

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2019, 2018 7:03 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 White	X		
Council President Wolak	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman White 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:

- December 17, 2018 – Agenda
- December 17, 2018 – Public
- December 17, 2018 – Executive

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

PRESENTATION-Mayor Anesh called Mr. Longo forward along with Councilman Dean and Mrs. Boyle. Mr. Longo presented the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention prize winners with a certificate and gift card for the South Plainfield Sustainability Contest. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family, friends and media present.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 19-42

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS GALUPPO JR. AS FIREFIGHTER FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 confirms the appointment of:

Thomas Galuppo Jr.
1618 Woodland Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by Fire Chief Scalera.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Carmela Sutor, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
5. Fire Chief Scalera

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

RESOLUTION 19-43

AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR RENEWAL OF THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (PUMA) FOR SOLID WASTE TYPE 13, TYPE 23 SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2019 AT THE SAME RATE AS 2018

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that they hereby authorize's a one-year renewal of the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority (PUMA) for Solid Waste Type 13 & Type 23 services for the 2019 year at the same rate as in 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. DPW
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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

RESOLUTION 2019-44
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF YOLANDA DIAZ AS ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT AN ADDITIONAL RATE OF PAY OF \$2.75 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 120 DAYS

WHEREAS, when and if there is vacancy or absence in the role of Court Administrator, a need will exist to appoint an Acting Municipal Court Administrator to perform the duties of such; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby appoints Yolanda Diaz as Acting Municipal Court Administrator at an additional rate of pay of \$2.70 per hour retroactively effective January 1, 2019 for a period not to exceed 120 days; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Yolanda Diaz, Acting Municipal Court Admin.
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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

RESOLUTION 19-45
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF SENIOR CENTER SECURITY DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00

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

Stephen Breland
 116 Desepio Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$100.00 – security deposit

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

RESOLUTION 19-46
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF IMPROVEMENT BALANCES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,153.81

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

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel balances according to the following Schedule of Improvement Authorizations:

Borough of South Plainfield
 Schedule of Improvement Authorizations to be Cancelled effective 12/31/2018:

Borough of South Plainfield				
Schedule of Improvement Authorizations balance Cancellations				
12/31/2018				
Ordinance Number	Description			AMOUNT
2048	Various Road Improvements			2,092.36
2060	Various ADA Improvements			56,461.44
2082	Various Road Improvements			58,600.01
Total				117,153.81
	Grants Receivable			117,153.81
	Total			117,153.81

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

RESOLUTION 19-47
AUTHORIZING 2018 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$45,000.00 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.

Borough of South Plainfield				
Transfers				
2018				
CURRENT FUND				
FROM:				AMOUNT
8-01-20-140-001-235	Data Processing		O&E	3,000.00
8-01-20-155-000-221	Legal		O&E	3,000.00
8-01-20-165-001-235	Engineering		O&E	2,000.00
8-01-22-195-001-225	Code Enforcement		O&E	2,000.00
8-01-25-240-001-101	Police		S&W	20,000.00
8-01-26-290-003-102	Snow		S&W	3,000.00
8-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds		S&W	5,000.00
8-01-28-370-001-104	Recreation		S&W	2,000.00
8-01-31-445-001-581	Water		O&E	2,000.00
8-01-43-490-000-101	Court		S&W	3,000.00
Total FROM:				45,000.00
TO:				AMOUNT
8-01-23-220-000-601	Health Insurance		O & E	25,000.00
8-01-25-240-001-321	Police		O & E	4,000.00
8-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards		O & E	3,000.00
8-01-25-265-002-401	Vehicle Maintenance		O & E	6,000.00
8-01-28-370-001-445	Recreation		O & E	2,000.00
8-01-28-370-002-236	Senior Center		O & E	2,000.00
8-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone		O & E	3,000.00
Total TO:				45,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 19-48
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE
A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
AND ECOVANTA, LLC FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLABLES (E-WASTE)

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is proactive in addressing environmental issues such as the proper recycling of consumer electronics; and

WHEREAS, effective of January 1, 2011, recycling of certain consumer electronics is mandatory in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield encourages their residents to properly recycling the consumer electronics and ECovanta, LLC is a provider of such services; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling Coordinator, Alice Tempel, has recommended that entering into an agreement with Ecovanta, LLC to provide for E-Waste services is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield for a term of one year, to expire on 12/31/2019, with the option of renewal for up to two more years through 12/31/2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that based upon the recommendation of the South Plainfield Recycling Coordinator, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or Municipal Clerk to execute a one year agreement of services with ECovanta, LLC to implement E-Waste Services with the Borough of South Plainfield for a term to end 12/31/2019 with the option to renew for up to two more years;

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Alice Tempel, Recycling Coordinator
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Dave Peterson, ECOVANA, LLC

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

RESOLUTION 19-49
AUTHORIZING THE FULL TIME HIRING OF
JUSTIN MARKS AND JAKE HOFFMAN
AS LABORER II WITH THE DPW

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 full time hiring of Justin Marks and Jake Hoffman with benefits in accordance with the current contract as Laborer II for the DPW conditioned upon their passing a physical examination and drug test, at a salary pursuant to the salary ordinance for such; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Justin Marks shall obtain a Commercial Driver License (CDL) in their first year of full time employment to then be advanced to Laborer III in their second year of said employment, and that Jake Hoffman shall obtain a CDL within one year of turning 21 years old to then be advanced to the next Laborer level; 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. Carmela Sutor, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
6. Justin Marks, DPW
7. Jake Hoffman, DPW

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Monthly Report – November 2018
- Zoning Board Minutes – October 16, 2018
- Planning Board Minutes – May 22, 2018 and November 27, 2018

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	8-01	171,072.07
Current Fund	9-01	3,454.53
Pool Utility	9-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	698.50
Sewer Utility	9-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	8-07	1,207.91
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	0.00
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	23,984.11
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	191.50
Recreation Trust	T-14	608.25
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$230,216.87

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported on the recent Moody’s annual financial report status for the Borough is AA2 indicating that the Borough has a very healthy economy and tax base. South Plainfield has a solid financial position which is aligned with the assigned rating of AA2. The debt burden is exceptionally light and is favorable as is the credit position.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – reported that the traffic light at Woodland and Oak is now operating and so far, there have been no complaints.

Councilwoman Faustini – wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with the Recreation Commission this year and looks at it as a year of opportunity and challenges and furthermore welcomes anyone to bring forth any questions they may have. We are working on finding a temporary location for the swim team.

Councilman Dean – congratulated the new DPW hires this evening. The recycling bid date opening will be on February 14th. While sitting on Maple Ave. just off Woodland there are two massive pot holes. Councilman Dean asked if it belongs to Edison or us. Mr. Miller said the center line is the boundary and we have sent the complaints to Edison and the pot holes on our side have been taken care of.

Councilman White – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – congratulated Thomas Galuppo Jr. on his appointment as a Volunteer Fireman. Councilman Bengivenga went on to address a few issues brought to his attention recently that he found appalling that were made on social media and other sources by Councilman Dean and former Council Candidates Keefe and Doyan. There were comments made that Recreation and Planning Board were holding their meetings at the same time with further comments saying, “sometimes I wonder if they do this stuff on purpose”. First, this body does not set the meeting calendars for those boards. Their routine calendar has been in place for years if not decades. It is state law that these boards act as separate government agencies and no member of this Council can change that schedule. The Recreation Commission, Council Liaison with the Director is prepared to conduct meetings pertaining to the pool and present information as to where we are and where we are heading. It is deeply troubling that Councilman Dean and Ms. Keefe are calling for the Recreation Commission President, Mr. Bill Cochran to be replaced. Ms. Keefe mentioned that “maybe someone else should become President of this Commission”. After 30 years on the Commission with a pool that is in dire shape, he has served under at least two Democratic administrations. Mr. Cochran has and always will be a champion for our children and we thank him for that. In April, Ms. Keefe went after our recreation commission saying that nothing has been done in over 8 years. After Mr. Cochran laid down the facts Ms. Keefe double downed her argument, though she says nothing has been done in over 8 years and she’s only lived here for 4. To make matters worse they were repeatedly told that if they have any concerns to attend the Recreation Commission meetings but have never attended one and yet is calling for Mr. Cochran’s replacement. There are some facts to note about the pool. It was opened in 1967. Not one improvement was made until 2004 when the liner was put on in which it is debatable whether or not that was the right thing to do at the time. That was after 37 years and a useful life of 25. In 2012 we installed a new recirculating system. In 2015 when the deep end was compromised due to the shell underneath, we made a major investment to fix it though the democrats at that time voted against it. If that repair was not made at that time, the pool would have closed. This Mayor has been the biggest advocate of the pool and more has been invested in the pool than with any other administration. August 13, 2018 Mayor Anesh announced that major renovations were needed to fix the pool. He recommended that we hire an engineer to evaluate it and Councilwoman Faustini asked to have a spray feature researched. A committee was set up with Councilman Dean, Councilwoman Faustini and Councilman Wolak. After the report came out of rough estimated costs, democracy day is the best option. Regardless, the pool would have to close for the season. Councilman Bengivenga pointed out that in 2016 Councilman Dean said that the pool was in need of a major upgrade but has not once asked a question about the pool while on Council until Democracy Day was brought up. Councilman Bengivenga said this is something that we should all be coming together on and not pointing fingers or calling for resignations.

Councilman Dean said that today he was able to spend an hour or two on the phone with Kevin Hughes regarding the pool. Councilman Dean asked Mr. Hughes who made the determination that the pool cannot open this season. Was it the committee, health department etc.. Mr. Hughes said the pool company that opens the pool in April made the notification to Mr. Hughes that it cannot open in this condition. The county health department came out and did their inspections as well. With the recommendation of Councilwoman Faustini and the Recreation Commission it was decided the pool would not be open. Councilman Dean inquired as to who oversees the pool. Our website says the Recreation Commission oversees the pool, parks, etc. Mr. Hughes said that is wrong. The commission can give insight as to it but as a Recreation Commission their purpose is regarding recreation activities throughout the year. Councilman Dean said there is a lot of misinformation on the website which needs to be corrected. Councilman Dean said that he did advocate for recreation with spray features and the like when running for Council but had no idea our pool was in that bad of shape. Based on personal observation he only thought the concrete around it was bad. The band aids that were so costly put on he didn’t realize it was just a band aid. Mr. Hughes informed him today that the recirculation system was indeed a band aid as well. Whereas the spray features would be great, you can’t have spray features without a pool. Councilman Dean said that like he mentioned in December, the pool needs to be pumped out, the liner needs to be cut out, and we need to get an engineer in there to inspect the shell. Councilman Dean said the comments regarding Mr. Cochran were taken out of context as he was more concerned with changing public celebration individuals. After learning that the Recreation Commission really isn’t in charge of the pool, there is

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no reason to change Mr. Cochran's position. Councilman Dean said he has known Mr. Cochran his entire life and his family has been friends with his. Councilman Dean said he was not advocating to get rid of Mr. Cochran but just saying if there was a problem with the commission and they were not doing what their job was supposed to be, which on the Borough website it does say the pool fall under the Recreation Commission, but since that information is not correct, there is no reason to change Mr. Cochran or others because as we learned he has no control over the pool. On another note, Councilman Dean asked Mr. Hughes how often the commission gets together and reviews our parks, walk our parks, checks out our parks and he said never. Mr. Hughes said he checks the parks a few times throughout the year. Councilman Dean met last August with Mr. Cullen, Councilwoman Faustini, Len Miller, and DPW Tree expert at Oak Tree Park where there are approximately 30 dangerous dead trees. The walking path is deteriorating. The basketball court is deteriorating with tree roots running all over the place. Councilman Dean said he does talk about parks and does visit our parks and probably a lot more frequently than some. Councilman Dean said that now that he is on the Recreation Commission with Councilwoman Faustini, and Councilman Bengivenga he suggests that when the weather breaks that we get together and review and inspect all these parks and compile a list and see what we can do moving forward. Councilman Dean said he likes to plan for the future; it's how he runs his business and does not want to wait until the bomb goes off and then try to fix it. He would rather be proactive. If we stay on top of our parks and pool moving forward it will just be better for the community. Councilman Bengivenga said that is exactly his point that the Council needs to work together on this. Councilman Dean asked why the residents were not notified sooner of the dire state of the pool. Councilwoman Faustini said last August we requested to have an engineer go in and evaluate the damage found in the pool. In June we did do an emergency repair to the pool.

Mr. Cullen went on to point out some of the history of the repairs that were done over the years leading up to where we are today.

Mayor Anesh said we do have Democracy Week which has been in place since the 90's. There will be options to look at. We will need to think about the future. Mayor Anesh said he is not looking to put another band aid on the pool or drive up the rates. Mayor Anesh said he feels Democracy Week is the right way to do it. We will need to make it clear and give the residents of the Borough the opportunity to weigh in on it. Mayor Anesh said he has faith the public will come out to support the pool's non-binding referendum. It is non-binding. We want to make sure the facts are put forth for the residents to decide. Mayor Anesh said he doesn't think we wish to be known in history as the governing body who has forever closed the community pool. We want to be known as the governing body who did it right thing and invested in the community.

Council President Wolak – reminded everyone to be sure keep their car doors locked and be safe then went on to report progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Susan Barry inquired why the pool was not mentioned since August then went on to say she finds the pool unappealing looking with bad food. Her main concern was holding a Democracy Day and would rather see the Council put forth the necessary repairs to bring the pool up to today's standards. Ms. Barry would not like to see other items co-mingled with a Democracy Day for the pool.

Mr. Charles Domino of Pitt Street said he feels this to be a very important issue and if you don't open the pool there will be bigger problems. Mr. Domino said he feels there to be poor management that took place and questioned why residents were informed so late. Fundraisers could have been done.

Ms. Donna Eghan said she can't imagine this town without the community pool and feels we are seeking assurance that the Council will do everything they can to get it back and if there was more assurance that the Council is committed to the pool then they would probably have a lot more public support. Councilwoman Faustini said she agrees and does feel the pool to be a cornerstone of our community. Refurbishing the pool correctly would make the pool the jewel of South Plainfield. Ms. Eghan said she is not a fan of Democracy Day.

Stephanie Bartfalvi thanked the Council for her reappointment to the Planning Board then went on to express her unhappiness with the Council for not reappointing Ms. Boyle to Public Celebrations.

Darlene Cullen pointed out how difficult of a decision it was when the Library had to close for a period of time in order for the expansion to take place. The improvements however, have tripled the membership. In this case, we will have a state of the art community pool when done. If anyone can get it done, it is this Council, just like they did for the Library.

Jeff Seider of O'Donohue Avenue asked for a show of hands with how many Council members were in favor of refurbishing the pool. All 7 governing body members raised their hand in support of refurbishing the pool. Mr. Seider said he is not in favor of Democracy Day either and feels the reason we elected the Council is for them to have to make these challenging decisions and to do their jobs in the best interest of the Borough. Mayor Anesh said we can agree to disagree and we will honor what past administrations have done. Mr. Seider said he is not happy with the attack on Mr. Cochran. Councilman Dean said he will apologize to him tomorrow. In turn, Mr. Seider said he is not happy with Councilman Bengivenga's attack on Councilman Vesce during his campaign either and suggested he be cognizant of the things he does and says also.

Sandy Doyan of Elizabethtown Court said that she hopes the Council gets more support of their referendum than the school received from the Council with theirs. Ms. Doyan said she did say it's convenient to have the Planning Board and Recreation Commission meetings on the same night and knows that the meetings can be changed. Councilman Bengivenga said his point is that they are an appointed Board and can set their own meetings. Ms. Doyan then asked what are the required qualifications needed to be appointed on one of the committees. Mayor Anesh said there are none, just an application to fill out and submit. Ms. Doyan asked why Councilmen Dean and Vesce were not involved in the appointment process. Mayor Anesh said he doesn't know they need to be and went on to explain the variety of appointment types.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place thanked all those who participated in the holiday lighting contest and went on to report on various upcoming events and dates. Ms. Lepore suggested to have associate members on the Public Celebration Committee.

Jessica Spina said she was disappointed Ms. Boyle was not reappointed to Public Celebrations as she was told we're going in a different direction.

Jennifer Stokel asked for clarification as to who is in charge of the community pool. Mayor Anesh said Director Kevin Hughes is. Ms. Stokel went on to express a variety of concerns pertaining to the pool.

Danielle Staunton expressed her disappointment to not have been appointed to one of the committees. Mayor Anesh explained the process.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked Councilman White for his prayer this evening and said she hopes the Council listened to the Pastor's prayer at the reorganization meeting then went on to express her upset about not being reappointed to Public Celebrations. Ms. Boyle concluded by mentioning various upcoming events and dates forthcoming.

Mr. Christopher Cioffi said he is a big advocate for the pool and trusts the governing body will do the right thing.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor at 9:05 p.m. and advised that we are now going into Executive Session and all are welcome to stay if they so choose.

Mayor Anesh said that as a result of this evening's executive session there is no further business necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m., seconded by Council President Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk