

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2017 7:06 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Bengivenga	X		
Councilman Dean		X	
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilman Vesce	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen		X	
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo Esq.	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman Faustini 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.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

May 15, 2017 – Agenda
May 15, 2017 - Public
May 15, 2017 – Executive

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				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 17-231
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF 5 SETS OF BODY ARMOR FOR THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM ATLANTIC TACTICAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$4,729.08**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract purchase of 5 sets of body armor for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$4,729.08 pursuant to state contract number A82102-SAF; 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 Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 17-232
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THINK GIS SOFTWARE FOR
17 POLICE VEHICLES FROM WTH TECHNOLOGY INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,465.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of Think GIS Software for 17 police vehicles from WTH Technology Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,465.00; 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. 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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2017-233
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF TREE OLANO FROM THE
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Tree Olano from the Cultural Arts Commission effective immediately; and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Tree Olano, Senior Center

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 2017-234
AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$428.40 FOR
KATHLEEN RAITI OF 101 SPRUCE STREET.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayer and/or their agent have overpaid their taxes and have requested a refund:

Block: 357 Lot: 1.02
 Kathleen Raiti
 101 Spruce Street
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$428.40

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 17-236
AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF NICOLAS MAZZELLI AT THE HOURLY RATE OF
\$12.50, WITH NO BENEFITS, FOR THE POSITION OF GROUNDSKEEPER

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 Borough to hire Nicolas Mazzelli on a part-time basis without benefits in the position of Groundskeeper, effective June 6, 2017 at the hourly rate of \$12.50:

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. Carmela Sutor, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Alice Tempel, Recycling/Environmental Specialist

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 17-237

AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC AND PARKING MODIFICATIONS FOR THE OLC FAIR FROM JUNE 6, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 10, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves of traffic and parking modifications for the OLC Fair from June 6, 2017 through June 10, 2017 pursuant to the attached recommendations of Lt. David DeLair, Traffic Safety Unit of the South Plainfield Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Lt. David DeLair, Traffic Safety Unit

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 17-238

**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF ALEX MALATTO & DESIGN COMPANY
PAINTING OF THE PAL BUILDING
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,800.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes services of Alex Malatto & Design Company for painting of the Pal Building in an amount not to exceed \$4,800.00; 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. Kevin Hughes, Recreation Director

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION #2017-239

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2017 - 2018 AND
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2017-2018 LIQUOR LICENSES TO ALL
LICENSEES THAT HAVE MET ALL STATE AND BOROUGH REQUIREMENTS
AND HAVE PAID ALL APPROPRIATE FEES.**

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2017-2018 have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, no objections to said renewals have been filed; and

WHEREAS, the proper Borough fees have been paid by all applicants and the renewal retail licensee tax clearance certificate has been issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following licensees be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the year commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2018:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-33-013-008	Plenary Retail Consumption	Red Robin International Inc.	Red Robin
2	1222-33-012-011	Plenary Retail Consumption	Ruby Tuesday Inc.	Ruby Tuesday
3	1222-44-011-005	Plenary Retail Distribution	WC South Plainfield LLC	Wine Country Sth. Plainfield
4	1222-33-008-010	Plenary Retail Consumption	AALB, Inc.	South Side Clam Bar
5	1222-33-007-003	Plenary Retail Consumption	GMRI Inc.	Red Lobster #379
6	1222-33-003-007	Plenary Retail Consumption	Ignite Restaurants NJ Inc.	Joes Crab Shack/Brick House
7	1222-36-030-002	Hotel/Motel	Friendwell Management LLC	Best Western (Lobster Pub)
8	1222-33-015-007	Plenary Retail Consumption	4701 Stelton Road, LLC	Holiday Inn of South Plainfield
9	1222-31-024-001	Club License	Plainfield Curling Club	Plainfield Curling Club
10	1222-31-023-001	Club License	Italian American Progressive League	Italian American Progressive League
11	1222-31-022-002	Club License	Sth. Plainfield BPOE of America	Sth Plainfield Elks #2298
12	1222-33-017-003	Plenary Retail Consumption	ZZZ inc.	Flanagans Restaurant & Pub

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2017-2018 liquor licenses to the above named licensees.

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2017-240
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF 2017 SEASONAL HELP FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD
RECREATION DEPARTMENT – PARKS PERSONNEL**

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 Recreation Department. Dates of hire are June 19, 2017 to July 28, 2017:

Weekly salaries based on 30 hours of work. Working fewer hours will result in lower pay.

Head Counselor (Teacher Cert. req) 24.13/hr

Cassidy Gillis
Nichole Wrublewski
John Padavano
Frank Wrublewski

Senior Counselor II 13.30/hr

Lindsay Celentano
Naomi Nieves
Taylor Brinks

Senior Counselor 10.88/hr

Nicole Gerardi
McKenzie Larsen

Junior Counselor III 9.67/hr.

Jackie Battista
Madison Faustini
Annemarie Pezzolla
Tom Licato
Amanda Harper
Caroline Ratti

Junior Counselor II 9.06/hr.

Alexander Ardito
Megan Celentano

Junior Counselor I 8.65/hr

Kayla Greenleaf
Taylor Henry
Taylor Santamaria

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:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 17-241
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS OF APRIL WASNICK TO THE ZONING BOARD AS
ALTERNATE II, DARLENE CULLEN AS ALTERNATE I,
AND FRANK LEMOS AS A FULL MEMBER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that the following are hereby appointed to the Zoning Board and/or are moving up in membership on the Zoning Board as follows:

- Frank Lemos shall move up from Alternate I to a full member to fill the unexpired term of David Miglis to 12/31/2019
- Darleen Cullen shall move up from Alternate II to Alternate I to fill the unexpired term of Frank Lemos to 12/31/2018
- April Wasnick shall be appointed to Alternate II to fill the unexpired term of Darleen Cullen to 12/31/2017

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Mayor Anesh swore in April Wasnick into office as Alternate II for the Zoning Board

RESOLUTION: 2017-242

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,344.77.
PERTAINING TO 1511 PARK AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey and have received judgments reducing their assessments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following appeals be refunded.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Professional Holdings, LLC Park Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	55	3.01	2016	\$25,101.01	1511
			2015	\$23,243.76	

Make check payable to:

Archer & Greiner, P.C.
As Trustee for Professional Holdings, LLC
101 Carnegie Center, Suite 300
Princeton, NJ 08540

Total **\$48,344.77**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – April, 2017
- Recycling Monthly Report – April, 2017
- Planning Board Minutes – April 25, 2017
- DOT Transportation Award - \$330,000.00 for Hadley Road
- Environmental Commission – Annual Report, 2016

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:	5	0			

Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY				
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**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Current Fund	7-01	422,900.24
Current Fund	6-01	0.00
Pool Utility	6-26	0.00
Pool Utility	7-26	10,264.54
Sewer Utility	6-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	7-07	1,145,500.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	114,735.88
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	12,039.10
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	98,021.19
Recreation Trust	T-14	12,371.22
COAH		0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,815,832.17

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – was absent this evening.

Engineer Miller – advised that there was an emergency sewer collapse on Hamilton Blvd. that required urgent repair. Mr. Miller advised that there will be two bid openings; one on June 15th and one on June 16th. One is for the 2017 road improvements and the other is a capital DOT road improvement project.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that the election polls are open tomorrow from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Councilman Dean – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Faustini – read a prepared statement that in summary reiterated that the council on April 3rd passed Resolution 17-176 that urged the Senate to appeal Bail Reform but to date, none of the local legislators that were sent a copy of this Resolution responded back to the Borough. The South Plainfield police are applauded for their efforts with keeping the us safe. The effect of bail reform on our state and our community is a very serious concern and as such Councilwoman Faustini said that she would like to coordinate a meeting with our local legislators to facilitate a reversal or modification of the Bail Reform Act.

Councilman Bengivenga – reminded everyone that the annual Feast of St. Anthony is this week and encouraged everyone to attend and then went on to report progress.

Councilman Vesce – expressed his concern regarding a drainage issue in a residents backyard that will be researched further to see if anything can be done about it.

Councilman Wolak – reminded everyone of the upcoming fireman’s wet down and truck dedication.

Council President White – Ocean State Job Lot will hold their grand opening and already they have made donations to various charities in our community.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Chief James Parker requested to be a part of the Bail Reform meeting that Councilwoman Faustini wishes to coordinate.

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

At 7:23 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 7:42 p.m., Mayor Anesh called the public meeting back to order saying the results of this evenings Executive Session resulted in no new additional items and called for a motion to adjourn.

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 7:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk