

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 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		
Chief Papa	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Wolak 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:

- October 2, 2023 – Agenda Meeting
- October 2, 2023 - Public Meeting
- October 2, 2023 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Proclamation – 2023 Mischief Night & Halloween – Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full announcing the curfew hours of both Mischief Night and Halloween of 7p.m.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2279 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for November 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2279
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 322, TITLED “PEACE AND
GOOD ORDER” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
TO ESTABLISH RESTRICTED AREAS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO
PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD PUBLIC RECORDS CONTAINING
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield officials and employees are entrusted with the responsibility to maintain and safeguard public records which consist of or contain information deemed confidential pursuant to Federal, State or local law; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with such laws, including the New Jersey Open Public Records Act set forth at N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. and its statutorily defined responsibilities, the maintenance and custody of specific records, including, but not limited to preserving the confidentiality and privacy of information relating to any active or retired Federal, State or municipal judicial officer and any active or retired Federal, State, county or municipal prosecutor, are required; and

WHEREAS, municipal officials assigned this responsibility include, but are not limited to the Municipal Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Construction Code Officer, Board of Health Secretary, Recreation Director, Supervisor of Public Works, Police Chief, and Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, due to this responsibility to maintain and safeguard information in municipal offices, records may not be available for immediate public viewing as they may contain personal information, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, medical data, other confidential information, and may be subject to Daniel’s Law provisions pursuant to P.L. 2021,c.371; and

WHEREAS, municipal employees cannot be expected to physically intervene with outsiders/trespassers who may seek to obtain such information, to prevent a record from being improperly obtained; and

WHEREAS, creating secure areas with clear signage will help deter persons from attempting to obtain records to which they are not entitled without following proper law and procedure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Chapter 322, title “Peace and Good Order”, Article I, titled “Miscellaneous Offenses”, shall be amended as follows:

Sections 322-17 and 322-18, titled “Disposition of Fines and Violations and Penalties” respectively, shall be deleted. The following sections shall be added:

Section 322-17. Restricted Areas.

Municipal office areas in the Borough of South Plainfield Borough Hall located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield; the Department of Public Works located at 405 Spicer Avenue; the Borough PAL Building located at 1250 Maple Avenue; and the Borough Senior Center located at 90 Maple Avenue, South Plainfield shall be secured and closed to the public for the purpose of protecting documents, digital data, and other written, copied or printed materials which may contain confidential information which is protected by Federal, State or local laws. The Borough Administrator shall have the exclusive authority to designate such areas.

Section 322-18. Signage.

The Borough of South Plainfield shall post signs outside of restricted offices which shall read, “Stop, Restricted Area, Authorized Employees Only”.

Section 322-19. Disposition of Fines.

All fines imposed and collected under and by virtue of this Article shall be paid into the Treasury of the Borough of South Plainfield.

Section 322-20. Violations and Penalties.

A. For any violation of Sections 322-1 through 322-16, inclusive, any person violating any of such provisions shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00 or be imprisoned in the County Jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. In default of any fine imposed hereunder, any person conviction of violation of any provisions of this Article may, in the discretion of the Court, be imprisoned in the County Jail for a term not exceeding 90 days.

B. Any persons violating Sections 322-17 or 322-18 by trespassing in the posted, protected offices may be subject to prosecution and penalties as set forth under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.

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

The following ordinance #2280 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for November 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2280

A MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE “PURCHASE OF BLOCK 345 LOT 15 TO BE PRESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE” AT A COST OF \$33,843.20, 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 Municipal Open Space Trust Fund.

Municipal Open Space Trust Fund **\$33,843.20**

Totals **\$33,843.20**

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as 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 \$33,843.20.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid by the Borough’s Municipal Open Space Trust Fund \$33,843.20.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be forty (40) 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 \$5,000.00.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 23-313
AUTHORIZING THE BID AWARD
FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the South Plainfield DPW is in need of a assistance with snow removal; and

WHEREAS Bids were solicited by the Borough Engineer/Superintendent of DPW and opened on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Borough Hall and the following Bids were received and for a one (1) year contract:

Fimiani Construction Inc.

1 Year Bid

Vehicles	Type	Unit Price
2 each	Class 3 through Class 5 Trucks	\$165.00/hr.
4 each	Class 6 and above Trucks	\$195.00/hr.

WHEREAS, the Bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer/DPW Superintendent and the Borough Attorney who have verified said quotations for service and recommend the Borough award unit price contracts for as-needed snow removal services at the aforementioned rates above to Fimiani Construction Inc. for a one-year contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Borough Attorney may draft contracts and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said contracts for snow removal services.

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	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-314
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

- 1491-12 Port Switch
- Optiplex 7020 - 2630
- Precision M6600 - 2831
- Optiplex 3040 - 2773
- Optiplex 3040 - 2969
- TV Set - 2378

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 ND	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: 23-315

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190.00 PERTAINING TO 206 LEDDEN TERRACE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 160 Lot 2
 Hunter, Frederick L. 3rd & Nancy J.
 Estate of Frederick L. Hunter Jr.
 206 Ledden Terrace
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$190.00

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**East Coast Title Agency
 202 Route 18 North
 East Brunswick, N.J. 08816-1409**

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
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 23-316
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE FOR REPAIRS
AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PAL PLAYGROUND
FROM GENERAL RECREATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,345.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase for repairs and improvements to the PAL Playground from General Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$71,345.00 pursuant to state contract number #16-FLEET-00130; 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. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

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	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-317
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2023 - 2024 AND AUTHORIZING
THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2023-2024 LIQUOR LICENSES TO ALL LICENSEES THAT HAVE MET ALL
STATE AND BOROUGH REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE PAID ALL APPROPRIATE FEES.

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2023-2024 have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, no objections to said renewals have been filed; and

WHEREAS, the proper Borough fees have been paid by all applicants and the renewal retail licensee tax clearance certificate has been issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following licensees be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the year commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-33-020-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Primos Romero LLC *Tax Clearance Received on 10/5/2023	Casa Romero Mexican Grill

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2023-2024 liquor licenses to the above-named licensees.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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 23-318
AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF
SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
FOR UPGRADES & IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN
CROSSINGS AT THE CONFLUENCE OF
MAPLE AVE., PLAINFIELD AVE. AND LAKEVIEW AVE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the County of Middlesex for upgrades and improvements to the traffic signal and pedestrian crossings at the confluence of Maple Ave., Plainfield Ave. and Lakeview Ave.

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. Ron Sender, Middlesex County Engineer

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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 23-319
AUTHORIZING THE FULL-TIME HIRING OF JAMES PATTI TO THE POSITION
OF DEPUTY MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR THE DPW
AT THE SALARY OF \$120,000.00 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2023

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 James Patti to the full-time position of Deputy Municipal Department Head for the DPW at the salary of \$120,000.00 effective October 17, 2023; 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 ND	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 23-320
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 authorize 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 2023-2024 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. Peter Papa, Chief of Police
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Alex Benanti, BOE Business Administrator

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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 23-321
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 Sight and Sound that was scheduled for December 13 & 14, 2023:

Rosemary Barry
137 Rahway Ave.
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
Sight and Sound Trip – December 13/14, 2023 - \$400.00

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 ND	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 2023-322
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE STATE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS
REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE COMPLETED 2023 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY AS
PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 PUBLIC MEETING**

WHEREAS, the State’s Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality’s final 5% allocation of its CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based upon the results of the CY 2022 Best Practices Inventory; and

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

WHEREAS, the completed CY2023 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the CY2023 Best Practices Inventory process have been met by the Borough of South Plainfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to certify to the State Division of Local Government Services that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield have reviewed and

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discussed the completed CY2023 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the October 16, 2023 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-323
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT PRAMI FROM THE DPW
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2, 2023**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Robert Prami from the DPW effective October 2, 2023, 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
5. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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 23-324
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES OF JEN ELECTRIC INC. TO REPAIR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT
HADLEY ROAD & CORPORATE BLVD.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the emergent services of Jen Electric Inc. to repair a traffic light at Hadley Road and Corporate Blvd. in an amount not to exceed \$7,252.05; 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
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							

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – September 2023
- Environmental Commission Minutes – August 9, 2023
- Code Enforcement Lien – 3122 Woodland Ave.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	3-01	179,069.41
Current Fund	2-01	0.00
Pool Utility	3-26	3,498.05
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	8,140.76
Sewer Utility	2-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	745,956.19
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	932.94
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	2,431.52
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	2,508.09
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,742.40
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Wires		173,959.05
Total All Funds:		\$1,120,238.41

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – said that with the adoption of Ordinance 2280 it will be our first open space purchase using the open space trust fund. It will be for a parcel that fronts on Belmont. This will help enable the borough to have fairly significant open space. Mr. Cullen explained the Best Practices saying our total score is in the top percentile. The new turf field at the PAL will be purchased using CDBG funds.

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Engineer Miller – the road projects are near completion and the work on Putnam Park has begun. Mr. Miller thanked the governing body for their support in hiring James Patti this evening.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that the General Election is on November 7th and all polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. and then went on to report progress.

Chief Papa – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – wished a happy birthday to Councilwoman Mott and also welcomed Jim Patti to the DPW.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – reported that basketball and travel sign-ups are underway. A new exercise program will begin in the evenings. Candy donations are needed badly for the Trunk or Treat event on October 28th. Councilwoman Faustini thanked TapInto for sponsoring the Trunk or Treat DJ.

Councilman White – congratulated Jim Pattie and said he will be an asset to the Borough.

Council President Bengivenga – congratulated Jim Patti.

Mayor Anesh – said it's been three years already since Covid and went on to thank Twin City Pharmacy for providing the flu shots and covid boosters for the Mayor's Wellness Fair.

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.

Audrey Schuetz of 1309 Yurgel Drive reiterated her comments from the prior council meetings about Shadyside Park. Chief Papa responded saying that there were 227 security checks at Shadyside Park last year and 149 so far this year with an additional 30 checks added. In summary Mrs. Schuetz insisted that the Borough need to hire more police officers to keep up with the times. In 2010 we had 56 police officers and since then only increased the department by adding two more. Council President Bengivenga said we have invested in our technology a lot. Mrs. Schuetz insisted that we need to hire more police officers. Mayor Anesh said we will defer to the Chief's recommendation regarding staffing.

With no further comments 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 7:24 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk