

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

***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		

Mayor Anesh reviewed some basic rules for conducting this virtual hybrid 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 *6 button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda. Without any comments Mayor Anesh proceeded.

**RESOLUTION 24-99
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Borough Council to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Borough Council to discuss the below matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege:

- Contractual – Shared Service/Middlesex County – Tax Maps
- Personnel – Fire Marshal/Fire Official

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of Borough Council to discuss the aforementioned matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege in this regard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Borough Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

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				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Public Hearing-- Release of Performance Bonds

Release of a Performance Bond Posted by L&L Property Enterprises, LLC for Public Improvements to Block 389, Lot 1 – Mayor Anesh asked Clerk Antonides if all was in order, and she said yes. Mr. Clarkin Esq. was present to represent his client, L&L Property Enterprises LLC. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment, and with no comments from the public, closed the floor. Mayor Anesh announced that this matter will be on the agenda this evening for consideration.

Public Hearing-- CDBG

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilwoman Faustini who advised that the Housing and Community Development Committee met on January 24, 2024 and at length discussed various possibilities of projects to apply this year’s grant funding towards. There is an anticipated allocation of \$80,042.00 in grant funding pending for South Plainfield for 2024, which is the same as last year. The use of this grant funding can only be used for certain types of projects. As such, for 2024 the Housing and Community Development Committee has recommended the following proposed project(s) for consideration:

Senior Center Salary	\$12,500
Replacement of Senior Center Roof	\$67,542
TOTAL	\$80,042

Mayor Anesh thanked Councilwoman Faustini and asked the Council if they have any questions or comments. Councilwoman Faustini said she is very happy the money will be used for this purpose and is grateful to the CDBG Committee for their recommendation. With no further comments from the Council at this time, Mayor Anesh then thanked Councilwoman Faustini for the committee’s input.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned directions for making remote public comments. With no comments made from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn the Agenda Meeting. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously carried by an all-in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR