SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2022 7:05 P.M. PUBLIC MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically 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	Virtual		
Council President Faustini	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 White said the invocation.

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting the hybrid virtual meeting this evening. All lines will be muted until such time that the floor is open for public comment. Each phone call or virtual hand raise will be taken one at a time. To unmute the microphone, just click on the red microphone picture that has a line through it. It will then turn green indicating you have been unmuted and may begin to speak. Callers may dial 1-646-922-2010 followed by the access code of 126 663 1990 #. Using the pound button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

<u>Public Comment:</u> Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Mayor Anesh also awaited virtual hand raises; he then unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public in-person and virtual, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

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COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith		X	X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh - TIE ONLY						•	•

Proclamations:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Councilwoman Faustini read a prepared statement expressing appreciation for the proclamation from a member of Pink Socks who was not able to be present this evening. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media and friends present.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Marge Ackerman and a fellow member of the Domestic Violence Prevention Team came forward to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media and friends present.

Dyslexia Awareness Month was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Ava Faustini came forward to accept the proclamation and said a few words expressing some of the challenges those with dyslexia deal with on a daily basis. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media and friends present.

Italian Heritage Mongh was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Unico Chapter members came forward to accept the proclamation and expressed some words of appreciation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media and friends present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2242 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

BOND ORDINANCE #2242

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$450,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$23,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$427,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	Appropriation & Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes	Period of <u>Usefulness</u>
a) Improvements to Municipal Buildings, the PAL Building and the Fire House, including, but not limited to, new heating, ventilation and airconditioning units, a new roof and new generators, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.			
	\$378,000	\$358,800	15 years
b) The installation of a new fire house cement pad, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$42,000	\$39,800	10 years
c) Environmental testing and monitoring, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$30,000	\$28,400	15 years
Total	\$ <u>450,000</u>	\$ <u>427,000</u>	10 years

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. [A1298313.1]

The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- (b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 14.53 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$427,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.
- Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.
- Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.
- Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate

undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

The following ordinance #2243 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

ORDINANCE 2243

A SEWER CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE "CAPITAL REPAIRS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM ON VARIOUS ROADS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO RANDOLPH AVE, GARDEN DRIVE AND MEADOW TERRACE FOR THE SEWER UTILITY, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by existing funds in the Capital Improvement Funds in the Sewer Utility. The funding requirements shall be identified by asset as follows:

Sewer sanitary capital repairs \$31,500.00

Totals <u>\$31,500.00</u>

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Sewer Capital Improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$31,500.00.
- B. That the cost for the equipment shall be \$31,500 from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.
- Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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

The following ordinance #2244 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ORDINANCE 2244 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRY FOR BUSINESS AND RENTAL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted a new statute which requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies and register certificates of insurance demonstrating compliance with such statute with the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to register a certificate of insurance shall be effective as of January 15, 2023, 90 days following enactment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that pursuant to New Jersey statute, all business owners and rental unit owners shall register a certificate of insurance as required by statute, on an annual basis, in the office of the Borough Clerk for all residential rental units, and in the office of the Fire Official for all commercial establishments, of which offices shall maintain a registry of certificates of insurance filed with it.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2^{ND}	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini	X		X				
	VOTE:	6	0				
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2245 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ORDINANCE 2245 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Personnel Policy of the Borough shall be amended as follows:

Section 15, Paragraph 2, Sick Leave Policy as follows:

Delete the fifth paragraph: "At the time of retirement, the employee shall be compensated for up to six calendar months (180 days) or any portion thereof which has been certified by the Payroll Clerk at the prevailing rate of pay".

Add: For employees defined as senior employees as set forth in New Jersey statute, N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.1 and N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.2, and hired after June 8, 2007, and all employees hired after May 21, 2010, at the time of retirement, as defined by said statute, the employee shall be compensated for up to 180 days or any portion thereof which has been certified by the Payroll Clerk at the prevailing rate of pay, up to a maximum amount of \$15,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.1. Pursuant to such statute, no amount beyond \$15,000.00 may be paid to any such employee for accrued sick leave.

For all senior employees hired on or before June 8, 2007 and all other employees, hired on or prior to May 21, 2010, at the time of retirement as defined by said statutes, the employee shall be compensated for up to six calendar months (180 days) or any portion thereof which has been certified by the Payroll Clerk at the prevailing rate of pay.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

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

The following ordinance #2246 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION BY SUMMARY ORDINANCE 2246

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2150 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 FOR AFSCME UNION EMPLOYEES TO NOW INCLUDE THE POSITION OF RECYCLING CENTER LABORER

The ordinance #2246 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 3, 2022. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinance 2150 that provides for the compensation of employees of the Borough of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the years 2019 through 2023 for AFSCME union employees to now include the position of Recycling Center Laborer. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on October 17, 2022, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ. A full complete copy of this ordinance shall be provided, free of charge prior to adoption, to all those who request said copy at the Borough Clerk's office during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or emailed upon request. A copy is also located on the municipal website and may be freely viewed and printed.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X	11111	112011111	112021(1	1020002
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 22-294 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHELLE SELLINGER AS PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Michelle Sellinger as part-time Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department effective September 19, 2022, 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. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department
- 5. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-295 AUTHORIZING THE FULL-TIME HIRING OF VICKY RODRIGUEZ AS TELECOMMUNICATOR AT THE SALARY OF \$49,587.75 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2022

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

It hereby authorizes the full-time hiring of Vicky Rodriguez as Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the salary of \$49,587.75 effective October 4, 2022, 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. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department
- 5. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-296

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF TODD HARRIS CO. INC. FOR THE WINTERIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY POOL, SLIDES & SPLASH PAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey for the services of Todd Harris Co. Inc. for the winterization of the community pool, slides and splash pad in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-297 AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR DANIEL McCLOUD AS PART-TIME GROUNDSKEEPER FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER

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 terminates the employment of Daniel McCloud as part-time Groundskeeper for the Recycling Center.

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
- 4. Alice Tempel, Recycling Coordinator
- 5. Anne Daley, Benefits
- 6. Carmella Miller, Payroll
- 7. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2^{ND}	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				
		6	0				
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-298
AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND
THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR SPECIAL CLASS III LAW ENFORCEMENT (SLEO) 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 authorizes the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Board of Education for Special Class III Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO's) for the 2022-2023 school year, 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 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-299

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,719.62 PERTAINING TO SO-OAK PARK COMMONS LLC

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

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey and have received judgments reducing their assessments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following appeals be refunded.

OWNER/ADDRESSBLOCKLOTYEARAMOUNTSo-Oak Park Commons LLC22212021\$85,719.62Park and Oak TreeSouth Plainfield, NJ 07080

Make check payable to:

So-Oak Park Commons LLC and Peter Davidson, Esq., attorney for plaintiff

Mail to:

The Davidson Legal Group, LLC 154 South Livingston Avenue Suite 207 Livingston, NJ 07039

Total \$85,719.62 *

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 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-300 AUTHORIZING SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS TO VARIOUS SENIORS DUE TO A CANCELLED TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refund(s) for a cancelled trips:

Gina Muccigrossi 108 Nunnik Lane SP 07080 \$145 Refund

Joanne Rocco 425 Arlington Ave. SP 07080 2 tickets \$130 Patriots Game 9/17/22

2 tickets \$150 Fathots Game 9/11/22

Steven Danyo 323 Wadsworth Ave. SP, 07080 1 \$65 Patriots Game 9/17/22

Victoria Cooper 2 tickets \$130 141 Elliot Pl. SP, NJ 07080 Patriots game 9/17/22

Marybeth Vasquez
151 Martin Dr.
SP, NJ 07080
2 tickets \$130 Patriots Gar

2 tickets \$130 Patriots Game 9/17/22

Art Osterburg 220 West Crescent Parkway SP, 07080 1 ticket \$65 Patriots Game 9/17/22

Bill Brier 171 Hudson St. SP, 07080

2 tickets \$130 Patriots Game 9/17/22

Gerri Diegnan 26 Gray Drive SP, 07080 \$200 2 people Wildwood Trip Dep refund 9/18/22

Joan Bechtle 151 Morris Ave. SP 07080

{A1298313.1}

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refund(s).

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

RESOLUTION: 22-301 AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO WENDY KARCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210.00 FOR A POOL MEMBERSHIP FEE

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director confirms that a \$210.00 refund is necessary based upon the request for a refund from Wendy Karch for a pool membership fee for the 2022 pool season as follows:

Wendy Karch 171 Robert Place South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$210.00 Refund – Individual resident membership

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 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-302

AUTHORIZING STILO EXCAVATION INC. TO PERFORM CAPITAL REPAIRS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM ON GARDEN DRIVE AND RANDOLPH AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes Stilo Excavation Inc. to perform capital repairs to the sanitary sewer system on Garden Drive and Randolph Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00.

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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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Councilman Bengivenga		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY	•						

RESOLUTION 22-303 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LIGHT RACKING FOR TWO FIRE SUV'S FROM EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,028.22

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of light racking for two Fire Department SUV's from East Coast Emergency Lighting in an amount not to exceed \$31,028.22; 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. Fire Official

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-304 APPROVING ACTION PLAN FOR SICK LEAVE POLICIES

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey enacted statutes in 2007 and 2010 affecting sick leave polices for municipal employees; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Policy of the Borough of South Plainfield and various contracts with organizations representing employees include provisions that are not in compliance with the sick leave laws;

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 Action Plan set forth in the correspondence attached hereto shall be and is hereby approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-305 AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF 6 UNITS OF FIRE TURNOUT GEAR FROM SKYLANDS AREA EQUIPMENT & TRAINING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,359.52

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of 6 units of fire turnout gear from Skylands Area Equipment & Training in an amount not to exceed \$21,359.52 pursuant to state contract number #83047NJSPLN; 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. Fire Official

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COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-306 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PUMP REPAIR SERVICES FOR NEW MARKET AVENUE FROM PUMPING SERVICES INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,418.90

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes emergency pump repair services for New Market Avenue from Pumping Services Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8,418.90; 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 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY	•					•	

RESOLUTION 22-307

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF CHRISTINA TEDESCO AS PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR AT THE PER DIEM TRAINING RATE OF \$22.50/HOUR AND UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING TO BE PAID AT THE HOURLY PER DIEM RATE OF \$31.00

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Christina Tedesco as part-time Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the per diem training rate of \$22.50 and upon completion of training to be paid at the hourly per diem rate of \$31.00, 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. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department
- 5. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY	•					•	

RESOLUTION 22-308 AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-292 WHICH AUTHORIZED SALE OF PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-292 was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Mayor of South Plainfield on September 16, 2022 authorizing the sale of two ambulances no longer needed for public use by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution permitted participation in person or by video conference; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution further provided that a successful bidder must make payment by check or money order for a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid at the conclusion of the auction, which condition cannot be satisfied by those participating by video conference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Resolution 22-292 shall be amended to state that any successful bidder shall make payment by check or money order for a deposit of ten percent (10%) of a successful bid within 48 hours of conclusion of the auction, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid no later than 30 days following acceptance of the bid by the Borough. All other terms of Resolution 22-292 shall remain in full force and effect;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be published with Resolution 22-292 constituting and serving as the public notice to be published in a newspaper circulating in the Borough being published not earlier than 14 days prior to the date set forth for the public sale and not later than seven (7) days prior to the date set forth for the public sale.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE:

• Code Enforcement Lien Report

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	1-01	65,026.00
Current Fund	2-01	467,974.51
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	1,900.39
Sewer Utility	1-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	2-07	5,142.94
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	6,478.48
General Capital	C-04	41,081.40
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	781.58
Dog Trust	T-12	3,750.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	3,104.78

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Total All Funds:		\$598,805.08
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,565.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh - TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

<u>Administrator Cullen</u> – explained the resolution 22-306 was for emergency repairs of sewer pumps that were causing sink hole issues and then when on to report that we are in the process of winterizing the community pool for the season.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

<u>Clerk Antonides</u> – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked all who participated in the clean-up day this past weekend. It was a great turnout. Councilman Smith thanked Clerk Antonides for her letter pertaining to the Board of Health attendance.

<u>Councilman Wolak</u> – reported progress.

<u>Councilwoman Mott</u> – reported progress.

<u>Councilman Bengivenga</u> – advised that he received a complain from a resident on Joan Street regarding many tractor trailers going down their street. Councilman Bengivenga said he will have the police look into it. The truck drivers are saying that their GPS is taking them down Joan Street.

Council President Faustini – advised that basketball registration sign-ups have now opened. The Covid Memorial donation bricks have arrived, and a memorial bench will be installed. The ceremony will take place on October 22^{nd} at Putnam Park with October 23^{rd} as a rain date. Trunk or Treat sign-ups will take place a week prior to the event and sign-ups are taking place on Community Pass. To conclude, this Saturday will be the Hispanic Heritage event at Willow Park.

<u>Councilman White</u> – reported that All Seasons will be having a ribbon cutting for their new turf field. The turf field is a real nice asset to our community.

Mayor Anesh -reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned remote directions for making remote public comment.

Steve Danyo complimented the programs offered at the Senior Center saying how well run it is. Mr. Danyo asked if its new that truck traffic is not going down Hamilton Blvd. anymore. Mayor Anesh said no, it's been in place for a while now. Mr. Danyo asked why \$38K was recently spent on the community pool. Mr. Rizzo explained that it's a unique situation in that the contractor defaulted on their responsibility of paying the third-party vendor for their work. Mr. Danyo asked what the resolution for roll-off containers is for. Mr. Miller explained they are to be used at the recycling center.

Debra J. Shuleski of 1620 Central Avenue expressed her concerns regarding the pooling of water at the end of her driveway saying she lives on a corner lot; Central Avenue and Rahway. She believes that this is caused by the removal of an old oak tree near her driveway, which has also created sunken spots in her driveway. Ms. Shuleski said she is concerned about the danger of the water pooling situation as a neighbor fell near it not long ago. The water that pool does ice over. It also can be deep making it very difficult

to get in and out of her car. Mr. Miller said we are presently looking into paving Rahway. Mr. Miller will take a look at her street and see what can be done.

Scott Miller of 19 Babes Drive and member of the Public Celebrations Committee said that he recently saw an article as a Letter to the Editor essentially blaming the Public Celebrations Committee for the Lions Club having no part in the Labor Day Parade. Mr. Miller clarified by saying that an email blast was sent out to everyone to seek their interest in participation, which did include the Lions Club. After some time, a second email went out, with no response from the Lions Club. In the meantime, another organization responded that they would provide the beer and wine truck. The Lions Club missed the deadline, however, we did offer suggestions that maybe they do something else like hard seltzer or hot dogs. But they were not receptive to that. We look forward to working with them next year.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked Senator Diegnan for bringing awareness to Dyslexia. Ms. Boyle said she would like to clarify one thing about the parade and that is the beer tent was given to the Elks last year by the Lions Club due to their loss from the tropical storm. Councilwoman Faustini corrected Ms. Boyle by saying that was not correct, according to their email, the Lions couldn't do it last year because they couldn't adjust their schedule for the change of date.

Mayor Anesh pointed that there is a vendor application process, and we can't make assumptions the same vendors want to participate in our Labor Day Parade each year. Mayor Anesh said his advice is to keep using the vendor application process. It is in place for a reason.

Nancy Grennier asked for clarification regarding the ribbon cutting for All Seasons. Councilman White said it is for their brand new turf field only. Ms. Grennier asked what the salary amendment was for. Mr. Cullen explained. Ms. Grennier asked when the bid for the ambulances will be. Mr. Cullen said it is a public auction at our next council meeting. Ms. Grennier concluded by asking what the process for the insurance certificates is. Mr. Rizzo explained.

Raymond Fasullo 146 Fairmont Avenue inquired about being a poll worker. Mr. Cullen suggested he speak to Clerk Antonides after the meeting.

Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from the public and advised that we will be going into Closed Session at this time, 7:58 p.m., and everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

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 8:55 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:	
Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR	
Municipal Clerk	