

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 7:00 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 7:00 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. Mayor Anesh stated that pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, “the presiding officer shall limit such discussion to not more than a three-minute duration.”

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

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

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman Faustini 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.

**Public Comment:** 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:**

- August 14, 2023 – Agenda Meeting
- August 14, 2023 - Public Meeting
- August 14, 2023 – Executive Session

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

## **Swearing-In Ceremony:**

**OEM – 3 Year Term** - The following appointee(s) were sworn in by Mayor Anesh with their family members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media, family and friends present.

- Wendell Born – OEM Coordinator
- Sgt. Lloyd McNelly – Deputy OEM Coordinator
- SRO Anthony Louis – Deputy OEM Coordinator
- Lt. James McConville – Deputy OEM Coordinator

Council President Bengivenga Read a brief bio on each of the following officers:

**Sergeant** - The following appointee(s) were sworn in by Mayor Anesh with their family members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media, family and friends present.

- Joseph Indano

**Lieutenant** The following appointee(s) were sworn in by Mayor Anesh with their family members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media, family and friends present.

- Mark Bullock

**Captains:** The following appointee(s) were sworn in by Mayor Anesh with their family members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media, family and friends present.

- Dan Hoppe
- Wendell Born

**Police Chief:** The following appointee(s) were sworn in by Mayor Anesh with their family members present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media, family and friends present.

- Peter Papa

Mayor Anesh and each governing body member congratulated all officers on their promotion this evening. Mayor Anesh and the governing body wished retiring Chief Parker well and thanked him for all his work over the years. There was a standing ovation for Chief Parker. Chief Parker thanked the Mayor, Council, Officers and community.

At 7:48 Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess.

At 7:58 Mayor Anesh called the meeting back to order.

## **Proclamation:** Americans with Disabilities Disability Voter Rights Week

Mayor Anesh read each proclamation in full and presented them to Dr. Jackee Jackson who expressed her appreciation for receiving them saying that she hopes to bring awareness regarding disability rights. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media present.

**ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2274 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from either the public or the council, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2274  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF  
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELETING CHAPTER 160 OF  
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 160 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled “Beekeeping” was enacted in 2008 to regulate the keeping of bees within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey enacted State statute, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.5, which provides in pertinent part that local beekeeping ordinances are not allowed and provides that the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has exclusive authority to prohibit, restrict or otherwise regulate apiaries and beekeeping activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 160 is thereby superseded by State statute;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 160, Beekeeping shall be and hereby is deleted.

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

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

The following ordinance #2275 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from either the public or the council, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2275  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF  
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVISING ORDINANCE 2265  
TO EXEMPT EXTENDED STAY FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield enacted Ordinance 2265 on April 28, 2023 to provide for licensing of hotels and motels; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2265 included a provision that no occupant or employee shall rent for more than 30 days in a 90-day period a unit at a hotel/motel; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision as stated would prohibit those businesses commonly known as extended stay facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough does not wish to prohibit such facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Ordinance 2265 be amended to delete the following sentence in Section 196-5(B):

{A1298313.1 }

“No occupant or employee shall rent for more than 30 days in a 90-day period.”

All other provisions of Ordinance 2265 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

The following ordinance #2276 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for September 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2276**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2270 THAT PROVIDES THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2023 FOR DPW, TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 469**

Ordinance #2276 was 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 September 5, 2023. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinances 2270 that provides for the compensation of employees of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the year 2023 to now add Heating & Air Conditioning Mechanic Levels 1, 2, 3 with a salary range of \$33.95-37.56 for 2023. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on September 18, 2023, 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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2277 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for September 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2277**

**AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS ORDINANCE 2129 AND 2160 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2023 FOR NON-UNION PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNING BODY**

Ordinance #2277 was 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 September 5, 2023. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinances 2129 and 2160 that provides for the compensation of employees of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the year 2023 to now add Mechanical Inspector and Plumbing Subcode/Building Inspector titles for 2023. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on September 18, 2023, 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
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 23-275**

**AUTHORIZING THE PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER FOR AN EXPANSION OF PREMISES TO THAKUR HOSPITALITY LLC PERTAINING LICENSE 1222-33-001-008 LOCATED AT 4941-4945 STELTON ROAD, SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a Place-To-Place Transfer for an expansion of premises of a Plenary Retail Consumption License 1222-33-001-008, for the purposes of expanding the premises under license wherein sale, service, and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey does hereby approve, effective this date of this resolution the expansion of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License with the licensed premises located at 4941-4945 Stelton Road, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 to place under license the area delineated in the application form and the sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-276**

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NICK LONIEWSKI AS A PART-TIME LABORER LEVEL I FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$14.75**

**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 Nick Loniewski as a permanent part-time Laborer Level I at the hourly rate of \$14.75.

**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
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 23-277**  
**AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, OR HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes John Abbruzzese, IT Officer, to dispose of the following items deemed to have outlived its useful life and/or is permanently damaged, and/or that holds no monetary value:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield’s asset inventory; and

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**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. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

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

**RESOLUTION 23-278**  
**AUTHORIZING SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS TO VARIOUS SENIORS DUE TO 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 trip to Papermill Playhouse that was scheduled for June 29, 2023:

Myrtle Harris  
606 Ritter Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
Sight and Sound Trip – December 13, 2022 - \$225.00

Michael & Rosemary Barry  
137 Thomas Street  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
Papermill Playhouse – June 29, 2023 - \$200.00

**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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-279  
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION  
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM EAGLE POINT GUN/T.J. MORRIS & SON  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,189.15**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of ammunition for the Police Department from Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son in an amount not to exceed \$24,189.15 pursuant to state contract number #17-FLEET-0721, T#T0106, Line#3; 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. Captain Papa, SPPD

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 23-280  
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF GINA D’URSO  
TO THE POSITION OF CLERK TYPIST I FOR THE DPW EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

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

- It hereby authorizes the hiring of Gina M. D’urso to the position of Clerk Typist I for the DPW, effective September 6, 2023, at the annual salary of \$41,774.72 with benefits pursuant to contract; 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. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 23-281**

**AUTHORIZING THE CREDIT OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,903.60 PERTAINING TO MULTIPLE PROPERTIES IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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

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

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEARAMOUNT</u>
Sam Holding Company LLC 2105 Park Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	65	7	2023 \$1,549.30
MNMB Properties LLC 2114 Park Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	101	2	2023 \$2,337.30
Office Two Limited c/o National Realty Development 4901 Stelton Road South Plainfield, NJ 07080	528	67	2023 \$10,017.00

**Total** **\$13,903.60\***

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 23-282**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK MOGIOVI TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE LEVEL I AT THE RATE OF \$33.95**

**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 appoint Mark Mogiovi to the position of Senior Building Maintenance Level I at the rate of \$33.95 pursuant to salary ordinance 2270; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a CDL is a requirement for this position; 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



4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 23-283  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A BID TO STILO EXCAVATION  
FOR THE 2023 SOUTH PLAINFIELD ROAD PROGRAM  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$973,862.52**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

**WHEREAS**, a need has been determined that various road improvements are necessary; and

**WHEREAS** bids were solicited and opened on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages and submitted bids as follows:

Stilo Excavation	\$ 973,862.52
Topline Construction	\$1,159,027.30
Crossroad Paving	\$1,232,490.00
Z Brothers Concrete Contractors	\$1,264,821.54
Black Rock Enterprises	\$1,290,260.00

**WHEREAS**, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough’s Engineer and Attorney and as such it has been determined that Stilo Excavation is the lowest qualified bidder and it is recommended the bid be awarded to them in the amount of \$973,862.52 for the 2023 South Plainfield Road Program; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through the current fund budget and/or via capital bonding.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract if applicable for the aforementioned vendor.

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

**RESOLUTION: 23-284  
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS PERTAINING TO  
THE COMMUNITY POOL AND LEGENDS CAMP**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Director confirms that the below refunds are necessary based upon the request for a refund from Community Pass ID holders that pertain to the Community Pool and Legends Camp for the 2023 summer season as follows:

**Legends Camp:**

Family ID (478202)  
4 Weeks of Legends Camp – Medical Excuse (**Refund: \$1,150.00**)

**Community Pool:**

Due to the change of date of the Pool Carnival participants were not able to attend, Glenn authorized the below refunds. I need a resolution acknowledging them. **Total Refunds provided: \$344.00.**

- Family ID (624540): 2 tix (\$8.00) credit card
- Family ID (1379868): 4 tix (\$16.00) cash
- Family ID (1751410): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1514756): 5 tix (\$20.00) credit card
- Family ID (1379689): 2 tix (\$8.00) credit card
- Family ID (1397572): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1706649): 4 tix (\$16.00) credit card
- Family ID (1139396): 3 tix (\$12.00) e-check
- Family ID (1583963): 4 tix (\$16.00) e-check
- Family ID (1606766): 4 tix (\$16.00) e-check
- Family ID (1717014): 2 tix (\$8.00) credit card
- Family ID (1139401): 2 tix (\$8.00) credit card
- Family ID (1748338): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1757000): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1969094): 5 tix (\$20.00) credit card
- Family ID (1843071): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1753790): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1705916): 4 tix (\$16.00) credit card
- Family ID (1756401): 2 tix (\$8.00) credit card
- Family ID (625031): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1758746): 1 tix (\$4.00) credit card
- Family ID (804446): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (1675246): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card
- Family ID (2292481): 4 tix (\$16.00) credit card
- Family ID (1758647): 2 tix (\$8.00) credit card
- Family ID (1285583): 4 tix (\$24.00) credit card
- Family ID (1405859): 3 tix (\$12.00) credit card

**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
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-285  
AUTHORIZING THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF A TURF SYSTEM FROM  
FIELDTURF USA INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$577,859.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the ESCNJ cooperative purchase of a field turf system for the South Plainfield PAL field from FieldTurf USA Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$577,859.00 pursuant to the ESCNJ cooperative contract number #ESCNJ 22/23-37.

**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. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

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

**RESOLUTION 23-286  
 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PABCO INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR  
 BIODEGRADABLE AND RECYCLABLE LEAF BAGS  
 FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
 THE PER UNIT PRICE OF \$0.531/NOT TO EXCEED \$36,320.40  
 DUE TO PURCHASE IN FULL PALLET INCREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11 any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires the advertisement for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

**WHEREAS**, a need has been determined to provide biodegradable and recyclable leaf bags for the Borough of South Plainfield citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Request for Proposals (hereinafter RFP) were solicited and opened on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and the following was the only proposal submitted:

- Pabco Industries, LLC \$0.531/unit in an amount not to exceed \*\$36,320.40 \*in full pallet increments
- Conserv Flag Company \$0.85/unit in an amount not to exceed \$58,140.00
- Technology International Inc. \$1.09/unit in an amount not to exceed \$74,556.00

**WHEREAS**, the RFP has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer, and the Borough Attorney, and it is their recommendation that the RFP from Pabco Industries, LLC. for biodegradable and recyclable leaf bags in the amount not to exceed \$36,320.40 (\$0.531 per bag) be accepted and a unit price contract be awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the 2023 current budget account;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award a unit price contract to Pabco Industries, LLC for biodegradable and recyclable leaf bags at a cost not to exceed \$36,320.40 (\$0.531 per bag).

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement with Pabco Industries, LLC., the lowest responsible provider for the services described.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
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**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	3-01	545,445.79
Current Fund	2-01	9,869.50
Pool Utility	3-26	9,221.10
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	968.60
Sewer Utility	2-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	118,809.53
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	5,487.50
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	13,056.88
Recreation Trust	T-14	4,516.28
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
	T-11	7,369.00
<b>Total All Funds:</b>		<b>\$714,744.18</b>

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

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – thanked Elizabeth Yarus and the pool manager for opening up the pool again this week for a couple days due to the excessive heat this week. Mr. Cullen thanked the Council for their support of the new turf field and concluded by advising that the revenue for the community pool will be a little bit higher this year, despite the temporary shut down due to the fires etc.

Engineer Miller – thanked the governing body for their support in hiring the new secretary Gina D’Urso at the DPW and for keeping one of the summer helpers on part time. Mr. Miller congratulated Mark Mogiovi on his promotion saying that he has been a real asset to the department. To conclude, the Norwood Avenue road work and side streets are near completion.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress

Councilman Smith – said what an awesome Labor Day Parade we had and that he appreciates all the work of the Public Celebrations Committee. It is also noted that Channel 7 News was present and said this is the longest running Labor Day Parade in the state.

Councilman Wolak – said that he mirror’s Councilman Smiths comments regarding the parade saying how hard everyone worked to put it together. This parade is the envy of the County.

Councilwoman Mott – echoed Councilman Smith’s comments regarding the parade and thanked Councilwoman Faustin for all her work that she put into it. Councilwoman Mott congratulated Mark Mogiovi on his promotion saying that he is a very dedicated and talented employee.

Council President Bengivenga – concurred that the fireworks were particularly great this year and went on to remind everyone to remember all the lives lost this Monday in observance of 911. Council President Bengivenga said he lost his Aunt on that tragic day and as time passes we don’t want to forget the memories of all those lives lost.

Councilwoman Faustini – said that in addition to the turf field project, the Putnam Park Revitalization Project will begin soon. It is going to be amazing. It is also partially funded by an open space grant. Councilwoman Faustini went on to thank all the first responders and DPW for all the work they also put into the parade. The next event will be Trunk or Treat to be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. On a final note, Councilwoman Faustini wished Mayor Anesh and his wife a very happy anniversary.

Councilman White – reported progress.

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 and reiterated the three-minute time allotment for public comments pursuant to our By-Laws.

Mr. Charlie Kratovil said he was at our Labor Day Parade and said how much he enjoyed it and then voiced various statistical information pertaining to the Woodbridge Power Plant and asked the Council to please join other Middlesex County towns in doing a resolution opposing this project.

Celeste of Colonia NJ in summary spoke out in support of a resolution opposing the Woodbridge power plant asking for South Plainfield to support this opposing resolution.

Holly Cox of Montvale NJ expressed her opinion as to why a resolution of opposing is important and still urges South Plainfield to consider opposing it. It will help push the Governor and NJDEP to do something.

Rachel of Rumson NJ in summary spoke out in support of a resolution opposing the Woodbridge power plant asking for South Plainfield to support this opposing resolution.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh advised that at this time, 8:28 p.m., we will be going into Executive Session 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 White made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk