

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2019 7:01 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Mickey Marcus	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:

- May 6, 2019 – Agenda Meeting
- May 6, 2019 – Public Meeting
- May 6, 2019 – Executive Meeting

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mental Health Awareness Month – was read by Mayor Anesh in full.

Lyme Disease Awareness Month - was read by Mayor Anesh in full who called up Diane and her family forward to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

National Police Week – was read by Mayor Anesh in full

The following Ordinance 2138 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor and called for a motion to adopt the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2138
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230. FIRE PREVENTION.**

WHEREAS, the Borough Fire Prevention Official/Marshall has requested revisions to Chapter 230 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed such request and has approved same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 230, Fire Prevention be amended as follows:

All referenced sections shall be deleted as existing and shall be replaced with the language provided herein.

§ 230-2: Agency Designation.

The local enforcing agency shall be the Office of the Fire Marshall/Bureau of Fire Prevention.

§ 230-4: Life Hazard and Local Uses.

The local enforcing agency established by Section 230-2 of this Article shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard and local uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

§ 230-5: Organization.

The local enforcement agency established by Section 230-2 of this Article shall be under the control of the Fire Official/Fire Marshall and shall report to the Mayor and Council.

§ 230-8: Additional Required Inspections and Fees.

Use	Description	Amount of Fee
B1	Business use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$108.00
B2	Business use 4,001 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$144.00
B3	Business use 8,001 sq. ft. - 12,000 sq. ft.	\$180.00
B4	Business use 12,001 sq. ft. - 16,000 sq. ft.	\$360.00
B5	Business use 16,001 sq. ft. - 20,000 sq. ft.	\$432.00
B6	Business use 21,001 sq. ft. - 23,999 sq. ft.	\$504.00
E1	Eating use 1 person - 25 persons	\$180.00
E2	Eating use 26 persons - 49 persons	\$216.00
F1	Factory use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$360.00
F2	Factory use 4,001 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$432.00
F3	Factory use 8,001 sq. ft. - 11,999 sq. ft.	\$504.00
M1	Mercantile use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$145.00
M2	Mercantile use 4,001 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$216.00
M3	Mercantile use 8,001 sq. ft. - 11,999 sq. ft.	\$287.00
S1	Storage Use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$287.00
S2	Storage Use 4,000 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$360.00
S3	Storage Use 8,001 sq. ft. - 11,999 sq. ft.	\$432.00
O	Other Use	\$90.00
	Photographs CD Copies	\$100.00 for each CD

§ 230-9: Permit Fees.

Permit Type	Fee
Type 1	\$54.00
Type 2	\$212.00

Type 3	\$427.00
Type 4	\$641.00

§ 230-21. Events Requiring Permits.

When Fire Official/Fire Marshall determines that an on-site fire inspector or fire-fighting personnel or equipment are required for fire watch as a result of any of the following listed below, the owner of occupant responsible shall obtain a permit for the use or event.

- A. Fire protection system failures and/or deficiencies, including both suppression and detection systems required by the NJ International Fire and Building Codes.
- B. Emergency warning and fire detection systems required by the NJ International Fire and Building Codes.
- C. Fire safety at any occupancy or event within the Borough of South Plainfield to ensure the safety of the public or emergency responders or any other event in which a crowd of potentially 500 persons or more is to assemble.
- D. Standby coverage at fire investigation scenes. (Specific to firefighters only.)

§ 230-22. Required Personnel; Hours on Duty.

- A. The Fire Official/Fire Marshall shall determine the number of inspectors and/or fire fighting personnel required.
- B. The Fire Official/Fire Marshall shall determine the hours that the fire inspector(s) and/or fire-equipment and personnel will be on duty.

§ 230-24. Fees for Services.

- A. Compensation for inspector(s) for non-working hours for “for profit” groups or entities will be at \$54.00 per hour with \$2.00 per hour being directed to the Borough. For such hours for not for profit groups or entities, compensation shall be \$40.50 per hour with \$2.00 directed to the Borough.
- B. Compensation for all certified firefighters (firefighter 1) required by the Fire Official/ Fire Marshall as part of a standby shall be \$27.00 per hour with \$2.00 per hour directed to the Borough. Firefighters will be compensated \$25.00 per hour.
- C. The rate for use of vehicles shall be as follows when requested under orders from the Bureau of Fire Prevention. All fees for apparatus will be placed in the care of the Borough of South Plainfield.
 - (1) Engine: \$50.00 per hour
 - (2) Truck: \$100.00 per hour
 - (3) Rescue: \$50.00 per hour
 - (4) All others: \$25.00 per hour

§ 230-25. Right of Access.

The Fire Official/Fire Marshall or their designee(s) shall have right of access to the premises and areas surrounding it without interference from the property owner.

§ 230-26. Permit Fees; Penalties for Failure to Secure Permit.

Failure to secure a permit prior to commencing the operation, process or activity for which a permit is required shall be punishable by a penalty of no more than double the amount of the applicable permit fee (N.J.S.A. 5:70-2.12(b)7).

Type of Permit	Permit Fee	Maximum Penalty
Type 1 Permit	\$54.00	\$108.00
Type 2 Permit	\$212.00	\$428.00
Type 3 Permit	\$427.00	\$854.00
Type 5 Permit	\$641.00	\$1,281.00

§ 230-28. Hiring of Police Officers; Fees.

The hiring of fire inspectors or firefighters shall not be allowed in place of the need for sworn police officers; decisions decision of the Fire Official/Fire Marshall will be required. Fees for police officers hired for actions consistent with fire standby duties shall be at their rate of pay and not the pay schedule for fire Inspector/fighters.

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	X				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following Ordinance 2139 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 3, 2019.

ORDINANCE 2139

AN ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2019 FOR PART TIME AND SEASONAL HELP FOR RECREATION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.\, * unless otherwise indicated.

	2017	2018	2019
Junior Counselor I - Parks	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.81	9.00
Junior Counselor II - Parks	\$ 9.06	\$ 9.24	9.30
Junior Counselor III - Parks	\$ 9.67	\$ 9.85	10.00
Senior Counselor I - Parks	\$ 10.88	\$ 11.09	11.20
Senior Counselor II - Parks	\$ 13.30	\$ 13.55	13.70
Head Counselor (Teaching Certification Required)	\$ 24.13	\$ 24.59	24.75
Positions Paid Per Season			
Swim Coach - Head	\$ 5,025.46	\$ 5,120.94	4,600.00
Swim Coach - Co-Coach			4,000.00
Assistant Swim Coach	\$ 2,552.08	\$ 2,600.57	2,000.00

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY – All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE – This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

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	x				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following Ordinance 2140 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 3, 2019.

**ORDINANCE 2140
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187, TITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

WHEREAS, a request has been made from local businesses along Kennedy Road to allow parking on Kennedy Road; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Officer has determined that the road can accommodate parking of passenger vehicles on one side without hindering truck traffic, and the request has been approved by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 187, titled Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Parking, Stopping and Standing, Section 187-10 titled No Parking Certain Sections of Roadway, shall be amended to delete Section 187-10(A)(22) and replace with new Section 187-10(A)(22) as follows:

Kennedy Road:

- a. West side, entire length, with the following exception, 15-minute parking allowed, west side of Kennedy Road between Montrose Avenue and St. Nicholas Avenue;
- b. East side, from St. Nicholas Avenue to Montrose Avenue;
- c. East side, 50 feet north of Montrose Avenue and 50 feet south of Yednak Drive.

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

The following Ordinance 2141 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 3, 2019.

BOND ORDINANCE 2141

BOND ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$65,000, INCLUDING \$62,500 OF PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES AND \$2,500 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A MASON DUMP TRUCK IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

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. It is hereby determined that \$62,500 of the proceeds of obligations, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, originally made available pursuant to the following sections of the bond ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Borough”) are no longer necessary for the various purposes for which the obligations previously were authorized as {A0961100.1}

described below. No money has been spent under Sections 3(e) and 3(f) of Bond Ordinance #2072 and, as a result, the \$2,500 appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purposes described below in Sections 3(e) and (3f) of Bond Ordinance #2072 is also being reappropriated as provided for herein:

Bond Ordinance Number	Improvement Description and Date of <u>Adoption</u>	Amount to be <u>Re-Appropriated</u>
Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance #2072	The acquisition of a mason dump truck, finally adopted May 15, 2017.	\$13,000
Section 3(e) of Bond Ordinance #2072	The acquisition and installation of a Fleet Management System, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, finally adopted May 15, 2017.	\$26,000 (includes the down payment amount of \$1,500)
Section 3(f) of Bond Ordinance #2072	The acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, lawn cutting equipment and plows, and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted May 15, 2017.	\$15,000 (includes the down payment amount of \$1,000)
Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance #2100	The acquisition of a garbage truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted December 18, 2017.	\$11,000
Total:		\$65,000

Section 2. The \$62,500 proceeds described in Section 1 and made available pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39 and the \$2,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund are hereby reappropriated to provide for the acquisition of a mason dump truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

Section 3. 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 4. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 19-177

CERTIFYING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD HAS COMPLIED WITH HIRING PRACTICES UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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	X				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2019-178

Authorizing the Public Hearing of the 2019 Municipal Budget

This is not a vote on the budget. Only a public hearing for the budget.

Budget consideration for adoption will take place on June 3, 2019.

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Mr. Cullen who advised that due to an amendment to the budget there will not be a vote on the adoption of the 2019 budget this evening. There have been some adjustments since meeting with all the department heads. There has not been any real significant change from where we were with the budget introduction, however, it was change enough to require an amendment to the budget with a second public hearing to be held June 3rd. At introduction the budget was almost \$31,965,000.00 of that, taxes were comprised of \$21,204,000.00 which made for an increase from 2018 of \$59.75 per household. The Library Tax is broken out which is up by \$55,774.00 which is based upon a state formula which is \$4.78 per household. The Borough's ratable base is up approximately \$13 million. That has resulted in \$183,000. in additional revenue which is the fourth consecutive year that the ratable base is up, and we do anticipate an increase in the ratable base for 2019 as well. Salaries are up by 2.2% which is primarily due to the hiring of school resource officers. The main reasons for the increase in the tax base is due to an increase in paying down our debt service, health insurance, the hiring of the school resource officers, and refurbishments to the pool. Since introduction, 18 different line items have been adjusted, the largest being with the pool. The largest decrease was in health benefits for \$24,000. The amended budget now shows municipal taxes down about \$15,000. The average home will experience a \$58.58 increase. A body armor grant was added to the budget after introduction. We are essentially down one dollar per average household from introduction.

Councilman Dean asked if the amendment reflects an increase or a decrease. Mr. Cullen said the overall taxes are decreasing by \$15,000, and \$10,000 decrease is in expenses. There were many ups and downs since the introduction.

Councilman Bengivenga thanked all the Department Heads for their contributions during the budget hearings and went on to thank Councilwoman Faustini and Dean who have helped support putting money in place to move forward with the pool project.

Mayor Anesh reminded everyone that all the budget documents are on the Borough’s website. Mayor Anesh went on to set the budget adoption date and budget amendment public hearing for June 3, 2019.

Councilman Vesce inquired about the state reviewing the proposed amendment. Mr. Cullen said that this year we are self-review. Mr. Cullen explained the three categories of criteria if the adjustments were at certain levels it would in fact require the state to review said adjustment.

With no further questions or comments from the Borough Council, Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on the 2019 municipal budget. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO
THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby introduces the amendment to the 2019 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached budget document. The public hearing and consideration for adoption of the amended 2019 municipal budget is scheduled for June 3, 2019

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

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION #19-180
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY
QUINCY PLACE ASSOCIATES LLC FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 388, LOT 25, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,701.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Tomosso Grasso for public improvements located at Block 388, Lot 25; and

WHEREAS, has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$119,701.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(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		x				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 19-181
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS**

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

Sheremour Alexandre
1571 Pershing Place
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$100.00 – security deposit

Andrea Rice
174 South Plainfield Ave.
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$100.00 – security deposit

Traci Sofield
506 Kenyon Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$200.00 – cancelled party

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		x				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 19-182
AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF SCOTT AUSTIN AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$13.00, 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 Scott Austin on a part-time basis without benefits in the position of Groundskeeper, at the hourly rate of \$13.00 effective May 21, 2019 contingent upon successful background and drug testing clearance:

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
6. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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		X				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 19-183
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF CUSTOM LANDSCAPE SYSTEMS
TO PERFORM LANDSCAPING AND PLANTINGS AT SOUTH SIDE DOG PARK
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,995.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for Custom Landscape Systems to perform landscape plantings at the South Side Dog Park in an amount not to exceed \$7,995.00; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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		x				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 19-184
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENT SERVICES OF STILO EXCAVATING
FOR A STORM WATER REPAIR ON OAK MANOR PARKWAY AND JOAN STREET
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,289.60

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for the emergent services of Stilo Excavating for a storm water repair on Oak Manor Parkway and Joan Street in the amount of \$6,289.60; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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		x				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 19-185
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND CONDUCT A BID OPENING FOR 2019-2020
CROSSING GUARD SERVICES

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

Authorization is hereby given to the Municipal Clerk to advertise for bids and conduct a bid opening for 2019-2020 Crossing Guard Services with the option of two, one-year extensions.

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		X				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 19-186

AMENDING RESOLUTION 19-172 THAT AUTHORIZED THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TWO 2019 FORD INTERCEPTOR SUV'S FOR \$37,970.75 EACH AND ONE 2019 FORD EXPEDITION FOR \$42,207.50 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM BEYER FORD TO NOW SHOW THE COST FOR THE FORD EXPEDITION TO BE \$43,207.50 INSTEAD

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby amends resolution 19-172 that authorized the NJ State Contract purchase of two 2019 Ford Interceptor SUV's for \$37,970.75 each and one 2019 Ford Expedition for \$42,207.50 for the Police Department from Beyer Ford pursuant to NJ State Contract number #A88730 and #47-CPCPS Item #2 to now show the cost for the Ford Expedition to be \$43,207.50 instead; 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. Police Chief

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		X				
Council President Wolak						x	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 19-187
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL 2019 SUMMER SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE DPW**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, a need exists to supplement the workforce of the Department of Public Works and Borough Hall during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the list below has been recommended by the Administrator and the Superintendent of Public Works with salaries as per the salary Ordinance 2137, and

WHEREAS, the below summer employees for DPW will begin for the working during the summer months through Labor Day, 2019 contingent upon drug testing results;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the South Plainfield Borough Council that the persons listed below be employed as seasonal employees, at the hourly rate in accordance with Ordinance 2137 with no benefits effective during the summer months through Labor Day, 2019, for the Department of Public Works and Borough Hall as indicated:

- Nick Polizzano
- Jeff Plungis
- Jutin Plate Hosein

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Observer as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

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		X				
Council President Wolak						x	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2019-190
AUTHORIZING A 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
OF \$750,000.00 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 2019 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.

Borough of South Plainfield Temporary Budget Amendment CALENDAR YEAR 2019				
CURRENT FUND				AMOUNT
9-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W		25,000
9-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W		10,000
9-01-20-120-000-101	Borough Clerk	S&W		10,000
9-01-20-130-000-101	Finance	S&W		5,000
9-01-20-140-000-204	Computer	O&E		5,000
9-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W		10,000
9-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits	O&E		300,000
9-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W		200,000
9-01-25-240-001-321	Police	O&E		10,000
9-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E		5,000
9-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W		5,000
9-01-28-370-001-445	Recreation	O&E		5,000
9-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E		100,000
9-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W		20,000
9-01-28-370-003-101	Cultural Arts	S&W		500
9-01-25-240-002-101	Traffic Safety	S&W		500
9-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E		10,000
9-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E		10,000
9-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E		5,000
9-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory		9,000
9-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W		5,000
Total CURRENT FUND				750,000

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		X				
Council President Wolak						X	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Commission Minutes – March 30, 2019
- Planning Board Minutes – March 12, 2019
- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – April 2019

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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	8-01	5,116.84
Current Fund	9-01	212,031.17
Pool Utility	9-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	9-07	1,102,799.80
Sewer Utility	8-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	64,513.97
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,451.30
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	30,171.03
Recreation Trust	T-14	4,568.86
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,420,652.97

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Mickey Marcus Esq. – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported progress

Engineer Miller – Hadley Road is scheduled to be paved tomorrow evening. Blackrock on Wednesday will be working road repairs for Laurel Lane, Ford and Geary Drives. We are currently out to bid for South 9th Street and hope to award said bid at the June 3rd meeting.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – We’ve had a tremendous response with the Tiger Sharks registration sign-up. We’re very happy we can keep that program going this Summer. Councilwoman Faustini announced that the Library has now transitioned to a LMXAC automated system. This new system opened up 31 new catalogs for our library card holders.

Councilman Bengivenga – thanked all the vet’s who gave the ultimate sacrifice to serve this country and reminded everyone that Memorial Day services will be on Monday. Councilman Bengivenga concluded by wishing Councilman Vesce a very happy birthday.

Councilman Dean – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support this evening with resolution 19-183. Councilman Dean went on to report that we all had a great time at the car show over the weekend, however, he noticed a lot of debris in the roadway and suggested that whenever we have these events in the downtown area to please have the street sweeper clean the area up prior to the event. Also, on the same note, Councilman Dean noticed debris for a long time around the OEM building area. Mr. Miller said he will take care of it.

Councilman White – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of tonight’s mental health proclamation.

Council President Wolak was absent this evening.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place thanked the governing body for the additional landscape at the dog park. It will be nice to have it for the Cultural Arts dog contest.

Sandy Doyon of Elizabethtown Court asked when the job for a new Recreation Director will be posted. Mr. Cullen explained that we are waiting for Dan Mason to finish authoring the job description and believes it will be posted by the end of this week. Will there be any qualification changes? Mr. Cullen said it will be similar qualifications. Ms. Doyon asked if there has been any internal investigation as to why there was such a breakdown with missing money in the Recreation Department. Mayor Anesh said there is an ongoing police investigation. Ms. Doyon said she is not speaking in terms of the police but internally. Mayor Anesh said it is all still a part of an official investigation at this time by the police, though we have already been putting new practices in place and confirmed that safe guards are going to be put in place. Councilwoman Faustini said some changes have already been put in place such as a new credit card system. Ms. Doyon said she feels the public really needs to know why no one is addressing this and it seems to be going by the wayside. If feels like no one cares and it is a big deal relatively speaking regarding missing money and how much. The town deserves to know about this theft. Mayor Anesh said any amount no matter the size of the town is relevant. Mayor Anesh said a \$1.00 theft would be too much. Ms. Doyon said that someone needs to say that we are looking at this and try to make sure it never happens again and it’s not just falling by the wayside.

Debra Boyle of Van Fleet asked if she can have a copy of the mental health proclamation from this evening as it would be beneficial for the schools. Mayor Anesh said yes and then Ms. Boyle went on to report on various events and dates around town in the coming months.

Mike Zushma of 109 Suzanne Terrace said the Lion’s Club recent eye screening at the grammar schools was a big success.

Ms. Jen Stockel of Delmore Avenue inquired about the status of the community pool. Councilwoman Fausinti explained that it is progressing and Mr. Cullen explained what is forthcoming in this regard.

Nancy Grennier thanked the Governing Body for coming out to the Junior Journalist event.

Mr. Jeff Seider inquired about the amended budget as discussed, this evening. Mr. Cullen reviewed the points he made earlier. Mr. Sider asked if the school resource officers are part of shared services. Mr. Cullen said yes. Mr. Seider said he doesn’t feel this cost should be coming out of the municipal budget at all but feels the school board doesn’t have good budget practices. Mr. Seider asked if the broom operator is out on a daily basis. Mr. Miller said that is the plan, however other things like emergencies that come up can prevent that from occurring. Mr. Seider said Pershing Place and O’Donohue have not been broom swept. Mr. Seider said he feels we should have a full-time dedicated broom operator and went on to mention all his storm sewer drain concerns around town. Mr. Miller said to keep in mind we have over 3,000 storm drains. Councilman Dean said that he supports Mr. Miller if he deems we need to hire more qualified guys to do the job. Mr. Seider asked the status of fixing up the recycling center. Mr. Miller explained. Councilman Dean said our center of town really begins at the Middle School and we need to remember that area is all part of the down town area and we need to be mindful of keeping it clean.

A resident came forward and thanked the governing body for the mental health proclamation this evening expressing the importance of mental health awareness and the stigma surrounding it. His good friend died of it not that long ago.

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. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk