

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2019 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 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 Council President Wolak 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:

- July 29, 2019 – Agenda Meeting
- July 29, 2019 – Public Meeting
- July 29, 2019 – Executive Session

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				
Council President Wolak	X		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance 2150 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 2150

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2144 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 FOR AFSCME UNION EMPLOYEES

The ordinance #2150 read by title upon first reading herewith has been introduced at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on July 15, 2019. In summary, this ordinance provides for the compensation and method of payment of such compensation for the years 2019 through 2023 for AFSCME Union Employees and amends Ordinance 2144 due to typographical errors. The public hearing where further consideration will be made was held on August 12, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ. A full complete copy of this ordinance shall be provided, free of charge prior to adoption, to all those who request said copy at the Borough Clerk's office during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or emailed upon request. A copy is also located on the municipal website and may be freely viewed and printed.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 19-257

AMENDING RESOLUTION 19-248 THAT AUTHORIZED THE PART-TIME HIRING OF VINCENT ESPOSITO AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$13.00 FOR THE POSITION OF GROUNDSKEEPER TO FIX A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

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 amends resolution 19-248 that authorized the Borough to hire Vincent Esposito on a part-time basis without benefits in the position of Groundskeeper, at the hourly rate of \$13.00 effective July 16, 2019 to now have NO contingency for 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				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce		x	X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Wolak	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2019- 258

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH KOTOWSKI FROM THE DPW EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2020

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

It hereby accepts the retirement of Joseph Kotowski from the DPW effective February 1, 2020;

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Joseph Kotowski, DPW
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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				
Council President Wolak	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 19-259

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR CONTRACTING WITH VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, HIRING VETERANS IN THE MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE AND RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF RESIDENTS IN THE CIVIC AFFAIRS OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. (the “LPCL”) permits counties and municipalities to establish by resolution qualified veteran-owned business enterprise (VOB) and service-connected disabled veterans owned business enterprise (SDVOB) contracting programs; known as veterans business entities (VBE) and

WHEREAS, the LPCL further authorizes municipalities to establish goals for the municipality in setting aside a certain percentage of the dollar value of total procurements to be awarded as contract to VBEs; and

WHEREAS, the LPCL provides that municipalities that have set goals for contracts awarded to VOBs shall make a good faith effort to attain any goal by tracking the award of contracts to VBEs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield recognizes the importance of publicly recognizing veterans for their service in the normal course of carrying out local government functions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has determined that, subject to the compliance with the LPCL and other state regulations concerning procurement and New Jersey Civil Service rules concerning hiring that it is in the best interest of the Borough to encourage the participation of veterans in the business of local government, the workforce and in the civic affairs of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following goals are hereby established:

- 1) Proactively notify veteran-owned businesses registered with the State of New Jersey (https://www20.state.nj.us/TYTR_SAVI/vendorSearch.jsp) of each public bid opportunity;
- 2) In the procurement of goods and services and construction, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-42(d), the Borough shall make a good faith effort to award 6% of the total contract dollars to Veteran Business Enterprises. In achieving this goal, the Borough shall consider the portion of any public contract awarded that may be performed by a VOB or SDVOB subcontractor;
- 3) In the hiring of employees, the Borough, subject to all applicable New Jersey Civil Service regulations shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goal of a minimum 5% veteran workforce;
- 4) A discount for veterans on local license and permit fees;
- 5) Preferred parking for veterans in municipally-owned lots;
- 6) Promote State fee exemption for local metered parking;
- 7) A municipal commuter lot permit fee waiver / reimbursement for purple heart recipients;
- 8) Hold at least one “Patriot Day” public celebration honoring the service of veterans on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and/or the anniversary of 9-11;
- 9) Public recognition of the service of a resident of the community who has served in the military on an annual basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to achieve the goals established by this resolution the Borough shall make best efforts, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-43, to advertise to the VOB and SDVOB community the Borough goals, to track the award of public contracts to VOBs and SDVOB subcontractors and assist those enterprises in the participation of the procurement process.

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				
Council President Wolak	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 19-260
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF KIMBERLY ANESH
FROM THE PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Kimberly Anesh from the Public Celebrations Committee effective July 11, 2019; and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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				
Council President Wolak	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 19-261
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL SESSELBERG TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF
12/31/2019**

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

It hereby authorizes the appointment of Bill Sesselberg to the Public Celebrations Committee to fill the unexpired term of Kimberly Anesh to 12/31/2019; and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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				
Council President Wolak	X		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION: 19-262
AUTHORIZING THE CREDIT OF TAX APPEAL JUDGMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,405.75 PERTAINING TO MULTIPLE
PROPERTIES IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Middlesex Tax Court 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 credited.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>		<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Joseph, Dilip P & Anita 2114 Park Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	101	2	2019	\$2,082.44	
O' Leary, Sean 108 Hill Hollow Road South Plainfield, NJ 07080	137	18	2019	\$3,373.31	
Sanchez, M & E, Belz, J & E 142 Oak Tree Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080 {A0961100.1}	254	45	2019	\$1,534.43	

Williams, Michael 32 Diana Drive South Plainfield, NJ 07080	254.02	7	2019	\$435.67
Khushboo Catering, LLC 230 Hamilton Blvd South Plainfield, NJ 07080	259	8	2019	\$5,285.25
Nicastro, Joseph 720 Hamilton Blvd South Plainfield, NJ 07080	327	8	2019	\$601.90
Zelano, Donna 301 Somerset St South Plainfield, NJ 07080	409	2	2019	\$1,522.25
Kapadia, Naresh & Nayna 2032 Hamilton Blvd South Plainfield, NJ 07080	418	2.01	2019	\$1,108.20
Gavilanes, William 129 Lexington Ave South Plainfield, NJ 07080	420	7.01	2019	\$1,205.62
Rowley, John J 104 West Ave South Plainfield, NJ 07080	428	5	2019	\$1,217.80
Pedersen, John 1274 Regency Place South Plainfield, NJ 07080	528.02	12	2019	\$2,435.60
Patel, Hasmukh L & Ashish 1212 Hogan Drive South Plainfield, NJ 07080	528.04	18	2019	\$4,603.28
Total				\$25,405.75*

* No refund check to be issued. Credit will be applied to outstanding taxes.

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 credit(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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				
Council President Wolak	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION 19-263

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO STILO EXCAVATING INC. FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH 9TH STREET PROJECT TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK TO INCLUDE MILLING, REPAVING AND MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS TO DOLORES AVENUE AND WEST FAIRVIEW AVENUE AND TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT \$80,000.00

RESOLUTION 19-264
AUTHORIZING PAUL MELILO’S SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT
FROM THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2019

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

It hereby accepts Paul Meililo’s separation of employment from the Borough of South Plainfield due to scheduling conflicts effective June 6, 2019;
and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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				
Council President Wolak	x		X				

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Monthly Recycling Report – June 2019
- BEDAG Minutes - April 3, 2019
- Zoning Board Minutes – March 19, April 16, and May 7, 2019

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	8-01	0.00
Current Fund	9-01	355,501.54
Pool Utility	9-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	9-07	218,899.82
Sewer Utility	8-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	39,600.00
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	500.00
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	35,881.65
Recreation Trust	T-14	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$650,383.01

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that the sewer bills were mailed out last week with the tax bills to be mailed out this week. The pool bid opening is scheduled for next Wednesday August 7th. There is also a lot of road and rail work taking place around town.

Engineer Miller – The gas company has begun their work near Crisdell and will continue to do work on several roads near there. The South 9th Street contractor is currently working on the survey and paving will begin in the not so distant future weather permitting.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – provided an update that the South Clinton Extension will be closed through Thursday and work on Front Street will begin next Monday. So, expect some traffic delays. Mayor Anesh mentioned that we will send Nixel alerts out.

Councilwoman Faustini – Reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of resolution 19-259 this evening as this resolution will help us enhance our existing Veteran outreach program. Councilman Bengivenga congratulated Joe Vilardo Sr. who was awarded the 2019 Unico National Freedom of Armed Services Award in Nashville Tenn. It’s a well deserved award for him and Councilman Bengivenga thanked him for his service.

Councilman Dean – it was a busy Saturday in town. Cultural Arts did a great job with the Christmas in July event which was very well turned out and went on to congratulate the Tiger Sharks for taking 3rd place this season.

Councilman White – reported that he spoke to the owners of one of the malls who are in the process of finalizing some new leases and once that is settled he will make the announcement of what new entities will be going in.

Council President Wolak – reminded everyone that National Night Out is next Tuesday, August 6th behind the municipal building.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked everyone including DPW for their help with the Christmas in July event and mentioned that it was also sponsored by the Business Advisory Committee. The UNICO will be holding a murder mystery event at the Senior Center for \$25/pp which includes dinner.

Sandra Doyon of Elizabethtown Court asked why the OEM building was not available to use for the Christmas in July event. The Police Chief, who was in the audience, responded by saying because he was short on staffing that particular day. Had the event occurred on the originally scheduled date it would not have been a problem.

Nancy Greinner thanked all those who participated in the Christmas in July event especially the whole committee who worked on it. We received the most compliments ever from the vendors. Also the Santa was the excellent and wore a smile on his face the whole time. There was only one thing that was on the negative side and that was not having an ambulance present during the event which we have had in the past. Ms. Grennier said she did reach out to Chief Ed Laferrera but he never responded back to her in this regard. Council President Wolak said to reach out to him directly next year and he will see to it that an ambulance is present.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor and announced that we are going into a closed session meeting and everyone is welcome to stay if they wish.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Council President Wolak made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Councilman Vesce and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk