

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Amy Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Dean	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilman Vesce		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		

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments, but no comments were made.

Public Hearing – Release of Performance Bonds

- Release of Off Site Performance Bond Posted by MUY Brands, LLC for Public Improvements to Block 528, Lot 46.04 - Mayor Anesh called the applicant's attorney forward and then opened the floor to the public. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor
- Release of Off Site Performance Bond Posted by Krystopik Subdivision for Public Improvements to Block 380, Lot 4.01 - Mayor Anesh called the applicant's attorney forward and then opened the floor to the public. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor
- Release of Off Site Performance Bond Posted by GTG Builders for Public Improvements to Block 81, Lot 19.03 - Mayor Anesh called the applicant's attorney forward and then opened the floor to the public. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor

**RESOLUTION #18-108
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

There was no closed session this evening.

Public Hearing – Summit Paper Company: 3480 Clinton Avenue

- Waiver Request of Fees
- Waiver Request of the Number of Permitted Trailers

Mr. Rizzo, Esq. gave a brief explanation that the applicant is requiring a full fee waiver for a permit to place storage containers on his commercial property as well as to waive the restriction on the number of trailers that are permitted. The applicant is seeking to place 10 storage containers on the property. The fee according to the Borough Code is \$500.00 per container. The applicant, Mr. Raheem, was present. He said our \$500.00 fee is an economic hardship for him. He has a 5-year pending contract with a company in New York for paper supplies that will require him to store 10 containers on his property ready to ship to his customer at all times. Council President Bengivenga said he does agree that that the \$500.00 per container fee is a bit high and would not object to a more reasonable fee such as \$50.00 per container annually. The business location is not in a residential area and there is no view from the street. The applicant said he can put up some hedges or landscaping to help hide them from view. We would not want them to be piggybacked or stacked. The applicant said he would not do that. Councilman Dean said he agrees that the fees are a bit steep and would be fine with

the \$50.00 per container annually fee and agrees that storage containers should not be in a residential area, but that is not the case for this applicant. Councilman Dean cautioned about the numerous colors the containers come in and said upon ordering them to make sure they are all one uniform color. Council President Bengivenga said all the containers do require inspection by our Fire Inspector. So all required inspections will still need to occur. After brief discussion the Governing Body's general consensus was to place a resolution on this evening's agenda that will authorize up to ten storage container/trailers, of uniform color, with some type of landscape to hide said containers from view on the Century Road side, and the fee to be reduced to \$50.00 per container annually. Council President Bengivenga made a motion to add said resolution (18-130) to tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilman Dean and all were in favor by a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments. Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet commented about resolution 18-115 giving a brief history regarding the National Night Out Event. Ms. Boyle said after reading the resolution she feels better about the event saying she is happy to see that the Public Celebrations Committee is still a part of it. Mayor Anesh explained that all the resolution is doing is endorsing the annual event. Mayor Anesh said it once was not a well-attended event but has now turned into a widely popular event. Mayor Anesh said he sees no reason to change anything and this resolution does not indicate any changes.

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

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried by an all-in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR