

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2016 7:05 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Bengivenga called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Council President Bengivenga 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 Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Council President Bengivenga and Councilman Barletta.

Proclamation - Honoring the South Plainfield Junior Boys Baseball 8U Team – Council President Bengivenga read the proclamation in full than called the 8U Team forward and presented each member with a copy of the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by the media present.

Public Comment: Council President Bengivenga opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only.

With no comments from the public, Council President Bengivenga closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

July 11, 2016 – Agenda
July 11, 2016 - Public
July 11, 2016 - Executive

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE:- Was read by Clerk Antonides by title for the following ordinances and Council President Bengivenga set the public hearing for September 12, 2016:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2061
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF THE SPEED LIMIT ON
THE SOUTHBOUND SIDE OF WOODLAND AVENUE.**

WHEREAS, Woodland Avenue straddles the boundary between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Township of Edison, and currently the northbound side in the Township of Edison is regulated with a speed limit of 25 mph, and the southbound side of Woodland Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield is regulated by a speed limit of 35 mph; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Traffic Safety Division of the South Plainfield Police Department that the speed limit should be consistent on said road, and a reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Traffic Safety Division of the South Plainfield Police Department is hereby authorized to reduce the speed limit on Woodland Avenue on the southbound side to 25 mph from 35 mph to coincide with the speed limit on the northbound side of Woodland Avenue in the jurisdiction of the Township of Edison, County Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this Ordinance will be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Edison.

Introduction of Ordinance #2061: August 15, 2016

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2062
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAVEMENT RESTORATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR STREET EXCAVATIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is charged with establishing and maintaining safe passage and safe conditions on streets within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, a great deal of extensive utility work has been undertaken throughout the Borough which has left streets with only partial trench repairs or, at best, half-width repaving; and

WHEREAS, this situation has left numerous streets in an unsightly and unsafe condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 409, Streets and Sidewalks, Article III, Excavations and Streets, be amended as follows:

ADD: Chapter 409, Section 29.1, Restoration of Surfaces.

The permittee shall restore the surface of all streets, broken into or damaged as a result of excavation of work, to its original condition in accordance with the specifications of the Department of Public Works.

In the case of utility work undertaken by a public or private utility, which work involves placing new or replacing, or repairing of existing utility infrastructure, such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, and sewer lines, where the area to be trenched is greater than 50 linear feet, upon completion or within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Borough Engineer, the permittee shall mill and repave the entire pavement surface from edge to edge, or curb to curb for the full length of the excavation in accordance with the specifications of the Department of Public Works.

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

Introduction of Ordinance #2062: August 15, 2016

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

Councilman Rusnak		x	X			
Councilman White			X			
Councilman Wolak			X			
Council President Bengivenga			X			
		VOTE:	5	0		
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY			Absent			

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2016-250
ACCEPTING THE 2015 MUNICIPAL AUDIT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transaction, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2015 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by Resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

As evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, such Resolution of Certification shall be adopted by the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgation’s of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52-27BB-52 to wit: R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said audit.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-251
Borough of South Plainfield
ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – 2015 AUDIT

WHEREAS, there exists comments entitled “Recommendations” in the 2015 Audit showing deficiencies in various departments; and

WHEREAS, each department was advised of the weaknesses/deficiencies within their department, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Auditor, in conjunction with the Borough employees and the Borough Council, discussed a Corrective Action Plan for the 2015 Audit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, that as per the requirements of the Federal OMB Circular No. A-128 13(d), that the attached Corrective Action Plan for the 2015 Audit Findings be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for their review.

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

RESOLUTION 16-252
AMENDING RESOLUTION 16-247 THAT AUTHORIZED THE LEASE
OF TWO XEROX COPIERS FROM COMPLETE DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS
TO NOW BETTER CLARIFY THE LEASE TERMS ARE
60 MONTHS WITH SAID VENDOR DISCOUNTING THE
FIRST 5 MONTHS OF THE LEASE MAKING
THE TOTAL PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,157.80

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the amendment of Resolution 16-247 that authorized the lease of two Xerox copiers from Complete Document Solutions to now better clarify the lease terms are 60 months with said vendor discounting the first 5 months of the lease making the total payment in an amount not to exceed \$28,157.80 commencing the first payment in January, 2017; 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. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

RESOLUTION 2016-253
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 TAX APPEALS
FILED BY G&W LABORATORIES, INC., FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 101 COOLIDGE STREET

**AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 481, LOT 1, ON THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TAX
ASSESSMENT MAPS**

WHEREAS, G&W Laboratories, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Taxpayer”) is the owner of the property known as 101 Coolidge Street, and identified as Block 481, Lot 1, on the Borough of South Plainfield’s Tax Assessment Maps (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of the Property was set at \$1,123,700 for all years under appeal; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayer filed appeals of the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 tax assessments in the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey under docket numbers 007920-2012, 002880-2013, 002410-2014, 005503-2015 and 003674-2016; and

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement of the aforesaid tax appeals was negotiated between Taxpayer and the Borough Tax Assessor and Borough Tax Attorney as set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Appraiser, Russ Sterling, MAI, opined that the Borough was not able to defend the assessments for the tax years under appeal and recommended that the settlement be approved and therefore, this proposed settlement is reasonable and reflects the correct market values for the Property which was over assessed for all years under appeal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the proposed Stipulations of Settlement annexed hereto, the aforesaid tax appeals are to be resolved as follows:

- The 2012 original assessment in the amount of \$1,123,700 shall be reduced to \$869,900 and the Borough of South Plainfield shall provide Taxpayer with a corresponding tax refund for 2012;
- The 2013 original assessment in the amount of \$1,123,700 shall be reduced to \$931,700 and the Borough of South Plainfield shall provide Taxpayer with a corresponding tax refund for 2013;
- The 2014, 2015 and 2016 original assessments in the amount of \$1,123,700 shall be affirmed and remain unchanged;
- Taxpayer has agreed to waive statutory interest provided the subject refunds are paid within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the entry of Judgment;
- Refunds regarding over payments shall be made payable to “G&W Laboratories, Inc. and McCarter & English, LLP, as attorneys”, and forwarded to Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the entry of Judgment;
- The parties have agreed that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not be applicable to this case; and
- As a result of the settlement, any and all Counterclaims shall be withdrawn.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessor agrees that it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the aforesaid tax appeals pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above and in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto based on market conditions as well as the uncertainty and costs associated with continued litigation; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid settlement is based on the specific and identifiable facts and circumstances pertaining to the Property and has no general application to other properties within the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield having reviewed and considered the pending tax appeals and the proposed settlement thereof agree and confirm it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the tax appeals as set forth herein and in the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council make this settlement with the Taxpayer without prejudice to its dealing with any other South Plainfield taxpayer’s request for tax assessment reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council leave the allocation between land and improvements of the aforesaid tax assessment reductions to the Borough Tax Assessor’s discretion with the direction that same be set so as to be most beneficial to the Borough.

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

1. The Borough Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$869,900 total tax assessment for the 2012 tax year for Block 481, Lot 1 which is most beneficial to the Borough and advise the Borough Attorney of that allocation.
2. The Borough Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$931,700 total tax assessment for the 2013 tax year for Block 481, Lot 1 which is most beneficial to the Borough and advise the Borough Attorney of that allocation.
3. The Borough Attorney is authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield the attached Stipulations of Settlement pertaining to the tax appeals filed by G&W Laboratories, Inc. under Docket Nos.: 007920-2012, 002880-2013, 002410-2014, 005503-2015 and 003674-2016, for the property known as 101 Coolidge Street and identified as Block 481, Lot 1, on the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessment Maps which reduces the 2012 total tax assessment on the Property from \$1,123,700 to \$869,900; which reduces the 2013 total tax assessment on the Property from 1,123,700 to \$931,700; which affirms the 2014, 2015 and 2016 total tax assessments on the Property at \$1,123,700; which further provides that Taxpayer agrees to waive statutory interest on any refund or overpayment due provided the refund check is paid within one hundred twenty (120) days from the issuance of Judgment; which further provides that any refunds shall be made payable to “G&W Laboratories, Inc. and McCarter & English, LLP, as attorneys”, and forwarded to Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the entry of Judgment; and which provides that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not be applicable to this case; and which provides that any and all Counterclaims filed by the Borough shall be withdrawn.
4. This settlement shall be without prejudice to the Borough’s dealings with any other taxpayer’s request or appeal for a tax assessment reduction.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-254

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 TAX APPEALS FILED BY G&W LABORATORIES, INC., FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 111 COOLIDGE STREET AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 481, LOT 1.01, ON THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS

WHEREAS, G&W Laboratories, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Taxpayer”) is the owner of the property known as 111 Coolidge Street, and identified as Block 481, Lot 1.01, on the Borough of South Plainfield’s Tax Assessment Maps (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of the Property was set at \$2,200,000 for all years under appeal; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayer filed appeals of the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 tax assessments in the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey under docket numbers 007920-2012, 002880-2013, 002410-2014, 005503-2015 and 003674-2016; and

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement of the aforesaid tax appeals was negotiated between Taxpayer and the Borough Tax Assessor and Borough Tax Attorney as set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Appraiser, Russ Sterling, MAI, opined that the Borough was not able to defend the assessments for the tax years under appeal and recommended that the settlement be approved and therefore, this proposed settlement is reasonable and reflects the correct market values for the Property which was over assessed for all years under appeal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the proposed Stipulations of Settlement annexed hereto, the aforesaid tax appeals are to be resolved as follows:

- The 2012 original assessment in the amount of \$2,200,000 shall be reduced to \$1,919,900 and the Borough of South Plainfield shall provide Taxpayer with a corresponding tax refund for 2012;
- The 2013 original assessment in the amount of \$2,200,000 shall be reduced to \$2,056,300 and the Borough of South Plainfield shall provide Taxpayer with a corresponding tax refund for 2013;
- The 2014, 2015 and 2016 original assessments in the amount of \$2,200,000 shall be affirmed and remain unchanged;
- Taxpayer has agreed to waive statutory interest provided the subject refunds are paid within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the entry of Judgment;
- Refunds regarding over payments shall be made payable to “G&W Laboratories, Inc. and McCarter & English, LLP, as attorneys”, and forwarded to Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the entry of Judgment;
- The parties have agreed that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not be applicable to this case; and
- As a result of the settlement, any and all Counterclaims shall be withdrawn.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessor agrees that it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the aforesaid tax appeals pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above and in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto based on market conditions as well as the uncertainty and costs associated with continued litigation; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid settlement is based on the specific and identifiable facts and circumstances pertaining to the Property and has no general application to other properties within the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield having reviewed and considered the pending tax appeals and the proposed settlement thereof agree and confirm it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the tax appeals as set forth herein and in the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council make this settlement with the Taxpayer without prejudice to its dealing with any other South Plainfield taxpayer’s request for tax assessment reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council leave the allocation between land and improvements of the aforesaid tax assessment reductions to the Borough Tax Assessor’s discretion with the direction that same be set so as to be most beneficial to the Borough.

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

1. The Borough Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$1,919,900 total tax assessment for the 2012 tax year for Block 481, Lot 1.01 which is most beneficial to the Borough and advise the Borough Attorney of that allocation.
2. The Borough Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$2,056,300 total tax assessment for the 2013 tax year for Block 481, Lot 1.01 which is most beneficial to the Borough and advise the Borough Attorney of that allocation.
3. The Borough Attorney is authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield the attached Stipulations of Settlement pertaining to the tax appeals filed by G&W Laboratories, Inc. under Docket Nos.: 007920-2012, 002880-2013, 002410-2014, 005503-2015 and 003674-2016, for the property known as 111 Coolidge Street and identified as Block 481, Lot 1.01, on the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessment Maps which reduces the 2012 total tax assessment on the Property from \$2,200,000 to \$1,919,900; which reduces the 2013 total tax assessment on the Property from 2,200,000 to \$2,056,300; which affirms the 2014, 2015 and 2016 total tax assessments on the Property at \$2,200,000; which further provides that Taxpayer agrees to waive statutory interest on any refund or overpayment due provided the refund check is paid within one hundred twenty (120) days from the issuance of Judgment; which further provides that any refunds shall be made payable to "G&W Laboratories, Inc. and McCarter & English, LLP, as attorneys", and forwarded to Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the entry of Judgment; and which provides that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not be applicable to this case; and which provides that any and all Counterclaims filed by the Borough shall be withdrawn.
4. This settlement shall be without prejudice to the Borough's dealings with any other taxpayer's request or appeal for a tax assessment reduction.

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

RESOLUTION 16-255
AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF FIRE VEHICULAR CHARGERS FOR THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,680.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract purchase of fire vehicular chargers for the Fire Department from Motorola Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$4,680.00 to be paid from out of Bond Ordinance #2047 pursuant to state contract number 83909-T-0109; 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. Joe Abbruzzese, Fire Official

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

RESOLUTION 2016-256 – was tabled this evening for further clarification.

**RESOLUTION 2016-257
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS TOTALING \$4,631.99 WITH
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOROUGH AUDITOR**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that based upon the recommendation of the Borough Auditor the below list of checks issued from Borough bank accounts have been outstanding for more than one year and as such, are now stale-dated;

CHECK #	AMOUNT
62994	\$190.99
63447	\$3,891.00
63949	\$350.00
64563	\$200.00
TOTAL:	\$4,631.99

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached list of stale-dated checks be hereby canceled and that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer

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

**RESOLUTION 16-258
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WHITE SAND
FOR SHADYSIDE PARK VOLLEYBALL COURT FROM KLK TRUCKING CO., INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,104.80**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of white sand for Shadyside Park Volleyball Court from KLK Trucking Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,104.80; 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. Kevin Hughes, Recreation

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-259
AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF JOSE IRIZARRY**

**FROM THE RECYCLING DEPARTMENT
AS A GROUNDSKEEPER EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 2016**

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

It hereby terminates the employment of Jose Irizarry from the Recycling Department as a Groundskeeper effective July 27, 2016.

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Alice Temple
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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

RESOLUTION 16-260

**AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF MARK BARKALOW 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, Recycling Coordinator, it hereby confirms the part-time hiring of Mark Barkalow as “Groundskeeper” with no benefits at an hourly rate of \$12.26 effective retroactively to July 28, 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, Recycling Coordinator
6. Len Miller, DPW

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

RESOLUTION 16-261

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THOMAS COSTENTINO FROM PART-TIME BUILDING
INSPECTOR TO FULL-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR WITH BENEFITS EFFECTIVE 8/15/2016 AT AN
ANNUAL SALARY OF \$70,506.80**

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 Dominic Demico, Construction Official, it hereby confirms the hiring of Thomas Costentino from part-time Building Inspector to full-time Building Inspector with benefits effective this date of this resolution at an annual salary of \$70,506.80;

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. Dominic Demico, Construction Official
6. Thomas Costantino, Building Inspector

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

RESOLUTION 16-262

AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES LLC TO PROVIDE BOROUGH WIDE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OFFICES IN AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$17,769.88 FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016

WHEREAS the sole source vendor Northeastern Integrated Technologies LLC has submitted an RFP to the Borough to provide borough wide network administrator and business continuity services for the Borough Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, provided that the resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield:

1. that the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby award the contract between the Borough of South Plainfield and Northeastern Integrated Technologies LLC to provide borough wide network administrator and business continuity services in an amount not to exceed \$17,769.88 for the remainder of 2016.
2. that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, because the services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain bids for such needed qualitative services.
3. that the Chief Financial Officer has filed a Certificate of Availability of Funds, if applicable.
4. that notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough IT Department

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

	VOTE:	5	0	
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY		Absent		

**RESOLUTION 16-263
AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR CONTRACT WITH
NORTHEAST INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES LLC TO PROVIDE
THE RECREATION CENTER WITH COMPUTER SOFTWARE,
HARDWARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,780.00 FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016**

WHEREAS the sole source vendor Northeastern Integrated Technologies LLC has submitted an RFP to the Borough to provide the Recreation Center with computer software, hardware and support services for the Borough Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, provided that the resolution authorizing the services and the RFP itself be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the RFP be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield:

1. that the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby award the RFP on a three month basis between the Borough of South Plainfield and Northeastern Integrated Technologies LLC to provide the Recreation Center with computer software, hardware and support services in an amount not to exceed \$3,780.00 for the remainder of 2016
2. that this RFP is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, because the services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain bids for such needed qualitative services.
3. that the Chief Financial Officer has filed a Certificate of Availability of Funds, if applicable.
4. that notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough IT Department

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

**RESOLUTION 16-264
AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST INTEGRATED
TECHNOLOGIES LLC TO PROVIDE INFORMATION SERVICES FOR EMAIL HOSTING AND
ARCHIVING SERVICES TO BOROUGH OFFICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$3,281.88 FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016**

WHEREAS the sole source vendor Northeastern Integrated Technologies LLC has submitted an RFP to the Borough to provide information services for email hosting and archiving services to the Borough Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, provided that the resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk

and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield:

1. that the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby award the contract between the Borough of South Plainfield and Northeast Integrated Technologies LLC to provide email hosting and archiving services to Borough Offices in an amount not to exceed \$3,281.88 for the remainder of 2016
2. that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, because the services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain bids for such needed qualitative services.
3. that the Chief Financial Officer has filed a Certificate of Availability of Funds, if applicable.
4. that notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough IT Department

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-265
AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR CONTRACT WITH
NORTHEAST INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES LLC
TO PROVIDE DESK TOP SUPPORT AS WELL AS ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,300.00 FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2016**

WHEREAS the sole source vendor Northeast Integrated Technologies. has submitted an RFP to the Borough to provide desk top support as well as anti-virus software services for the Borough Offices for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, provided that the resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in an official newspaper of general circulation in the municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield:

1. that the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby award the contract between the Borough of South Plainfield and Northeast Integrated Technologies to desk top support as well as anti-virus software services for the remainder of 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$6,300.00.
2. that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, because the services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain bids for such needed qualitative services.
3. that the Chief Financial Officer has filed a Certificate of Availability of Funds, if applicable,.
4. that notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation within the Borough

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

1. Municipal Clerk

2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
3. Borough IT Department

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-266
AMENDING REDUCTION IN FORCE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, a Reduction in Force Plan was submitted to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission which provided for the elimination of the Senior Citizen Program Aide position, which Plan was approved on June 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2016-239 approving the Reduction in Force Plan was adopted on July 11, 2016 which approved and adopted said Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2016, a 45-day layoff notice was issued and served upon the employee serving as the Senior Citizen Program Aide; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the layoff plan, the effective layoff date was August 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the employee has requested an extension of the layoff date; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that an extension of the date is appropriate under the circumstances, as the employee is seeking a disability retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough amends the Reduction in Force Plan submitted to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission and approved by said Commission on June 20, 2016 to provide that the effective layoff date shall be October 15, 2016, 108 days from the date of the original 45-day notice letter.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-267
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-355 THAT APPOINTED CARMELA SUTOR
TO THE POSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO NOW INCLUDE
THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON
PURSUANT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE AND
POLICE OFF-DUTY PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR
AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$3,660.00**

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 amends Resolution 2015-355 that appointed Carmela Sutor to the position of

Confidential Assistant to now include the position of Municipal Housing Liaison pursuant to the salary ordinance and Police Off-Duty Payroll Administrator at an annual rate of \$3,660.00; 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. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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

RESOLUTION 16-268
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO PABCO FOR BIODEGRADABLE AND RECYCLABLE LEAF BAGS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,305.00

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 advertisement for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined to provide biodegradable and recyclable leaf bags for the Borough of South Plainfield citizens; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited and opened on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and the following companies picked up bid packages and submitted bids:

- Pabco Industries, LLC \$ 28,305 (0.333)
- Wastezero \$ 28,866 (0.339)
- Dano Inc. \$ 29,070 (0.342)
- Star poly \$ 47,600 (0.56)

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer, and the Borough Attorney, and it is their recommendation that the bid from Pabco Industries LLC for biodegradable and recyclable leaf bags in the amount of \$28,305.00 (0.333 per bag) be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the 2016 budget

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award a contract to Pabco Industries LLC for biodegradable and recyclable leaf bags at a cost not to exceed \$28,305.00, (0.333 per bag).

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement with Pabco Industries LLC, the lowest responsible bidder for the services described.

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

RESOLUTION 16-269

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,143.89 PERTAINING TO 300 ARLINGTON AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, property known as Lot 1.01, in Township Block 341, more commonly known as **300 Arlington Avenue** in South Plainfield, NJ is owned by **Phyllis Casiero**;

AND, WHEREAS, a house fire occurred in April 2016 at this property, causing the Tax Assessor to reduce the assessed value from \$145,500 to \$90,500;

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2016 were generated from the 2015 Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with a tax bill based on the original assessment *prior* to the fire, while the assessment has since been reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel 2016 taxes in the amount of **\$2,143.89** on the property known and designated as Lot 1.01 in Township Block 341;

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

RESOLUTION 2016-270

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JACK O'SHAUGHNESSY AS AN ADDITIONAL SUMMER SEASONAL LIFEGUARD I FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL AT THE RATE OF \$10.20 PER HOUR WITH NO BENEFITS EFFECTIVE 8/17/16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility to September 5, 2016:

Lifeguard I 10.20/hr

Jack O'Shaughnessy: Effective Date 8/17/16

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – June & July, 2016
- Recycling Monthly Report – June, 2016
- Zoning Board Minutes – June 7, 2016
- Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes – June 29, 2016
- Environmental Commission Minutes – June 9, 2016
- Health Advisory Board Minutes – August 9, 2016

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

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

Current Fund	5-01	59,000.00
Current Fund	6-01	803,782.47
Pool Utility	6-26	33,059.44
Pool Utility	5-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	6-07	186,942.90
Sewer Utility	5-07	4,950.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	310,780.19
Pool Capital	C-27	20,034.31
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	5,613.53
Dog Trust	T-12	38,667.61
Treasurers Trust	T-13	0.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	6,687.86
COAH		0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,469,698.31

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – reported progress

Administrator Cullen – congratulated the boys 8U Team, saying that South Plainfield has never had a state champion.

Engineer Miller – reported that the state still has a shutdown of all DOT funded projects. At present Franklin Avenue Road we will not be able to do until further notice. However, the other miscellaneous roads are being done as they are paid for by the town. We are on pace with those projects. The manhole near the Knights of Columbus is now fixed.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman White – reported that the Christmas in July even had a very good turnout and that there will be a 9/11 Memorial this year marking the 15th anniversary at 1:00 p.m. on the 11th at Monument Park.

Councilman Rusnak – advised that he attended an event at the Edison Senior Center the day before and was surprised with how small their facility is. On another note, National Night Out was a huge success with about 1,000 in attendance. We did run out of food a couple of times. Councilman Rusnak thanked Chief Parker, Debbie Boyle, Stephanie Bartfalvi, the Library President and the staff and all others who assisted in the success of this event.

Councilman Richkus - was absent this evening

Councilman Barletta – thanked everyone involved with helping out with the National Night Out event, with a special thanks to Councilman Rusnak who did an outstanding job.

Council President Bengivenga – said that the venue for this year’s National Night Out was perfect and then wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Mayor Anesh – was absent this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Darlene Cullen of 1457 Fox Place said that National Night Out was an awesome event for the Library. On that note in the month of July the Library held 55 childrens programs and about 1,000 children utilized them. More and more citizens are asking for library cards. Mrs. Cullen concluded by thanking everyone that helped with the Christmas in July event with a special thank you to DPW for their help.

A resident from Fed Allen Drive inquired as to the status of the meeting between the county and the Borough regarding quiet zones. Councilman Barletta advised that the County was to reach out to Conrail and then let us know what took place. But to date we have no heard anything. Council President Bengivenga said we will discuss this further in closed session this evening.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked the library for keeping it open the extra hours during National Night Out and also thanked many others who contributed to such a successful event. It really brought the community together and it was nice to see families coming out.

With no further comments from the public, Council President Bengivenga closed the floor.

At 7:36 p.m. Council President Bengivenga 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 8:35 p.m., Council President Bengivenga called the public meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Council President Bengivenga called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Councilman Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk