

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, 7:02 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 Carmela Sutor 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		
Deputy Clerk Sutor	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo, Esq.	X		
Engineer Miller	X		
Andrew Nguyen	X		

Flag Salute and Invocation: was led by Councilman Bengivenga

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.

Presentation: Recognizing the 2017 Summer Intern: Emma Morin – Mayor Anesh called Anne Daley forward along with Emma's family members. Mayor Anesh presented Emma with a plaque of appreciation. Emma thanked everyone for her experience at Borough Hall. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by the media present.

Presentation: Public Celebrations Committee – Donations – Mayor Anesh called the Public Celebrations Committee forward who in turn presented Labor Day Parade donation checks to the Fire Department and EMS. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by the media present.

Presentation: Elks Lodge #2298 – Adaptive Swings donation – Mayor Anesh called the Elks Lodge #2298 Special Children's Committee as well as eight-year-old Grace Anne Farrell; who first brought up the need for adaptive equipment for disabled children, and presented a donation check in the amount of \$1,749.00 for three adaptive swings to Councilwoman Faustini. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by the media present.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

September 5, 2017 – Agenda
 September 5, 2017 – Public
 September 5, 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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING BY TITLE – Ordinance 2090 was read by Carmela Sutor by title. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments made, closed the floor. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments but no comments were made.

ORDINANCE NO. 2090

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT (“MLA”) WITH VERIZON WIRELESS, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMALL CELL EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

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							

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING BY TITLE – Ordinance 2091 was read by Carmela Sutor by title. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments made, closed the floor. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments but no comments were made.

ORDINANCE NO. 2091

A SEWER CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE “ACQUISITION OF A PUMPING STATION ALARM SYSTEM AT 4 PUMPING STATIONS AND THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A GRINDER AT THE HADLEY ROAD PUMPING STATION FOR THE SEWER UTILITY, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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							

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Anesh called for a motion to approve Resolution #17-347 through #17-357.

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 – July 12, 2017
- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – August 2017
- Planning Board Minutes – August 22, 2017
- Planning Board Minutes – July 25, 2017
- Interlocal agreement between the Borough, Middlesex County and Edison Township
- Executed agreement from D.O.T for Hadley Road
- Letter from Division of Taxation regarding 2015 Homestead Benefit Applications

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

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

Current Fund	7-01	\$ 210,077.93
Current Fund	6-01	52,393.00
Pool Utility	6-26	0.00
Pool Utility	7-26	3,818.52
Sewer Utility	6-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	7-07	796.01
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	340,282.68
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	475.00
Dog Trust	T-12	82.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	4,556.88
Recreation Trust	T-14	8,487.20
COAH		0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 620,970.02

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Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Dean		X	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo, Esq. – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – mentioned that in the correspondence there is a \$330,000.00 grant agreement that is listed Phase 1 of Hadley Road. The town is receiving a FEMA grant for fire equipment in which the information was finally received today. It is a \$192,000.00 grant with a 10% match. At the next meeting that will be on as correspondence and an Ordinance for the 10% match will be on as well. Progress.

Engineer Miller – reported an update on the road projects. They are working on Evergreen Road and the curb in and they are doing the roadway repairs along the curb. Milling and paving shortly will be done. Progress.

Councilman Dean – mentioned the book signing event tomorrow with Dr. Veit and reported that the hydro-seeding was done at the Dog Park today and Thursday the back area will be completed. Councilman Dean then informed the Mayor and Council that he was notified by a resident regarding the children’s safety at the intersection of Franklin Ave., So. 9th St. and Clinton Ave. There was a MVA the other day at drop off /pick up time; we have had a few of them over the past few years, so he made a call to Chief Parker and asked for a patrol vehicle to assist with the crossing guards and asked Engineer Miller to cut the trees back that hang low. Mr. Miller responded that they will take care of it. Lastly, Councilman Dean asked if speed humps could be installed on Garden Drive as it is a cut through for speeding cars. Mayor Anesh recalled that the residents had signed a petition for speed bumps and asked Councilman Wolak and Councilman Bengivenga to follow up with Traffic Safety to see what the results of the study were that was performed there.

Councilwoman Faustini – thanked the Elks Lodge and Grace Anne for the swings and added that they are going to be installed at Cotton Street Park, Ponytail Park and Shady Side Park. Thanked Councilman Dean and A-TECH for hydro-seeding the Dog Park as well as Councilman Bengivenga for donating the seed and reported that the lights at the TURF field and should be up and running by the end of next week; the wrestling mats are ready and the cheerleading mats are on their way. Progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – mentioned that as Len reported, the road projects are moving along quite nicely and informed everyone that they are milling and paving new Durham Road from Stelton Road to Shady Side Lane and the intersection of Shady Side Lane has been included and is waiting for Mr. Cullen to get back to him regarding if Middlesex Water Company is done on Sampton Ave. to where we do not need to use that as a detour and whether with time permitting the County will probably try and schedule Plainfield Ave. to be done hopefully sometime this year, if not sometime in the Spring.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Council President White – announced the opening of Boxing to Bootcamp will take up the space two doors down from In and Out Bagel and the Dunkin Donuts on Maple Avenue is re-opened. It has new seating, charging stations and WIIFI. Progress.

Mayor Anesh – called forward the two gentlemen from the Indian Festival at 50 Cragwood Road this past weekend and the upcoming three weekends, as we received some resident complaints and address what their thoughts were to control any negative side effects on those corresponding residential areas.

Pradip (Peter) Kothari President of the Indo American Religious Center, Inc. whose organization is hosting the annual Navratri Festival in town thanked the Mayor and Council for approving their request to host the festival. Peter then added that there was a noise complaint this weekend and assured the Mayor and Council and that they will cooperate with any complaint that may arise from the festival and invited the Mayor and Council as well as the Department Heads to the festival for the Lamp Lighting Ceremony this Friday at 9:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place and a member of the Cultural Arts Commission announced again that the Photography Showcase this Saturday from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center and reported on other various events the committee has planned in the next month.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet Avenue reported on various events and dates throughout town in the next couple of months.

Roberto Sayers of West Crescent Pkwy. Asked what Resolution #17-347 was for. Mayor Anesh responded it is the additional cubic tonnage for stone dust at the Dog Park.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Council President White made a motion at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carmela A. Sutor, Deputy Clerk