

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2020 7:03 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**\*Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Council President 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:**

May 4, 2020 – Agenda Meeting

May 4, 2020 - Public Meeting

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

**Proclamation** – Police Week was read in full by Mayor Anesh.

The below ordinance 2174 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments made, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE No. 2174**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2072 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF  
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT  
OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2020 FOR PART TIME SEASONAL COMMUNITY  
POOL HELP**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> of the years shown.

<b>Pool Budget 2020</b>			
<b>Employees</b>			
<b>Employee Type</b>	<b>Rate per Hour</b>		<b>Stipend for Summer</b>
Non-Certified Staff*	\$10.50		
Lifeguard (Tier 1)*	\$12.75		
Lifeguard (Tier 2)*	\$13.25		
Lifeguard (Tier 3)*	\$13.75		
Assistant Managers	\$19.00		
Head Manager			\$12,500.00
Assitant Swim Coach**			\$2,250.00
Head Swim Coach**			\$5,500.00
*Swim Instruction will pay an additional \$1.00/per hour from hourly rate.			
**Swim Team rates are based on a full season. In light of COVID-19, if the season is adjusted, the rate will be adjusted accordingly.			

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.

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

The below ordinance 2175 was introduced and read by title by Clerk Antonides. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 1, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCE # 2175**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. A. 40A:4-45.1 *et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of

the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield find it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$862,510.25 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$862,510.25 and that the 2020 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

**BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Cullen briefed the Governing Body on the status of the introduced budget. Mr. Cullen advised that some time ago he had mentioned that the Borough would be significantly fiscally impacted by COVID-19. We have done a lot of things from an expense standpoint about furloughing some staff. The budget itself is up roughly \$325,000.00 from a year ago which is only 1%. So, from a spending perspective we have been able to keep things in check. We have, however, suffered a significant loss in revenues. We have a \$300,000.00 reduction in surplus, a \$253,000.00 reduction in Building Department fees, Hotel Tax is down almost \$125,000.00, and our Court revenue is down almost \$104,000.00. The introduced budget right now has a \$111.90 increase. Just in loss of revenues that is \$60.00 of the \$111.90. Our Debt Service is up \$21.50. The required employee contributions is up another \$11.50. Recycling is up \$134,000.00 which is another \$10.00. When you add all that up you come to \$111.90. There are still a lot of unknowns right now. There are unknowns with some of the legislation, specifically the ability to furlough staff. We are looking at various mechanisms to save some dollars. I am not sure how much better the budget introduction will be by the time we adopt. The state has not come out with their aid number yet. We will be looking at any more changes we can make by the time of the budget adoption and see what the legislature comes out with to assist municipalities. We will have a special meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing on the budget and anticipate adopting the budget at our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is just a lot of variables in this process.

Councilman Bengivenga reiterated what Mr. Cullen said. We have been looking closely at this for the past two months. We saw revenues were getting worse and worse. We did put certain things in place to save us on salaries and wages. If you look at the budget municipal salaries are up less than 1% year after year and the entire budget is up only 1%, it's only the revenue side that we are hurting on. We are hoping for some legislation to help put us to be in a better position and obviously opening up things will help. Councilman Bengivenga said he doesn't know how much better it will get, especially with the court. There's going to need to be a lot of catch-up that will have to be made. The budget that we introduce tonight is a good starting point. Credit goes to the Mayor and Mr. Cullen who put things in place so our situation wouldn't be worse than it is. Everyone in this state is experiencing the effects of this. Governor Murphy said there is a \$10 billion shortfall he anticipates. Because we were very proactive in the beginning that's why we

are where we are today. Councilman Bengivenga concluded by saying he looks forward to working with everyone over the next two months to see how we can improve upon this.

Mayor Anesh said there have been a few positive developments recently. Last week the Governor came out with an executive order to begin all non-essential construction and all non-essential retail establishments can open for curbside pick-up. We do have some large building projects in town taking place like LA Fitness. Hopefully in the coming days we will see an even better picture. It will be a slow crawl back to normalcy. Even when things start to open again certain revenues will be slow to come. The last thing we want to see is a high unemployment rate which will obviously affect all our residents and residents throughout the state. This is a tough challenge to face and the biggest one we've had in at least a decade. There's been a lot of smart budgeting and cost effectiveness taking place. Mr. Cullen watches every penny. There is no bullet proof solution to this, and municipalities are all in the same boat. Legislators are all looking for aid to the municipalities to help offset the loss in revenues.

Council President Faustini thanked everyone for all their hard work on this budget. Mr. Cullen reiterated that the public hearing for the budget will be at a special meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>, with adoption date of July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION 2020-162  
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO READ THE PROPOSED  
2020 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building, with copies available to any persons requesting same as well as posted on the Municipal Website; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Clerk shall fulfill her responsibilities of insuring the availability of the Municipal Budget to the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the CY 2020 Municipal Budget be read by title only and not in full.

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 20-162A  
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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	x		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		x	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-163**  
**AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby introduces the 2020 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached 2020 proposed municipal budget, read by title by the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield during introduction on May 18, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing relative to said budget will be conducted on June 29, 2020 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. A full complete copy of the proposed 2020 Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk during normal business hours as well as is posted on the Municipal Website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2020 Municipal Budget Revenue and Appropriation Summaries shall be published in The Courier News and The Observer prior to the aforementioned public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following;

1. Director of Local Government Services
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer/Administrator
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. The Courier News and The Observer

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 20-164**  
**AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-122 THAT AUTHORIZED THE**  
**MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE**  
**A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE**  
**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SYNTHETIC**  
**TURF FIELD AT THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE FACILITY**

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted to amend Resolution 20-122 that authorized the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a shared service agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Board of Education for the maintenance of the synthetic turf field at Jost Field to instead provide for the maintenance of the turf field at the Police Athletic League (PAL) facility; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Alex Benanti, BOE Business Administrator

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

**RESOLUTION 20-165  
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS FOR CANCELLED EVENTS  
AND SECURITY DEPOSITS**

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

Diana Termini  
130 West Hendricks Blvd  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
\$200 sec dep & hall rental cancelled event

Mildred David  
311 Edgar Ave.  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
Private Event 4/19/2020  
\$150 refund (\$400 refund was previously approved under resolution 20-139)

**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				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-166  
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF GARRY AUMACK FROM THE POSITION OF SUB-CODE PLUMBING  
INSPECTOR FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Garry Aumack from the position of Sub-Code Plumbing Inspector for the South Plainfield Building Department effective May 22, 2020, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Dominic Demico, Building Department

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

**RESOLUTION 20-167**  
**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED BAIL FUNDS FROM THE MUNICIPAL COURT TOTALING \$5,462.00 TO THE BOROUGH OPERATING ACCOUNT**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that based upon the recommendation of the Municipal Court Administrator that \$5,462.00 for unclaimed bail funds from account 7850174389 shall be transferred to the Borough’s operating account.

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Yolanda Diaz, Court Administrator

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

**RESOLUTION 20-168**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND**  
**THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING**  
**THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT**  
**FOR THE SAME.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that they hereby authorize the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Board of Education for School Resource Officers (SROs) with a term of September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with an option to renew for three years pursuant to NJ Shared Contract provisions;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Shared Service Agreement and that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn F. Cullen, JR., CFO/Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. James Parker, Chief of Police
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Alex Benanti, BOE Business Administrator

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

**RESOLUTION: 20-169**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27.96 PERTAINING TO 30 CAMPBELL STREET 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 517 Lot 1 Qual -C1230**  
 30 Campbell Street  
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**\$27.96**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Corelogic**  
**PO Box 9202**  
**Coppell, TX 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				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 20-170**

**AUTHORIZING A SEWER CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO CURRENT PERIOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$917.46 PERTAINING TO 1254 NEW MARKET AVENUE**

**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 been overbilled for sewer due to a water line break; and therefore, the bill shall be adjusted accordingly:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

Block 284, Lot 2 Acct# 5357-1  
 So. Plainfield Elks Club Lodge # 2298  
 1254 New Market Avenue  
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**- \$917.46**



**\* No refund check to be issued. Adjustment will be applied to current period.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to adjust bill by amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith							X
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-171  
AUTHORIZING A 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT  
OF \$100,000.00 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 2020 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 are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
0-01-20-130-000-235	Finance	O&E	3,000
0-01-20-140-000-101	Computer	S&W	4,000
0-01-20-140-000-331	Computer	O&E	5,000
0-01-20-145-000-101	Taxes	S&W	2,000
0-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	5,000
0-01-20-150-000-221	Assessing	O&E	1,000
0-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	60,000
0-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance	O&E	50,000
0-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits	O&E	200,000
0-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	311,000
0-01-25-240-001-235	Police	O&E	5,000
0-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	50,000
0-01-25-265-001-325	Fire Department	O&E	15,000
0-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	25,000
0-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	10,000
0-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	60,000
0-01-26-290-002-445	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E	5,000
0-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	2,000
0-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O&E	25,000
0-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	15,000
0-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000
0-01-27-330-002-101	Youth Aid	S&W	2,000
0-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	15,000
0-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	5,000
0-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E	100,000
0-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	15,000
0-01-43-490-000-102	Court	S&W	5,000
<b>Total CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>1,000,000</b>

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

**RESOLUTION: 20-172**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,380.99 PERTAINING TO 88 TYLER PLACE 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 468 Lot 3  
88 Tyler Pl.  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**\$14,380.99**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**88 TYLER LLC  
336 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD  
MELVILLE, NY 11747**

**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				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-173  
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOMINIC DEMICO AS A  
TEMPORARY PLUMBING AND PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL AT THE MONTHLY RATE OF \$591.08  
EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2020**

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

It hereby appoints Dominic Demico as a temporary Plumbing and Plumbing Subcode Official at the monthly rate of \$591.08 effective May 26, 2020; and

**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. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Dominic Demico, Construction Official

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

**RESOLUTION 20-174  
AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRINGS FOR THE DPW  
AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$14.00  
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., Ryan Harris, Dominic Alexander, and Dylan O'Connor for the DPW, without benefits, at the hourly rate of \$14.00 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 Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Board of Health Monthly Report – April 20203
- Recycling Monthly Report – April 2020
- Recreation Minutes – March 10, 2020

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	19-01	0.00
Current Fund	20-01	334,340.68
Pool Utility	20-26	0.00
Pool Utility	19-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	20-07	914.82
Sewer Utility	19-07	11,748.55
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	175,049.50
Pool Capital	C-27	10,116.57
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,226.86
Dog Trust	T-12	270.60
Treasurers Trust	T-13	840.72
Recreation Trust	T-14	18,627.19
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	11,030.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$564,165.49</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			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 – agreed with Mayor Anesh that this isn't a new normal it will be just slow to get back to normal. We are going to do everything we can to keep costs down and look for any revenue opportunities.

Engineer Miller – reported that the road projects are underway. The road project for St. Nicholas we are currently out to bid for which will be funded all by a DOT grant.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – expressed that he was glad to see the police proclamation this evening. Councilman Wolak thanked Mr. Cullen and Councilman Bengivenga for all their work they did on the budget. To conclude Councilman Wolak said he looks forward to and hopes to hear some good news in the coming days that a vaccine has been found. We're all due to hear some good news.

Councilman White – Asked to keep all of our first responders in our prayers as we continue to fight the COVID-19 battle. Councilman White thanked the Hometown Hero Banner Committee. There were 62 applications received and 62 banners will be displayed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. At 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Memorial Day, all are encouraged to step outside their homes and recite the pledge of allegiance or play the Star Spangled Banner to honor all those who have sacrificed their lives for our country. Councilman Bengivenga interjected saying that this week is also EMS Week and we thank them for all that they do. Hats off to them as always.

Councilman Smith – thanked Mr. Cullen and Councilman Bengivenga for their dedication and hard work on the budget. Councilman Smith went on to also thank Mr. Miller and Mr. Rizzo for their continuing work in the Borough behind the scenes particularly with the DPW. Also regarding Police Week, we need to congratulate and thank all our fine officers and first responders for the work they do in keeping our community safe. We pray we continue to be a strong community.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress and noted that his father has made it back to New Jersey and is doing well.

Council President Faustini – thanked all those who donated food to our seniors. The Senior Center still has masks available for curbside pick-up. The liner around the big pool should be put in next week and the fixtures were installed today. There have been delays on the pool construction due to COVID-19. We still hope to be ready to open the pool maybe around July 1<sup>st</sup>, but it does depend on what the Governor will allow. We are also still unsure of the Labor Day Parade. We will still hold the fireworks, as that can be a socially distant event. We will be moving forward with that, however, we are planning to have them on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> instead of the night of Labor Day as it is a significant savings to the Borough to do that. On another note, recreation refunds for cancelled programs are scheduled to be sent out this week.

Mayor Anesh – noted that for the first time Mr. Cullen put out a notice that there were no new COVID-19 cases this week. As of tonight, there were two additional cases bringing the total to 483. At our prior council meeting we passed a Light the Fight Resolution asking residents to join in. We rescheduled the candle lighting at the school from last Thursday evening to this Thursday evening. Mayor Anesh emphasized that this will be a drive by event only. Walk-byes are highly discouraged. The lights will probably remain on until around 9:30-10 p.m. Mayor Anesh asked Ms. Antonides about the status of the Primary Election. Ms. Antonides responded by saying that the Primary Election has been moved to July 7<sup>th</sup>. Some determination still has yet to be made as to exactly how many polling location(s) will be available. The Governor's Executive Order said that there is to be a minimum of at least one polling location in each municipality, however, votes are to be provisional only, with an exception of allowing machine use for only ADA assessable needs. Ms. Antonides advised that she hopes to learn more via a conference call later this week with the County Board of Elections. Councilman White asked what the procedure will be if someone were to accidentally throw away their live ballot that they received in the mail. Ms. Antonides said she will ask the County Board of Elections and get back to him with that answer.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet extended blessings to everyone and went on to ask Councilman White about the Hometown Hero banners.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place on behalf of the Cultural Arts Commission thanked everyone for sharing their photos for the monthly photo contest. Please continue to share the photos with the community. Ms. Lepore asked about the PSE&G resurfacing project. Councilman Bengivenga said that due to COVID-19 the project has been delayed but we will negotiate with them on the resurfacing in the future.

Without any further comment 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 Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk