

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA 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 Amy 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 Paul Rizzo Esq.	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda for this evening. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments about the agenda this evening. Councilman Barletta made a motion to add a matter to the closed session this evening pertaining to a contract for the PSE&G's tree vendor to park their vehicles at the DPW yard, seconded by Council President Bengivenga and unanimously carried. There were no further comments from Council.

**RESOLUTION #16-164
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Borough Council to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Borough Council to discuss the below matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege:

- Contract – Quiet Zones
- Contract – Police IT
- Contract – DPW /Tree Service Vehicles

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of Borough Council to discuss the aforementioned matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege in this regard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Borough Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Jeff Seider asked if the Council has a preliminary cost yet pertaining to the Quiet Zones. Mr. Cullen said yes, though preliminary, we are looking at approximately \$3 million+ for our portion. The county indicated that they would pay a small share of some half a million dollars. Mr. Seider said that as a tax payer he has a serious problem with this. This is something that maybe the public should vote on. Mr. Seider said he doesn't feel we should pay that much in tax dollars for this project. Mayor Anesh said that we are still very much in a feasibility and research stage at this point. Eventually it is possible the matter may go up for a referendum. Mr. Miller said there are many details and variables yet to be discussed. Council President Bengivenga as an example said, that a major portion of one of the tracks is on the Piscataway side. Mr. Seider said that people should know where they are buying their home before buying it. Councilman Richkus said that it may be a quality of life issue for a number of residents living near railroad tracks.

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

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rusnak and unanimously carried by an all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides

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