

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2019 7:03 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 Councilwoman Faustini 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:**

- September 16, 2019 – Agenda Meeting
- September 16, 2019 – Public Meeting
- September 16, 2019 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**Proclamation** – Dyslexia Awareness Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Councilwoman Faustini expressed her appreciation for this proclamation as her daughter has dyslexia and went on to discuss the many brilliant celebrities who also have dyslexia. Councilwoman Faustini said she invited her daughters reading teacher this evening but unfortunately, she was unable to make it.

Italian Heritage Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Mayor Anesh called forward all Unico members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day – was read in full by Mayor Anesh.

**Public Auction of Surplus Municipal Property Known As:** Block 362, Lot 3 located on Kenneth Avenue in the Borough of South Plainfield. Minimum Bid Amount of \$120,000. Mayor Anesh opened the floor with the minimum bid of \$120,000.00. Mr. Dennis Hado of 100 Dover Place in South Plainfield placed a bid for \$120,000.00. Mayor Anesh called for any more bids. No more bids were submitted. Mr. Hado was advised that he has three days to submit a 10% deposit or to pay in full.

**ORDINANCES:**

The following Ordinance 2156 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for a public hearing and with no public comments made, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2156  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187, TITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC  
SECTIONS 187-10 and 187-28.**

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic Safety Officer has reviewed concerns regarding parking issues involving Parker Avenue and Astor Street, and has recommended that the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance of the Borough be amended as follows:

**DELETE:** SECTION 187-10(A)(2) and replace as follows:

187-10(A)(2), ASTOR STREET:

- A. North side, from South Clinton Avenue to a point 200 feet west
- B. South side, entire length

**DELETE:** SECTION 187-10(A)(33) and replace as follows:

187-10(A)(33), PARKER AVENUE:

- A. West side, from Jersey Street to Seymour Street
- B. East side, entire length

**ADD:** SECTION 187-28(C)(5):

Any location along the entire length of Lake Street.

**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 is hereby amended accordingly.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following Ordinance 2157 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 21, 2019 at approximately 7:00 p.m.:

**ORDINANCE 2157**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2137 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 TO NOW INCLUDE THE POSITION OF RECREATION LEADER**

The ordinance #2157 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 October 7, 2019. In summary, this ordinance amends ordinance 2137 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 part-time employees to now include the position of Recreation Leader. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on October 21, 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION: 19-303**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOR ABANDONED UNCLAIMED VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, the South Plainfield Police Department in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, are in possession of abandoned vehicles due to the failure of the owners claiming such and are now desirous of conducting a public auction on October 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey for the following abandoned vehicles:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	STATUS	MIN. BID
1996	GMC	Sierra	1GTEK19S4TE507095	Fair	\$250.00
2004	Hunda	Sante Fe	KM8SC13E04U599456	Fair	\$250.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the South Plainfield Police Department are hereby authorized to publicly advertise and auction the aforementioned vehicles deemed to be abandoned by their owner(s).

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-304**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIREFIGHTER AND TWO JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS 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 appointments of:

**Allison Kreiss – Firefighter**

511 Brett Place  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

**Steven Zoes – Junior Firefighter**

536 Carmine Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

**Abzari Rashid – Junior Firefighter**

432 Spicer Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighters 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2019-305**

**AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE STATE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE COMPLETED 2019 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY AS PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 PUBLIC MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the State’s Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality’s final 5% allocation of its CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based upon the results of the CY 2018 Best Practices Inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inventory is meant to encourage municipalities to consider and embrace a range of best practices that will help improve financial accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the completed CY2019 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

**WHEREAS**, all the requirements of the CY2019 Best Practices Inventory process have been met by the Borough of South Plainfield;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to certify to the State Division of Local Government Services that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield have reviewed and discussed the completed CY2019 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the October 7, 2019 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-306**

**AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR RENEWAL WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield has participated as a member of the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund ( hereafter the “Fund” ) existing pursuant to Chapter 372, Laws of 1983 (40A:10-36 et. seq.) and is desirous of continuing said membership for a term expiring on December 31, 2022;and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield has determined that continued membership in the Fund is in the best interest of the municipality; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield County of Middlesex the following:

**SECTION 1.** The borough hereby agrees to continue as a member of the Fund for a period commencing January 1, 2020, and terminating on December 31, 2022 for the purpose of securing the following types of insurance coverage:

- a) Workers Compensation and Employer’s Liability
- b) Property Damage (including Buildings and contents, automobile physical damage, contractors equipment, boiler and machinery and public employee blanket bonds)
- c) Motor Vehicle and Equipment Liability.
- d) General Liability including Public Officials and Police Professionals

After the expiration of the three (3) year period of membership, participation may be cancelled or extended in accordance with the By-Laws of the Fund.

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of contribution of sums into the Fund to be designated for administrative costs and claims, the Borough of South Plainfield hereby agrees to obtain the types of coverage from the Fund as set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution and Indemnity and Trust Agreement to be signed by it.

**SECTION 3.** The By-Laws of the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund have been adopted and accepted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Fund as are required by the Fund’s bylaws and to deliver same to the Executive Director of the Fund

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-307**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NJDOT FOR THE METUCHEN ROAD PROJECT**

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION # 19-308**

**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF SWERP INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CURED PIPE LINING TO EXISTING SEWER LOCATED ON BANTA ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,700.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of SWERP Inc. for the installation of cured pipe lining to existing sewer located on Banta Road in an amount not to exceed \$14,700.00; 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. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-309**

**AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING JAMES MOORE, JR. FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$13.50 WITH NO BENEFITS**

**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 on a part-time basis James Moore, Jr. for the DPW, without benefits, at the hourly rate of \$13.50 pursuant to the salary ordinance for such.

**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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 2019-310**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND AND CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 129 ADAMS AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, property known as Lot **10** in Township Block **215** more commonly known as **129 Adams Avenue** in **South Plainfield, NJ** is owned by **Jasen Ortiz**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jasen Ortiz**, who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on **September 5, 2019** as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2019 were generated from the 2018 Assessor’s Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2019, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 in the amount of **\$1,833.12**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2020 in the amount of **\$3,692.81**.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 2019-311**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND AND CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 28 ALLISON STREET IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, property known as Lot **30** in Township Block **195** more commonly known as **28 Allison Street** in **South Plainfield, NJ** is owned by **John J McConville**; and

**WHEREAS**, **John J McConville**, who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on **September 3, 2019** as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2019 were generated from the 2018 Assessor’s Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2019, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 in the amount of **\$2,232.90**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2020 in the amount of **\$4,350.42**.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 2019-312**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND AND CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 1113 MALTBY AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, property known as Lot **19** in Township Block **18** more commonly known as **1113 Maltby Avenue** in **South Plainfield, NJ** is owned by **William J McKnight and Eva Gaddis**; and

**WHEREAS**, **William McKnight**, who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on **September 5, 2019** as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2019 were generated from the 2018 Assessor’s Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2019, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 in the amount of **\$1666.08**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2020 in the amount of **\$3,245.26**.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-313  
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF \$25.00 TO VARIOUS SENIOR(S)  
FOR CANCELLED TRIP(S)**

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

Betty Roberts  
41 Brokaw Blvd  
Plainfield, NJ 07063  
\$25.00 Atlantic City Trip Refund

**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 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-314  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO SNOW PLOWS FOR THE DPW FROM A&K EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN  
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,568.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of two snow plows for the DPW from A&K Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$16,568.00; 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION # 19-315**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF SONNENFELD & TROCCHIA FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**  
**FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL HOUSE**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,500.00**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of retaining a professional to review and administer architectural services for the community pool; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contracts as “Professional Services” without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with **Sonnenfeld & Trocchia of 53 Main Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733** to provide architectural services for the community pool house in an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in one of the Borough’s official newspapers as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION # 19-316**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF DELLA ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES TO REPLACE LIGHTS AT VETERANS PARK**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,300.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Della Electrical Enterprises to replace lights at Veterans Park in an amount not to exceed \$5,300.00; 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. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Health Advisory Board Minutes – September 10, 2019
- Recycling Monthly Report – August 2019
- Traffic Safety Advisory Minutes – July 24, 2019
- Public Celebration Minutes – 8/8/19, 8/21/19, 9/2/19 and 9/9/19
- Recreation Commission Minutes – June 11, 2019

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	8-01	1,014.00
Current Fund	9-01	620,958.96
Pool Utility	9-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	9-07	7,301.28
Sewer Utility	8-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	114,492.28
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	23,095.65
Dog Trust	T-12	46.20
Treasurers Trust	T-13	11,213.88
Recreation Trust	T-14	2,710.25
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	22,181.70
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$803,014.20</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that construction on the community pool began last week. Resolution 19-307 is a supplemental DOT grant and pertains to Metuchen Road. Best Practices are in front of you this evening and the state are putting a lot more pressure on us than ever before especially related to the fact that we have not had a reevaluation in a number of years which was one of the areas we did not score well in. It is a matter that we will need to address in the future.

Engineer Miller – The South 9<sup>th</sup> Street project was completed last week. We are currently out for proposals for our snow removal services. We will be accepting them next week and hope to make an award in this regard at the next meeting.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – advised that basketball sign-ups for both travel and recreation are underway until October 26<sup>th</sup>. Wrestling sign-ups begin this Saturday at the Pal.

Councilman Bengivenga – wished Councilwoman Faustini and Councilman Dean a very happy birthday and went on to report progress.

Councilman Dean - said he just received an inquiry regarding the corner of Grant and Geary's storm basin in which the walls appear to have caved in and on another note, regarding the recent water main break how do they plan on making the repairs on a road that was just paved. Mr. Miller said they will have to mill that section and repave it. Councilman Dean asked if it will be just the part where the break is or will they cross the road. Mr. Miller said it's about 100 feet in and they will mill the whole area and repave it. Councilman Dean asked if this was one of the roads that were on the list of repairs. Mr. Miller said no this was not on their list of repairs.

Councilman White – reported progress.

Council President Wolak – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Mike Zushma expressed his concerns pertaining to no working lights at Monument Park and also mentioned that the sprinkler system has not been used in two years. The American Flag isn't even lit. Mr. Miller said he will look into it because he was under the impression that McCrisken's was maintaining that area.

Mrs. Sandy Doyon of 101 Elizabethtown Court inquired as to the status of the former Recreation Director. Mr. Rizzo Esq. said he does not believe he has been sentenced as of yet. Our municipal insurance carrier will also be reviewing the case; however, they want to review documentation, but the Prosecutor's Office has not yet released it. Mrs. Doyon asked why the new Recreation Director was not appointed by the Governing Body. Mr. Rizzo explained that upon research it is by statute that the hiring is the responsibility of the Recreation Commission and not the Governing Body. Mrs. Doyon asked why the interim Director was hired by the Governing Body. Mr. Rizzo said that it should not have been. Councilwoman Faustini went on to mention the various protocols that the Recreation Commission put in place such as a Community Pass System, a credit card system, various subcommittees, additional signatures, etc. Mrs. Doyon asked if the Governing Body voted to fire the former Recreation Director. Mr. Rizzo said no, he resigned, and the Governing Body did not accept his resignation.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet reported on various events and dates forthcoming throughout the Borough.

Mr. Cullen mentioned this past Friday we met with public service who are about to do their next round of gasoline replacement. Mr. Miller is still looking over all the information regarding it. O'Donohue is one of the streets we are doing.

Nancy Grennier announced that Holy Redeemer Cemetery is having their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 19<sup>th</sup> and went on to ask why the covering over the picnic table at Putnam Park is gone. Mayor Anesh said he is not aware of that and other said they believe it to be there. Mr. Miller said he will check it out.

A resident by the name of Marilyn of Lorraine Avenue inquired if the surplus land that was auctioned off this evening was wetlands. Mr. Miller said there is minimal wetlands on the property, but it is deemed to be a buildable lot based upon our consults who looked at it. The majority of the wetlands is located on the lot next to this one and not on the one that was sold this evening.

Mr. Mike Zushma advised that the Lions Club will be doing eye screens at seven schools this year.

Councilman Dean asked for verification that the Recreation Commission is responsible for the hiring of all their people and if they are to do the firing. Mr. Cullen said his understanding is that the Recreation Director position is a three-year appointment made by the Recreation Commission. Councilman Dean asked if the regular staff is appointed by the Recreation Commission. Mr. Rizzo said yes. Councilman Dean said there has been a number of resolutions hiring recreation staff through the Borough Council. Councilwoman

Faustini asked if he is referring to the seasonal workers. Councilman Dean said the Recreation Secretary was hired by the Borough Council. Councilman Bengivenga said in the past the hiring has been at the advice and consent of Council so they could interview. The town gives a budget to the Recreation Department which provides the funds for the staffing. Now according to Paul's research, the Recreation Commission is to do the hiring so that is what will be done from now on.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor at 7:36 p.m. 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 8:10 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk