30-410-001-204	Municipal Support	O & E	1,000.00
5-01-38-481-000-225	Tax Appeals	O & E	6,500.00
5-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave	O & E	7,000.00
Total TO:			20,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 16-120

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND ECOVANTA, LLC FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLABLES (E-WASTE)

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is proactive in addressing environmental issues such as the proper recycling of consumer electronics; and

WHEREAS, effective of January 1, 2011, recycling of certain consumer electronics is mandatory in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield encourages their residents to properly recycling the consumer electronics and ECovanta, LLC is a provider of such services; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling Coordinator, Alice Tempel, has recommended that entering into an agreement with Ecovanta, LLC to provide for E-Waste services is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield for a term of one year, to expire on 12/31/2016, with the option of renewal for up to two more years to 12/31/2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that based upon the recommendation of the South Plainfield Recycling Coordinator, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Agreement with ECovanta, LLC to implement E-Waste Services with the Borough of South Plainfield pursuant to the terms and conditions in accordance with the Agreement

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Alice Tempel, Recycling Coordinator
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Dave Peterson, ECOVANA, LLC

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta	x		X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak						X	
Councilman White							X
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
		VOTE:	3	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 16-121
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF KEITH M. SNYDER AS
PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR
ON AN AS NEEDED 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 the Borough Council hereby confirms the hiring of Keith M. Snyder as part-time Building Inspector on an as needed basis with no benefits at a salary pursuant to ordinance.

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. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Dominic Demico, Building Inspector
5. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-122
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF RFP FOR BULK WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES SAKOUTIS BROTHERS
DISPOSALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,494.00, REPRESENTATIVE OF \$145 PER PULL
AND \$78 PER TON**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11 any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires the solicitation of bid proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined for the acquisition of bulk waste removal services town wide yard and bulky waste pickup; and

WHEREAS RFP's were solicited and opened on Thursday, March 17, 2016 and only one RFP was received as follows:

SAKOUTIS BROTHERS DISPOSAL	\$12,494.00
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WHEREAS, the price quotes have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is their recommendation that the RFP be awarded to Sakoutis Brothers Disposal of PO Box 84, Colts Neck, NJ in the amount of \$12,494.00 representative of \$145/pull and \$78/ton be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award a contract for the purchase of bulk waste removal services; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement with Sakoutis Brothers Disposal; the lowest responsible contractor.

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta	x		X				
Councilman Richkus			X				
Councilman Rusnak						X	
Councilman White							X
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
		VOTE:	3	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 16-123

AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND PBA LOCAL #100 SUPERIOR OFFICERS

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

authorization is hereby given by the Mayor and Governing Body for a one year memorandum of agreement contract extension between the Borough of South Plainfield and PBA Local #100 for Superior Officers.

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

RESOLUTION 16-124

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILIP DEFORT IV TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the appointment of:

**Philip Defort IV
2051 Greenwich Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080**

As a Volunteer Junior Firefighter for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by Fire Chief Scalera.

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. Fire Chief Scalera
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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

**RESOLUTION 16-125
AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
FOR DISPATCH WORKSTATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM DELL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,500.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the State Contract purchase of Dispatch Workstations from DELL in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00 pursuant to state contract number 70256; 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. James Parker, Police Chief
4. IT Department

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Commission Minutes – January 13, 2016
- Zoning Board Minutes – February 2, 2016
- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – February, 2016
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes – March 1, 2016
- Recycling Monthly Report – February, 2016

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

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

Current Fund	5-01	60.31
Current Fund	6-01	132,012.30
Pool Utility	6-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	6-07	1,895.98
Sewer Utility	5-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	329,961.85
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	475.00
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	10,217.34
Recreation Trust	T-14	2,796.08
COAH		0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$477,418.86

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – was absent this evening. Mr. Bill Robertson reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – congratulated all the DPW appointments this evening saying they will be an excellent addition to our DPW. This past weekend we held the 90th Anniversary of the Borough which was a great event and excellent to see all the former Mayors present and speaking about past times in our Borough. Everyone present really seemed to enjoy the event. The 2016 Budget Introduction is being anticipated for April and based upon how it's shaping up so far, there are no surprises to be had. On another note, last week the high school had a major electrical issue in which Chief Parker and himself went to meet with the School Superintendent. The discussion entailed seeking a possible commercial location to fit all the students on a temporary basis. The discussion lead to Mr. Cullen contacting local realtor, Jack Morris, who very graciously donated a substantial commercial generator to keep the students at the high school until the repairs are all done. Mr. Cullen thanked Mr. Morris for his generosity in this regard.

Engineer Miller – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the new hires this evening stating that they will be a very good edition to the DPW. Mr. Miller also reported that the Tandum Truck was delivered but will be in the shop to be decaled accordingly before being put out on the road.

Clerk Antonides – announced that the annual financial disclosure statements will be forthcoming. They are due to be filed by April 30th and the procedure is the same as last year for filing.

Councilman Wolak – reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and well attended and went on to also say that the Cultural Arts Showcase was amazing and full of excellent local talent. To conclude Councilman Wolak advised that the St. Patty's Day Party will be held at the Senior Center tomorrow at 11:30-2:30.

Councilman White – Congratulated La Familia Ristorante with their grand opening yesterday. Sleepy’s will also be coming to town over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to having them come to South Plainfield. To conclude, the Historical Society also had their grand opening. The time and effort it took for them to establish themselves is impressive, they really did a great job.

Councilman Rusnak – was absent this evening.

Councilman Richkus - advised that April 16th marks the town-wide clean-up day beginning at Borough Hall. The Rescue Squad will hold their comedy show on April 10th in New Brunswick. On another note, sign removal from telephone poles is in full force. Some 60 signs have been removed. If anyone is interested in adopt-a-spot please see the Borough website for more information.

Councilman Barletta – also congratulated the DPW members appointed this evening and look forward to them serving this Borough for a long time. On another note, Councilman Barletta said that he and Mr. Miller, Mr. Cullen, Mayor Anesh met with the Administrator of the County, the County Engineer and a County special roads project person to discuss the situation with Quiet Zones. The meeting couldn’t have gone any better. We left there with a very positive outlook on all three crossings. Prior to this meeting Councilman Barletta said he saw darkness, after this meeting he saw some light. We still have a very long way to go. It was a very productive meeting. We agreed on a lot of things and will look to cease any name calling back and forth. (*See revised statement before adjournment of meeting) South Clinton Avenue is going out to bid soon and they will take a look at what can be done as well as with New Market Avenue. Sherbans sector is our own responsibility. Councilman Barletta said he sees good things coming our way and holds hope that someday we will have silent railroad crossings.

Council President Bengivenga – was absent this evening.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked those on the governing body for the reenactment of the very first Council meeting. Mrs. Boyle especially thanked Mr. Cullen for his assistance with obtaining a generator for the High School. The next spelling bee will be forthcoming and we are seeking judges again for it. April 17th will be the Adams Family Breakfast.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place congratulated all the performers at the Talent Show saying that she hopes members of the Governing Body will be contestants next time and went on to thank everyone who lent a hand. May 14th the Shakespeare Theatre will be coming back for Romeo and Juliet.

Dr. Roberto, Interim School Superintendent, advised the situation that took place at the high school with the electrical system saying how she was brainstorming for idea as to not have to shut down school for any length of time. She said how she was considering utilizing commercial space temporarily. Dr. Roberto then expressed her appreciation to Mr. Cullen and Chief Parker for being like super heroes the next day by Mr. Cullen contacting Mr. Morris to arrange for the loan of a large generator. Dr. Roberto said she anticipates that by tomorrow everything should be working properly again.

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

At 7:35 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.

Upon return from Executive Session at 9:30p.m., Mayor Anesh called the public meeting back to order.

Councilman Barletta said that before we adjourn he wishes to clarify his earlier statement made making reference to the County “name-calling” and said that is not what he meant, instead he meant to say “finger-pointing”. Mayor Anesh added that it’s not that anyone was name calling or finger pointing we are more interested in advocating for our Borough.

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 9:33 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk