

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2017 7:03 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Council President White called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Council President White 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 Bengivenga	X		
Councilman Dean	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilman Vesce	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		Arrived at 7:17 p.m.
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo Esq.	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Council President White and Councilwoman Faustini led the invocation.

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

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

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- January 2, 2017 – Reorganization
- January 9, 2017 – Agenda
- January 9, 2017 - Public
- January 9, 2017 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President White			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Presentation – Elks donation of pulse machine for Fire, Police and EMS departments, and donation of new backboards for the PAL building – Council President White called up members of the Elks who in turn presented a \$2,500.00 check for new recreation backboards and a \$2,500.00 check for a post machine. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by the media present.

At 7:08 p.m. Council President White 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 as we will continue with the public portion of our meeting upon our return.

(Mayor Anesh arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

Upon return from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m., Mayor Anesh called the public meeting back to order.

Mayoral Appointment – Authorizing the appointment of Debra Leporino to the Environmental Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jonathan Walezak to 12/31/2017 was read in full by Mayor Anesh.

Mayor Anesh advised that the results of this evenings closed session resulted in the necessity of adding resolution #17-63 to this evenings agenda meeting as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-63: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING COAH OBLIGATION AGREEMENT AT THEIR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRURY 6, 2017

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga							X
Councilman Dean		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Mayor Anesh introduced Mr. Steve Kunzman, Esq. who presented a background of the Borough’s affordable housing litigation. Mr. Kunzman emphasized that a court approved affordable housing plan (Round 3) for the municipality is a constitutional mandate for all municipalities in New Jersey and therefore is a matter of law. The Borough is absolutely obligated and bound by law to come up with an affordable housing plan. Fair Share Housing came up with a substantially high number of 975 affordable units. Negotiations took place in which Fair Share Housing agreed to accept 60% of that number as the Borough’s obligation. We then began to work very hard and develop plans for the Borough with the Planner, Stan Slackatka. The litigation of this was overseen by Special Court Master, Betsy McKenzie, who is also present this evening who can explain about the settlement and the process. Intervention was a key factor in the negotiation structure of this plan agreement. Contractor’s step in and intervened by proposing available land to be considered for affordable housing purposes. Harris Steel site was in the original plan from back in 2009 and still remains in the present plan. What is new in this plan is the Motorola site of which we were legally obligated to include this site. Mr. Kunzman went on to discuss overlay zones and unmet need. Overall a great deal of time and effort negotiating with developers to develop a plan that would maximize the percentage of affordable housing which ultimately reduces the development on those properties. From a design standpoint we worked hard to create the best design plan as is possible for those properties. Again every municipality is required to do this. It is a constitutional mandate. Litigation is presently taking place throughout various parts of New Jersey. A trial was recently held in New Brunswick of which the Court decided that the higher number as suggested by Fair Share Housing would in fact be their numbers. Whereas we are in a position where they have agreed to accept a 60% reduction of the original Fair Share Housing number. If the council is agreeable to sign the proposed settlement agreement, it will go to the Court for review and ultimately a judgement. If approved the town would no longer have an obligation until at least 2025. On the other hand, if the legislature should lower obligation numbers, the town can apply that difference to a future Round 4 obligation plan.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Kunsman’s overview, he introduced Special Court Master Betsy McKenzie. Ms. McKenzie said that Mr. Kunsman provided a very good overview on this noting that she first became a Special Court Master for South Plainfield when South Plainfield was sued in their Round 2 obligation. It is not a simple process to develop such a plan in an already very developed municipality. Never the less, South Plainfield fully met its prior round obligations receiving a judgment of compliance. Ms. McKenzie gave a brief history on various rules and amendments over the years regarding COAH. It is a fact that South Plainfield is legally obligated to develop an affordable housing plan (Round 3). We were very close to finalizing a plan some months ago when this developer stepped in and proposed residential property

located at 1111 Durham Avenue, the Motorola site proposing some 700 units thus intervening in the midst of our process. This was not a builder's remedy lawsuit, but it did get them a seat at the negotiation table. Because South Plainfield is a town that does qualify for a vacant land adjustment and we can't meet our entire obligation, because it simply is not possible to do, it forced us to be in a position to be legally bound to include 1111 Durham Avenue into the plan, despite this Borough working hard to try to bring in another industrial use with no vision of developing this into affordable housing. When this developer intervened you can either litigate it or negotiate. Had we litigated, most likely a settlement would never have been reached and Fair Share Housing would not have agreed to their 60% reduction. South Plainfield was truly legally obligated to include 1111 Durham Avenue in the plan once it was known it was available for inclusionary development. South Plainfield would not have been able to meet its full obligation in any other way. This town is largely developed and doesn't have that luxury. Had we litigated the developer would have been in the driver's seat and not the municipality. Because South Plainfield spent countless hours negotiating with the developer, this Borough was able to lower the number of units from 700 to 410 with the added benefit of a lot of beneficial design criteria that the Borough's Professional Planner developed. There won't be a feel of big density in the area in question because of the design elements. With this said, the Borough is in the driver's seat with our design standards, and our zoning. Once this plan is blessed, we will have a judgment of compliance in place.

To conclude, Ms. McKenzie said our plan is a good solid plan with very good design elements within it. It is a plan she said she will endorse to the court as it was put together very well and thoughtfully.

Mr. Stan Slackatka, Professional Planner, gave a presentation on the affordable housing plan itself concurring with Mr. Kunzman saying that the municipality is legally bound to develop an affordable housing plan. Mr. Slackatka said that fundamentally South Plainfield's plan is what we have already implemented for the better part of a decade and then went on to provide a briefing about bonus credits, vacant land adjustments, unmet net, calculated need and the like.

With no further comments from the Council and professionals present, Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment regarding our Fair Share Housing obligation only. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE – was read by Clerk Antonides by title. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for February 6, 2017 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

BOND ORDINANCE 2071

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$280,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$265,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective

sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$280,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$15,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$265,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) The acquisition of sport utility vehicles and associative fit-out equipment for the Police Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$265,000	\$251,000	5 years
b) The acquisition of electronic speed device message boards, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>	10 years
TOTAL:	<u>\$280,000</u>	<u>\$265,000</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 5.26 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$265,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$5,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to

payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Rule”) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduction of Ordinance #2071: January 23, 2017

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 17-58
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS TO SENIOR(S)
FOR CANCELLED SENIOR CENTER TRIP(S)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refund(s) to senior(s):

Tom Niemczyk
509 East Hendricks Blvd.
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$44.00 – 10/7/16 Trip to Golden Nugget

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refund(s).

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 17-59
AUTHORIZING 2016 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00
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.

CURRENT FUND				
FROM:				AMOUNT
6-01-20-100-000-101	Borough Administration	S&W		1,500.00
6-01-20-165-000-235	Engineering	O&E		2,500.00
6-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W		4,000.00
6-01-25-252-000-451	Office of Emergency Management	O&E		1,000.00
6-01-26-290-001-102	Public Works Admin	S&W		1,000.00
6-01-26-290-002-435	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E		10,500.00
6-01-26-290-003-102	Snow	S&W		2,500.00
6-01-30-420-000-235	Celebrations & Events	O & E		2,000.00
6-01-23-210-000-661	Other Insurance	O&E		5,000.00
6-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W		2,000.00
6-01-31-420-001-555	Electric	O&E		12,500.00
6-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E		5,500.00
Total FROM:				50,000.00
TO:				AMOUNT
6-01-23-220-000-601	Health Insurance	O & E		36,000.00
6-01-25-240-001-475	Police	O & E		10,000.00
6-01-30-410-001-535	Municipal Support	O & E		1,500.00
6-01-38-481-000-225	Judgements	O & E		2,500.00
Total TO:				50,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 17-60

AUTHORIZING 2016 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 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.

CURRENT FUND				
FROM:				AMOUNT
6-01-20-140-001-235	Data Processing		O&E	1,500.00
6-01-26-315-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance		O&E	2,000.00
6-01-28-370-003-235	Cultural Arts		O&E	1,500.00
6-01-20-150-000-221	Assessing		O&E	10,000.00
Total FROM:				15,000.00
TO:				AMOUNT
6-01-23-220-000-601	Health Insurance		O & E	12,000.00
6-01-25-240-001-401	Police		O & E	3,000.00
Total TO:				15,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2017-61
AUTHORIZING A 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
OF \$70,300.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND**

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 2017 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.

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
7-01-23-210-000-655	Other Insurance	O&E	24,000
7-01-25-252-000-321	Emergency Management	O&E	6,000
7-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E	10,000
7-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	30,000
7-01-27-335-002-265	Green Brook Flood Committee	O&E	300
Total CURRENT FUND			70,300

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 17-62

AMENDING RESOLUTION #17-56 THAT AUTHORIZED THE “STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE” OF TABLETS WITH DOCKING STATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM BRITE TO INSTEAD AUTHORIZE IT AS A “LOWEST COST PROVIDER PURCHASE”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby amends the state contract purchase of tablets with docking stations for the Police Department from Brite in the amount of \$14,345.00 to instead authorize it as a lowest cost provider purchase of which quotations are filed in the office of the Borough Clerk; 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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Commission Minutes – November 9, 2016

- Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes – December 6, 2016
- Cultural Arts Commission Minutes – July 2016 to November 2016
- Finance Department Report – Schedule of Net Debt

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	x		X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

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

Current Fund	5-01	110,617.66
Current Fund	6-01	65,095.99
Pool Utility	6-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	6-07	337.51
Sewer Utility	5-07	490.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	264,491.37
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	13,789.60
Dog Trust	T-12	3,783.33
Treasurers Trust	T-13	21,804.42
Recreation Trust	T-14	7,358.58
COAH		0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$487,768.46

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President White			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – reported progress

Administrator Cullen – reported on the Borough’s debt levels giving comparisons to other communities within Middlesex County. For the second consecutive year we are seeing an increase in our ratable base.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Dean – reported that he attended his first Environmental meeting and that Bob Longo is the new Chairman for this year. The Green Team is discussing preparing a resolution to rename them. On other note, six bids have been distributed for this year’s annual tree planting, however, nothing was received.

Councilwoman Faustini – invited everyone to attend the forthcoming Chinese New Year celebration at the Senior Center from 12:30-3 p.m. on February 4th.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – advised that he and Councilman Dean have met with Chief Parker and Lt. DeLair to discuss the current truck route. Signs are being worked on in this regard to better clarify truck routes. Councilman Vesce also noted that a survey is being done on regarding the signage on Hamilton Blvd.

Councilman Wolak – Asked Councilman Vesce to please make sure he, as the Chairman to the Police Department, is included in on the discussion with the Police regarding these traffic and truck route safety matters and went on to report progress.

Council President White – Before reporting progress, Council President White said he is looking forward to seeing who the new business owners will be in the Oak Park Commons.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore, of Bullard Place, reminded everyone of the forthcoming annual Talent Show. Auditions will be on February 18th and 26th at Westley Methodist.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet, said that Alice Temple does a great job on the Green Team and then went on to with an overview of various events coming up in South Plainfield.

Mr. Mike Zushma advised that April 8th is the Lions Club’s lunch event at Sacred Heart, April 9th is the gourmet breakfast at the High School and July 15th is the annual Touch A Truck event at Veteran’s Park.

Darleen Cullen of Fox Place announced that TAP Into has launched their new application which they can now push notifications free for the Borough.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Council President White made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk