

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 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 Councilman Vesce 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 2, 2019 – Agenda Meeting

December 2, 2019 – Public Meeting

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>4</b>	<b>0</b>			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**Presentation** – Promotion and Swearing in of Police Officers (*Resolution #19-371A below*)

#19-371A Authorizing the promotions of the following three Police Officers with an annual salary pursuant to the salary ordinance and/or local contract

- Lieutenant Peter Papa will be promoted to Captain
- Sergeant Christopher Colucci will be promoted to Lieutenant
- K9 Officer Michael Grasso will be promoted to Sergeant

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>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Council President Wolak read a brief bio for each officer. Mayor Anesh swore in each office with their family members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media, family and friends present. Mayor Anesh and each Council member expressed well wishes to all. Councilman White read the patrolman’s prayer. Chief Parker thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support and congratulated his officers on their promotion.

Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess at 7:22 p.m.  
 Mayor Anesh called the meeting back to order at 7:27 p.m.

**ORDINANCES:**

The following Ordinance 2159 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2159**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2147 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 NON-UNION, COMMISSION AND BOARD SECRETARIES**

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 July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019:

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - all ordinance or parts in consistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Spanish Interpreting Services	\$1,896.74	\$1,939.41	\$1,987.90	\$2,037.60	\$2,088.54
Code Enforcement Officer	\$5,112.50	\$5,227.53	\$5,358.22	\$5,492.18	\$5,629.48
Deputy Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	\$1,310.00	\$1,339.48	\$1,372.96	\$1,407.29	\$1,442.47
Building Maintenance Worker	\$23,238.60	\$23,761.47	\$24,355.51	\$24,964.40	\$25,588.51
Recreation Housekeeper	\$12,938.39	\$13,229.50	\$13,560.24	\$13,899.25	\$14,246.73
Engineering Secretary	\$5,209.64	\$5,326.85	\$5,460.03	\$5,596.53	\$5,736.44
Police off duty – Billing Clerk	\$7,634.00	\$7,805.76	\$8,000.90	\$8,200.92	\$8,405.95
Police off duty – Payroll Clerk	\$4,391.00	\$4,489.80	\$4,602.05	\$4,717.10	\$4,835.02
Police off duty – Trust Analysis Clerk	\$1,255.00	\$1,283.24	\$1,315.32	\$1,348.20	\$1,381.91
Secretary - Recycling Commission	\$1500	\$1650	\$1750	\$1750	\$1750
Secretary- Recreation Commission*	\$150	\$165	\$175	\$175	\$175
Secretary - Traffic Safety Commission*	\$150	\$165	\$175	\$175	\$175
Secretary - Environmental Commission*	\$150	\$165	\$175	\$175	\$175
Secretary - Cultural Arts Commission*	\$150	\$165	\$175	\$175	\$175
Secretary – Health Advisory Board*	\$2,956 (salaried)	\$165	\$175	\$175	\$175
* Per Meeting Basis					

inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the laws of New Jersey.

This ordinance will become effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the law.

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				
		VOTE:	5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following Ordinance 2160 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.

**ORDINANCE 2160**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2129 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 FOR NON-UNION PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNING BODY**

The ordinance #2160 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 December 2, 2019. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinance 2129 that provides for the compensation of and method of payment of such compensation for the years 2019 through 2023 for non-union professionals and Governing Body to adjust the Registrar Salary and remove the title of Health Board Secretary. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on December 16, 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	X				
Councilman Dean						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Council President Wolak			X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following Ordinance 2161 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.

**ORDINANCE 2161**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2136 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 DPW TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 469**

The ordinance #2161 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 December 2, 2019. In summary, this ordinance provides for the compensation and method of payment of such compensation for the years 2019 through 2023 for DPW Teamsters Local Union 469 to now include Mechanics Supervisor position. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on December 16, 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		X				
Councilman Dean						X	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			x				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Wolak			X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 2019-372**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,666.08 PERTAINING TO 1113 MALTBY AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their taxes and have requested refunds:

**Block 18 ; Lot 19  
William & Eva McKnight  
1113 Maltby Ave  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
\$1666.08**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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: 2019-373**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1313.22 PERTAINING TO 110 NORWAY LANE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 282 Lot 33  
Stephen Pearson  
110 Norway Lane  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
\$1313.22**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
CoreLogic Refunds Dept.  
P.O. Box 9202**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2019-374**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226.49 PERTAINING TO 1919 TERRACE AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their taxes and have requested refunds:

**Block 61 Lot 24  
Richard Muglia  
1919 terrace avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
\$226.49**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 19-375**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3152.89 PERTAINING TO 1640 NEW MARKET AVE. IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 455 Lot 2, Block 144 Lot 8, Block 144 Lot 10, Block 451 Lot 1, Block 451 Lot 4, Block 451 Lot 5, Block 455 Lot 1**

Harris Structural Steel Co. Inc.  
1640 New Market Ave.  
South Plainfield, N.J. 07080  
**\$3152.89**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Harris Structural Steel Co. Inc.  
1640 New Market Ave.  
South Plainfield, N.J. 07080**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 19-376**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,198.70 PERTAINING TO 1260 STELTON ROAD IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their sewer and have requested refunds:

**Block 517 ; Lot 1 Q-C1819,21,23,25,27,0311,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,31,32,33,34,-C1714,16,18,20,22,24,26,28  
JSM AT TINGLEY, LLC  
1260 Stelton Road  
Piscataway, NJ 8854  
\$13,198.70**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 19-377**  
**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 December 27, 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
1997	Chevrolet	Blazer	1GNNDT13W1V2261414	Fair	\$200.00
2002	Acura	RSX	JH4DC54892C037313	Fair	\$600.00
2003	Mazda	Pro	JM1BJ225030196505	Fair	\$200.00

**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	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Council President Wolak		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-378**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO MIDATLANTIC CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN ASSOCIATES INC. FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY POOL TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK TO NOW INCLUDE ADDITIONAL UNFORESEEN WORK ON THE POOL SHELL AND TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$154,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the additional project scope of the Improvements to the South Plainfield Community Pool to now include additional unforeseen work on the shell of the pool. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the contract unit prices and the original contract amount of \$2,238,000.00 will be increased \$154,000.00 for a new contract amount of \$2,392,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/BA
2. Amy Antonides, Clerk
3. Charles Schneider, Project Manager / Brandstetter Carroll
4. Joe Ramirez, MidAtlantic Construction & Design Associates
5. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 19-379**

**AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2020; TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,171,253.00, TOTAL SEWER UTILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000.00, AND TOTAL POOL UTILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,459.00**

**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 CY2020 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary budget set forth below 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 pursuant to the attached itemization from the Chief Financial Officer of Total General Appropriations is in the amount of \$7,171,253.00; Total Sewer Utility in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 and Total Pool Utility in the amount of \$59,459.00 are hereby authorized and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the Budget document is attached.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 19-380**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 26:8-15 FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO JANUARY 4, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics due to the retirement of Harriet Wagner effective midnight December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the office of the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics effective midnight December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-15 the appointing authority is required to appoint a new Registrar of Vital Statistics to fill said vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the next scheduled meeting for the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield is January 4, 2020, which creates a void in the offices of Registrar of Vital Statistics and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics from January 1, 2020 to January 4, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby appoints Amy Antonides (CMR#2250) to the position of Acting Registrar of Vital Statistics through January 4, 2020 at which time a Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics shall be appointed at the Borough Council reorganization meeting of January 4, 2020 at 12 noon;

**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. NJ Dept. of Health, Office of Vital Statistics; Vincent Arrisi

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-381**  
**AUTHORIZING 2019 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
**\$90,000.00 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.

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>				
<b>FROM:</b>				<b>AMOUNT</b>
9-01-20-150-000-101	Assessment of Taxes		S&W	2,000.00
9-01-20-155-000-101	Legal		S&W	2,000.00
9-01-23-210-000-655	Other Insurance		O&E	10,000.00
9-01-23-220-000-621	Health Insurance		O&E	43,000.00
9-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official		S&W	10,000.00
9-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges		O&E	3,000.00
9-01-31-420-001-555	Electric		O&E	5,000.00
9-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance		S&W	7,000.00
9-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation		S&W	5,000.00
9-01-36-472-000-675	SSI		Statutory	3,000.00
<b>Total FROM:</b>				<b>90,000.00</b>
<b>TO:</b>				<b>AMOUNT</b>
9-01-20-165-000-101	Engineering		S&W	500.00
9-01-20-165-000-235	Engineering		O & E	1,000.00
9-01-25-240-001-102	Police		S&W	14,000.00
9-01-25-240-001-321	Police		O & E	14,000.00
9-01-25-240-002-101	Traffic Safety Advisory Board		S&W	400.00
9-01-25-265-001-101	Fire		S&W	100.00
9-01-26-290-001-102	DPW Administration		S&W	2,000.00
9-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance		S&W	18,000.00
9-01-26-290-003-102	Snow		S&W	9,000.00
9-01-26-305-003-102	Recycling		S&W	3,000.00
9-01-26-310-000-102	Public Buildings & Grounds		S&W	3,000.00
9-01-27-330-001-102	Board of Health		S&W	2,000.00
9-01-27-330-001-235	Board of Health		O & E	1,000.00
9-01-29-390-000-235	Library		O & E	100.00
9-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave		O & E	7,000.00
9-01-28-370-002-485	Office on Aging		O & E	4,000.00
9-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone		O & E	3,400.00
9-01-31-445-001-581	Water		O & E	2,000.00
9-01-31-465-001-565	Gasoline		O & E	1,000.00
9-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill		O & E	4,500.00
9-01-44-901-000-235	Capital Improvement Fund		Capital	
<b>Total TO:</b>				<b>90,000.00</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-382**  
**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CURRENT YEAR UNEXPENDED BALANCES IN CURRENT FUND TO BE CREDITED TO SURPLUS**

**WHEREAS**, the following CY2019 Current Fund budget appropriation reserve balances remain unexpended:

***CURRENT FUND***

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9-01-23-220-000-621	Health Benefits O&E	\$80,000.00
9-01-25-250-000-101	911 S&W	\$10,000.00
9-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance O&E	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Current Operations</b>		<u><b>\$100,000.00</b></u>

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to surplus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the above listed unexpended balances in the Current Fund be cancelled.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2019-383**  
**AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX OFFICE OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES AND THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION GRANT ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR CY2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield and the County of Middlesex recognize the critical role the South Plainfield Senior Center provides to seniors throughout South Plainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield and the County of Middlesex further recognizes the need for transportation assistance to seniors and physically needy residents throughout the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield has applied for funding necessary to provide assisted transportation support to South Plainfield’s Seniors from the County of Middlesex Office of Aging and Disability Services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough hereby recognizes that:

1. The South Plainfield Borough Council does hereby authorize submission and acceptance of a CY2020 Assisted Transportation Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00.
2. The South Plainfield Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for the administering of the Assisted Transportation grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 2019-384**

**AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX OFFICE OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES AND THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD INFORMATION ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00 FOR CY2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield and the County of Middlesex recognize the critical role the South Plainfield Senior Center provides to seniors throughout South Plainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield and the County of Middlesex further recognizes the need for information and assistance to the seniors throughout the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield has applied for funding necessary to provide information and assistance support to South Plainfield’s Seniors from the County of Middlesex Office of Aging and Disability Services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough hereby recognizes that:

1. The South Plainfield Borough Council does hereby authorize submission and acceptance of a CY2020 Information and Assistance Grant in the amount of \$6,000.00.
2. The South Plainfield Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for the administering of the Information and Assistance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 19-385**

**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CURRENT YEAR UNEXPENDED BALANCES IN SEWER UTILITY FUND TO BE CREDITED TO SEWER SURPLUS**

**WHEREAS**, the following CY2019 Sewer Utility Fund budget appropriation reserve balances remain unexpended:

**CURRENT FUND**

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9-07-55-515-002-101	Sewer Salaries S&W	\$55,000.00

**Total Sewer Operations** \$55,000.00

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to surplus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the above listed unexpended balances in the Sewer Utility Fund be cancelled.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 19-386**

**AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE PLAINFIELD AREA HUMANE SOCIETY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00 PER YEAR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM**

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

authorization is hereby given for the Mayor and Borough Administrator and/or Municipal Clerk to execute the renewal of a three-year contract for Animal Control Services between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Plainfield Area Humane Society for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to NJSA 40:48-5.1, the Plainfield Area Humane Society, being an association not organized for pecuniary profit, is exempt from all laws requiring advertisement of bids.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 19-387**

**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF IMPROVEMENT BALANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 3,375.42**

**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 improvement balances according to the following Schedule of Improvement Authorizations:

Borough of South Plainfield  
Schedule of Improvement Authorizations to be Cancelled:

Ordinance Number	Description	AMOUNT
1579	Sanitary Sewers	25.82
1651	Pump Station Generator	30.50
1716	Storm Sewers & Mainholes	377.00
1942	Sewer Jet	164.13
1999	Sewer Equipment Hadley Station	2,677.97
2053	Acquisition of Air Compressor	100.00
Total		3,375.42
	<b>Sewer Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>3,211.29</b>
	<b>Sewer Fund Balance</b>	<b>164.13</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,375.42</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 19-388**

**AUTHORIZING A BUILDING PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2904 PARK AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Building Official confirms that the owner had inadvertently paid a permit fee for a shed twice and as such has requested a refund of the \$50.00 representing the duplicate permit fee;

**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 refund check(s) in the amount(s) of \$50.00 to the following:

**Tom Paterson**  
**2904 Park Avenue**  
**South Plainfield, NJ 07080**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 19-389  
AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY  
OWNED BY NETTIE Y. CHRISTIAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield holds a Mortgage to secure obligations of Nettie Y. Christian, the owner of premises at 1267 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080; and

**WHEREAS**, Nettie Y. Christian has passed away; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mortgage was executed pursuant to the South Plainfield Home Improvement Program to provide monetary assistance for repairs to certain homes, and the Mortgage was issued to secure a loan of \$30,950.00 for such repairs to the residence of Nettie Y. Christian; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been confirmed that repairs were never performed, and no funds were issued by the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Attorney are hereby authorized to execute such documents as will permit the discharge of the Mortgage to Nettie Y. Christian, now deceased, to the Borough of South Plainfield, recorded on January 22, 2015 in the Office of the Middlesex County Registrar at Mortgage Book 15881, Page 0683.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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 19-390  
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF IMPROVEMENT BALANCES  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,542.93**

**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 improvement balances according to the following Schedule of Improvement Authorizations:

Borough of South Plainfield  
Schedule of Improvement Authorizations to be Cancelled:

Ordinance Number	Description	AMOUNT
1944	Various Improvements	604.50
1966	Various Improvements	21.00
1998	Tax Refunding	0.35
2003	Storm Sewer	917.08
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,542.93</b>
	<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>1,521.58</b>
	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>21.35</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,542.93</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 2019-391**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2748.74 PERTAINING TO 111 FRONT ST. UNIT 1 IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 266 Lot 7 Qual. C0001**

Ruby Ramos  
111 Front St Unit 1  
South Plainfield, N.J. 07080  
**\$2748.74**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**5/3 Bank**  
**c/o CORELOGIC**  
**P.O. Box 9202 Attn: Refunds**  
**Coppell, Texas 75019**

**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 check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Property Maintenance Monthly Report – November 2019
- Zoning Board Minutes – August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17, 2019
- Environmental Commission Minutes – October 9, 2019
- Traffic Safety Commission Minutes – September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 23, 2019

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>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	8-01	7013.12
Current Fund	9-01	487,431.00
Pool Utility	9-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	9-07	51,530.06
Sewer Utility	8-07	29,000.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	266,863.47
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	24,098.57
Dog Trust	T-12	17,157.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	0.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,630.76
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	600.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$885,333.78</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>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Mickey Marcus – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that 2019 should be finishing with the highest ratable base ever. On another note, Mr. Cullen just received the Moody's & Poor report which will be on the next agenda as correspondence. It is a very positive report similar to last year's with a AA2 rating.

Engineer Miller – reported on an emergent sewer line repair off Hadley Road. Emergency repairs have taken place. Mr. Cullen said we will have a resolution in this regard on the agenda in January.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Elect Smith – Wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilwoman Elect Mott – Wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilman Vesce – wished everyone a happy holiday and reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – thanked all the volunteers for their service and went on to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza and happy everything.

Councilman Bengivenga – wished everyone Merry Christmas, happy holidays and went on to state what a pleasure it has been to work with both Councilman Dean and Vesce over the past three years.

Councilman Dean – was absent this evening.

Councilman White – wished everyone happy holidays and New Year and thanked Councilman Vesce and Dean for always being there when he needed them.

Council President Wolak – thanked Councilman Dean and Vesce for the past three years of service to the council and went on to express what a nice experience it was for him as Council President over the past year.

Mayor Anesh – also thanked Councilman Dean and Vesce for their server over the past three years and wished everyone happy holidays. Mayor Anesh announced that the annual reorganization meeting will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 12 Noon at Borough Hall.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place asked for the status of the work on Plainfield Avenue. Mr. Cullen advised that they have decided not to switch to days. The weather threw off the schedule a little. They are still a week or two away from potential completion. Ms. Lepore thanked the Council for all their support with the Cultural Arts events. There is a last call for the holiday decorating contest.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet extended her condolences at the passing of Shirley Thompson's husband. February 4<sup>th</sup> is the next blood drive at the high school.

Leon Gwiazdowski of Selene Avenue asked for the status the tree issue he is having with his neighbor. Mr. Marcus Esq. said he believes there to be a resolve with his neighbor. Mr. Gwiazdowski expressed concerns if his neighbor doesn't abide by their agreement. Mr. Marcus Esq. said we will need to wait and see what happens. Mr. Gwiazdowski asked what the status of Mr. Rizzo Esq. calling other towns. Mr. Marcus said he is uncertain.

With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh announced at 7:50 p.m. we are going into executive session 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. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m., seconded by Council President Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk