SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 7:00 P.M. *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 A	ntonides as	follows:
COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott		Х	
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen		Х	
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		
Chief Papa	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Council President White said the invocation.

Mayor Anesh 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 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. Mayor Anesh also awaited virtual hand raises and unmuted all microphones.

Debbie Boyle thanked the Council for resolution 25-101 which is a PSE&G grant for \$2,000.00 that will be used for things like metal straws, pouches for metal forks, knives and spoons.

With no further comments from the public, in-person and virtual, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

February 3, 2025 – Council Meeting February 3, 2025 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott						Х	
Councilman Smith	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		Х	X				
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<u>Public Hearing– Release of Performance Bonds</u> – Release of a Performance Bond Posted by Bridge Acquisition, LLC for Public Improvements to Block 528.01, Lot 45.08

Mayor Anesh indicated that Mr. Arche Esq. is present virtually. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for a public hearing and with no comments from either the Council nor the public closed the floor and advised the resolution for the release is on our agenda this evening.

Presentation- High School Environmental Team – Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilman Smith who introduced and called forward the South Plainfield High School Environmental teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Bennett and her students, Shri, Cynthia, and Valerie. The three students jointly presented their concept to end single use plastic utensils by encouraging everyone to have a fabric pouch to carry reusable metal utensils. The students said that this is a small contribution to our environment that we can control, which will produce less plastic in our landfills. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by family, friends, and media present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2340 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments from the public, and no comments from the Council, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2340 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 510 AND 515 OF THE CODE OF BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "FEES" AND "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEES", RESPECTIVELY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapters 510 and 515 of the Code of the Borough titled "Fees" and "Development Review Fees", respectively, be amended as follows:

Section 510-3(B)(1)(c)(1) shall be amended to add the following:

- (f) Retaining walls greater than 550 square feet: \$500.00
- (g) Retaining walls equal to or less than 550 square feet: \$250.00

Section 510-3(B)(1)(c)(2) shall be amended to add the following:

(e) Wall construction based on cost of construction.

(f) All retaining walls with a height of 48 inches or greater shall require a building permit. This measurement shall be from the base of the footing to the top of the wall.

Section 510-3(B)(1)(c)(12) shall be amended as follows:

Delete subparagraph (d) "Renewal of temporary certificate of occupancy", and replace with the following:

- (d) Renewal of temporary certificate of occupancy:
 - (1) R-3 and R-5: \$100.00
 - (2) All other groups: \$250.00

Under Subsection 12, add the following:

- (j) Change of contractor fee:
 - (1) R-3 and R-5: \$75.00
 - (2) All others: \$125.00

Delete Subsections (13), (14), (15) and (17) of Section 510-3(B)(1)(c) and renumber former subparagraph 16 as paragraph 13.

Delete Section 515-73 "Development Review Fees" and replace with the following:

515-73 Development review fees.

The developer shall, at the time of application, pay the following nonresidential fees to the Borough of South Plainfield by cash, certified check or bank money order. Proposals involving more than one use shall pay a fee equaling the sum of the fees for component elements of the plat. Proposals requiring a combination of approvals, such as subdivision, site plan and/or a variance, shall pay a fee equal to the sum of the fee for each element.

<u>A.</u>

Minor subdivision: \$300 per lot.

В.

Major subdivision.

<u>(1)</u>

Sketch plat: \$600.

<u>(2)</u>

Preliminary plat: \$250 per lot.

<u>(3)</u>

Final plat: \$250 per lot.

<u>(4)</u>

Resubmission of any revised plan: 1/3 of original submission fee.

<u>C.</u>

Site plans.

<u>(1)</u>

Preliminary approval: \$250 base fee plus \$0.02 per square foot of site area being disturbed, subject to \$500 minimum fee and \$7,500 maximum fee.

<u>(2)</u>

Final approval: \$100 base fee plus \$0.004 per square foot of site area being disturbed, subject to \$200 minimum fee and \$2,500 maximum fee.

(3)

Amended site plan (not to exceed 20% of original site plan): \$250 base fee plus \$0.02 per square foot of site area being changed subject to \$500 minimum fee and \$7,500 maximum fee.

<u>(4)</u>

Conceptual site plan: \$200.

<u>(5)</u>

Resubmission of revised plan: 1/3 of original submission fee.

D.

Minor site plan: \$200

<u>E.</u>

Variances.

<u>(1)</u>

Hear and decide appeals:

<u>(a)</u>

Single-family: \$200

<u>(b)</u>

All others: \$350

<u>(2)</u>

Interpretation of zoning regulations or map or decision upon other special question:

<u>(a)</u>

Single-family: \$100.

<u>(b)</u>

All others: \$250.

<u>(3)</u>

Hardship (bulk), per variance

<u>(a)</u>

Single-family: \$350 for first variance and \$50 for each additional

<u>(b)</u>

All others: \$450 for first variance and \$50 for each additional

<u>C.</u>

Accessory Building and Structures Residential only: \$350 Flat fee

(4)

Use variance:

<u>(a)</u>

Residential: \$300 plus \$50 per dwelling unit

<u>(b)</u>

Non-Residential: \$500

<u>C.</u>

Mixed-Use Development: \$400 plus \$25 per dwelling unit

<u>(5)</u>

Building permit in conflict with Official Map or building permit for lot not related to a street: \$250.

<u>F.</u>

Conditional uses: \$500.

G.

Informal submissions, revisions or Site Plan Committee meetings: \$150 per hearing.

<u>H.</u>

Other matters not otherwise specified: \$100.

<u>I.</u>

Inspection fees for all inspections through the release of the performance guarantee: 10% of performance guarantee.

<u>J.</u>

Inspection for release of maintenance guarantee: \$250.

<u>K.</u>

Public hearing, list of property owners within 200 feet: \$0.25 per name or \$10, whichever is greater.

<u>L.</u>

Publication of all public notices, per application: \$50.

<u>M.</u>

Minutes per meeting in print, per page:

<u>(1)</u>

1 to 10: \$0.75.

<u>(2)</u>

11 to 20: \$0.50.

<u>(3)</u>

21 or more: \$0.25.

<u>N.</u>

Zoning Ordinance: \$50.

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Development Review Ordinance: \$35.

<u>P.</u>

Court stenographer: \$500 deposit.

<u>Q.</u>

Special meetings of Planning or Zoning Board, at Board's discretion: \$2,500.

<u>R.</u>

Tree removal and site clearing permit: See Chapter 444 Trees.

<u>S.</u>

Master Plan: \$50.

<u>T.</u>

Zoning permit:

<u>(1)</u>

New Residential: \$100 each unit.

<u>(2)</u>

New Commercial Construction: \$250

<u>(3)</u>

Residential Renovations: Application Review Fee \$25 Non-Refundable Permit fee: \$50

<u>(4)</u>

Commercial, including renovation/additions:

Application Review Fee \$25 Non-Refundable

Permit fee: \$100

<u>(5)</u>

Signs:

Application review fee: \$75 Non-Refundable

Permit Fee: \$1 per square foot, with minimum of \$25 per sign.

<u>(6)</u>

Any Accessory Structure and Sheds, Fences, Retaining Walls, and improvements to Driveways: \$50

<u>(7)</u>

Grading Plans: Initial Review by Township Engineer \$300 per lot. Revised Review by Engineer \$150 per lot

<u>U.</u>

Subdivision certification: \$50.

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Zoning verification letter: \$100

<u>W.</u>

Waivers:

<u>(1)</u>

Environmental Impact Study: \$100

<u>(2)</u>

Traffic Study: \$100

<u>(3)</u>

Drainage/Storm Water: \$100

(4)

Exempt from site plan: \$100

(5)

Design (i.e., parking space size): \$100

All other not included above: \$100 per waiver

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			Х				
Councilwoman Faustini			Х				
Councilwoman Mott						X	
Councilman Smith	Х		Х				
Councilman Wolak			Х				
Council President White		Х	Х				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2341 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments from the public, and no comments from the Council, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2341 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 12 IN BLOCK 364 NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of Lot 12 in Block 364 on the Borough Tax Map (referred to hereinafter as the "Property"), which is located along Arlington Avenue and is a 50 foot by 100 foot tract of vacant land; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in an R-10 residential zone which requires a 10,000 square foot minimum lot size and a 100 foot minimum lot width and, therefore, the property is less than the minimum size and width required for development and has no capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Property is not needed by the Borough for any purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., allows the sale of municipally owned property at a private sale, instead of an auction, and in certain circumstances, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) providing in part as follows:

A sale to the owners of the real property contiguous to the real property being sold; provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for

development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon; except that where there is more than one owner with real property contiguous thereto, said property shall be sold to the highest bidder from among all such owners. Any sale shall be for not less than the fair market value of said real property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) are present, namely: the Property is less than the minimum size required for development in its zone district and without any capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has had an appraisal performed by Sterling DiSanto & Associates which has valued the Property at \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, there are three (3) owners of real property contiguous to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the sale of the Property is beneficial to the welfare of the residents of the Borough as the Property is not useful to the Borough and requires expenditure of public resources for maintenance and does not generate any real estate tax revenue;

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:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the sale of the Property identified on Exhibit A attached hereto, such sale to be by auction among the contiguous property owners for a minimum price of \$100,000.00.

2. The contiguous property owners shall be notified that the Borough is authorizing the sale of the Property at the minimum price of \$100,000.00, and such contiguous property owners shall be invited to make offers for the purchase of the Property.

3. The Property shall be sold to the highest bidding contiguous property owner for a price of no less than \$100,000.00.

4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b), the Borough Clerk shall advertise the sale of the Property in the official newspapers of the Borough within five (5) days following enactment of the Ordinance.

5. The Borough Clerk shall transmit, via certified mail, a copy of this Ordinance to each owner of the contiguous properties who shall then have a period of 20 calendar days following the advertisement herein required to advise the Borough of their intention to purchase the Property.

6. In the event more than one contiguous property owner notifies the Borough of their interest in purchasing the Property, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney are authorized to conduct an auction among the contiguous property owners at a time and date to be set by the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney and upon such terms as may be established by the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

7. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the necessary closing documents to convey the Property to the highest bidding contiguous property owner.

8. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all necessary closing documents for the sale of the Property.

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

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

The following ordinance #2342 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for March 3, 2025 at approximately 7pm.

BOND ORDINANCE #2342

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2025 ROAD PROGRAM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,050,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$995,000 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 improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,050,000, including the sum of \$55,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now 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 improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$995,000 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.(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the 2025 Road Program, including improvements to Arlington Avenue, Grant Avenue, Jackson Avenue and other various roads, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, which list is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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. 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 improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 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 \$995,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$175,000 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 purpose or improvement.

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 described in Section 3(a) 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 purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement 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				
Councilwoman Faustini		Х	Х				
Councilwoman Mott						Х	
Councilman Smith			Х				
Councilman Wolak			Х				
Council President White	Х		Х				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-89

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application with the NJDOT for the Hadley Road Project

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

RESOLUTION 25-90 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR BRIDGE ACQUISITION, LLC FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 528.01, LOT 45.08 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,084.73

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bonds for Bridge Acquisition LLC (1 Cragwood Road) for public improvements located at Block 528.01, Lot 45.08; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$10,084.73; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bonds and release the Performance Bonds held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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

RESOLUTION 25-91 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) related to the Senior Center pertaining to trip cancellations for Whale Watching on September 11, 2024:

Refund for: 103 Hill Hollow Road South Plainfield, NJ 07080 \$80.00 – (Air Show in AC August 2024)

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			Х				
Councilwoman Faustini			Х				
Councilwoman Mott			Х				
Councilman Smith		Х	Х				
Councilman Wolak	X		Х				
Council President White			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 25-92 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:

2314 – OptiPlex 160 2735 – OptiPlex 3040 1328 – HPDC5700 Microtower 1614 – HPLJ 2200DN 2076 – Dell Monitor 2848 – Getac F110G4 -SN 242888700005 No Tag - Getac F110G4 -SN RH439F0593 No Tag – Getac F110G2 – SN RGA39F0835 No Tag – Getac F110G2 – SN RG539F0229 No Tag – Getac F110G2 – SN RG539F0681 No Tag – Dell Vostro 1510 – Model PP36X **BE IT RESOLVED** that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield's asset inventory; 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. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

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

RESOLUTION 25-93

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 139 WEST ELMWOOD DRIVE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, property known as Lot 17 in Township Block 231 more commonly known as 139 West Elmwood Drive in South Plainfield, NJ is owned by Emmanuel Adu-Gyamfi, and

WHEREAS, Emmanuel Adu-Gyamfi, who had qualified as a one hundred percent Disabled Veteran under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on January 10, 2025 as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2025 were generated from the 2024 Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2024, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel and refund monies levied for the 1st quarter of 2025 in the amount of **\$2,027.88**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 2nd quarter of 2025 in the amount of **\$2,281.37**.

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) of **\$2,027.88**, as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION 25-94 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 314 FIRTH STREET IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, property known as Lot 6 in Township Block 38 more commonly known as 314 Firth Street in South Plainfield, NJ is owned by Michael Zebro, and

WHEREAS, Michael Zebro, who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on **January 14, 2025** as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2025 were generated from the 2024 Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division

of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A.

54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2024, while the

property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1st quarter of 2025 in the amount of **\$1,245.80**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 2nd quarter of 2025 in the amount of **\$1,475.28**.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			Х				
Councilwoman Faustini			Х				
Councilwoman Mott						Х	
Councilman Smith		Х	Х				
Councilman Wolak	Х		Х				
Council President White			Х				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY	Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY						

RESOLUTION 25-95 AUTHORIZING A 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$700,000.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year's budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

CURRENT FUND			
			AMOUNT
5-01-20-130-000-102	Finance	S&W	10,000
5-01-20-140-000-204	Computer	O&E	20,000
5-01-23-210-000-655	Insurance	O&E	10,000
5-01-25-240-001-401	Police	O&E	30,000
5-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guard	O&E	20,000
5-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Services Charges	O&E	100,000
5-01-26-290-001-255	Public Works Admin	O&E	5,000
5-01-26-290-002-435	Road Repairs Maintenance	O&E	25,000
5-01-26-290-003-102	Snow	S&W	25,000
5-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E	30,000
5-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	5,000
5-01-26-310-000-445	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	20,000
5-01-26-315-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance	O&E	25,000
5-01-28-370-001-235	Recreation	O&E	5,000
5-01-28-370-002-236	Office on Aging	O&E	5,000
5-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E	150,000
5-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E	50,000
5-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	25,000
5-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	25,000
5-01-31-465-001-565	Gas	O&E	40,000
5-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	25,000
5-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	50,000
Total CURRENT FUND			700,000

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

RESOLUTION 2025-96 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 85 OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of certain land within the Borough identified as Lot 2 in Block 85 on the official Tax Map of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield have determined that the property referenced above is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to make available for public sale said property pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a);

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

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby declares that the land identified above is no longer needed for public use and should be sold in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and Ordinances of the Borough

The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney to take such steps as necessary to offer for sale to the highest bidder at auction the property referenced above subject to the terms set forth in this Resolution;

The auction shall take place on March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey. All interested parties may participate in person at that time or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard and publicly announced, provided the sale is not canceled;

Any successful bidder shall make payment by check or money order for a deposit of ten percent (10%) of a successful bid at the conclusion of the auction and shall execute an Agreement of Sale to be provided by the Borough. The Agreement of Sale shall be binding upon the high bidder until such time that the Borough either rejects the bid, in which case the deposit will be returned, or accepts the bid and executes the Agreement of Sale, and thereafter both parties will be bound by the terms and conditions contained therein. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid at closing which shall occur not later than 45 days following acceptance of the bid by the Borough. The purchaser shall be entitled to possession immediately following closing of title;

There shall be a minimum bid which may be accepted for the property is \$10,000.00;

In the event the Borough is unable to convey clear and marketable title, insurable at regular rates by a title insurance company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, the Borough will return to the bidder any and all deposit funds previously submitted by the bidder, and neither party shall have any further rights against the other. The acceptance of a deed by the bidder from the Borough shall extinguish any claims that the bidder may have against the Borough in connection with the quality of title conveyed;

The property herein sold may be subject to existing encumbrances, liens, easements, zoning ordinances, other restrictions of record, such facts as an accurate survey would reveal, and any present or future assessments for the construction of improvements benefitting said property. The bidder shall be responsible to determine the existence and extent of any such encumbrances, liens, easements, zoning ordinances or other restrictions of record prior to the auction. The Borough makes no representations as to the presence or absence of wetlands or any other environmental conditions on the property, and the bidder assumes the risk of any such condition, all property being sold "as is";

All conveyances by the Borough shall be made by bargain and sale deed with covenants against grantor's acts;

The Borough reserves the right to waive any and all defects and informalities in any bid and to accept or reject any and all bids at the public sale and to not award to the highest bidder. No bid shall be considered finally accepted until final passage of a resolution by the Borough Council as set forth hereinafter;

Acceptable bids shall be confirmed by resolution of the Borough Council no later than the first regular meeting of the Borough Council following the date of the auction;

This Resolution shall constitute and serve as the public notice to be published in a newspaper circulating in the Borough at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, the last publication being not earlier than seven (7) days prior to the date set forth for the public sale;

In the event the successful bidder fails to close on the property, he or she shall forfeit their deposit and the Borough may again offer the property for sale;

The successful bidder(s) shall bear the cost of recording the deed(s) and agree that the deed(s) shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to record such deed(s). A successful bidder may not assign his or her bid, nor any right, title or interest in the property on which the bid is made prior to closing of title;

The burden is on all successful bidders to obtain from the appropriate municipal agency of the Borough of South Plainfield any and all variances or approvals from the Land Use and Development Ordinance of the Borough;

Title is to close within 45 calendar days of confirmation of the bid by the Borough Council at Borough Hall, unless otherwise extended in the sole discretion of the Borough Council, but if the last day for closing of title falls on a Saturday/Sunday, or legal holiday, then closing shall occur on the following day. Time shall be of the essence;

The sale price as may result from this auction sale may not be used before any County Board of Taxation, State Tax Court, or in any other Court of this State to challenge the assessment with respect to the subject property nor may it be used as a comparable sale to challenge assessments with regard to other properties;

All successful bidders are required to conduct all desired title searches at their expense prior to the date of closing. If the title to this property shall prove to be unmarketable, the liability of the Borough shall be limited to repayment to the purchaser of the amount of the deposit and any portion of the purchase price paid without any further cost, expense, damage or claim. Notice of any alleged defect in title or claim of unmarketability shall be given to the Borough in writing no later than 30 days after the date of confirmation of the sale by the Borough Council. Failure to give such notice shall be deeded conclusive evidence that the purchaser accepts title in its then present condition;

All prospective bidders and purchasers are put on notice that no employee, agent or officer of the Borough has authority to waive, modify or amend any of the conditions of sale;

It shall be conclusively presumed that a bidder, prior to making their bid, has done the following:

A. Check the exact location, including the correct street address and lot size of the property on the Official Tax Maps of the Borough that are available at the Borough's Tax Assessor's office;

B. Check the zoning restrictions to ascertain the legal use of the property, such information being available from the Borough's Zoning office;

C. Made a personal inspection of the property prior to the bidding;

A failure by the bidder or purchaser to fully comply with the terms, conditions, requirements and regulations of sale as herein contained shall be considered, at the option of the Borough, as a material breach of the conditions of sale whereupon the Borough may declare the contract or purchase terminated and at an end. All monies paid on behalf of the purchase price by way of deposit or otherwise may be retained by the Borough as liquidated damages and it may thereafter resell the property or pursue any such other and further legal or equitable remedies as it may have and the defaulting bidder or purchaser shall continue to remain liable for all damages and losses sustained by the Borough by reason of such default;

No representations of any kind are made by the Borough are made as to the condition of the property, said premises being sold in their present condition and in "as is";

Successful bidders agree to the following:

A. To pay prorated property taxes for the balance of the current year as of the date of closing

B. To abide by appropriate zoning, subdivision, health and building regulations and codes and stipulations that the sale will not be used as grounds to support a challenge of existing assessment of the subject property, nor shall the purchase price be used as a comparable sale to challenge the assessments with regard to other properties;

C. That the failure to close title as agreed shall forfeit to the Borough any and all money deposited with the Borough;

If any section or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Resolution, except as far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof;

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

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 25-97 AUTHORIZING 2024 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 FROM THE CURRENT FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

CURRENT FUND			
FROM:			AMOUNT
4-01-20-145-000-102	Tax Collection	S&W	2,000.00
4-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	2,000.00
4-01-20-165-001-101	Engineering	S&W	2,000.00
4-01-25-240-001-519	Police	O&E	5,000.00
4-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	5,000.00
4-01-25-265-001-101	Fire	S&W	2,000.00
4-01-25-265-002-402	Fire Official	O&E	2,000.00
4-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	7,000.00
4-01-43-490-000-102	Court	S&W	3,000.00
4-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000.00
Total FROM:			35,000.00
TO:			AMOUNT
4-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-30-420-000-404	Public Celebrations	O&E	3,000.00
4-01-30-415-001-101	Compensated Absence	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	2,000.00
Total TO:			35,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below transfers be approved.

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

RESOLUTION 25-98 AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF FLOCK SAFETY FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR 2025 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,272.82

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the sole source provider services of Flock Safety for annual subscription and maintenance for 2025 for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$46,272.82; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Police Chief are hereby authorized to execute contract for same; 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 Hoppe, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 25-99

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND STILO EXCAVATION, INC. FOR THE COMPLETION OF PUNCH LIST ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE 2023 AND 2024 ROAD PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of South Plainfield and Stilo Excavation, Inc. for the completion of punch list items pertaining to the 2023 and 2024 Road Program and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and it shall be attested to by the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the following:

- 1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
- 2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- 3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent/Borough Engineer
- 4. Stilo Excavation, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION 25-100 AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL POLICE TOWING OPERATORS FOR THE 2025 AND 2026 CALENDAR YEARS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 434 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 434 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, the Police Department has sought proposals from various towing operators for the police vehicle towing for the 2025 and 2024 calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the operators of towing/wrecking establishments in the Borough of South Plainfield have made application in accordance with Chapter 434 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield for renewal of the license to operate on the rotation towing/wrecker list; and

WHEREAS, after proper review of the renewal application and inspection of the facilities by the South Plainfield Police Department it was deemed that following towing operators met the requirements of the Borough Code and are hereby appointed as the official police towers for the calendar years 2025 and 2026:

Light Duty

- 1. J&L Auto Body
- 2. JVD Towing Service
- 3. Majestic Towing
- 4. Matthew's Service
- 5. R&C Auto Body

Heavy Duty

- 1. George Logan Towing Inc.
- 2. B&L Recovery and Towing
- 3. Noll Brothers Inc.
- 4. Scott Flowers Towing Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the official towing operators for the South Plainfield Police Department be and hereby are as stated above for the years 2025 and 2026.

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

RESOLUTION 25-101 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey[®] Grant funded by PSEG

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by PSEG;

THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield has determined that the Borough of South Plainfield should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSEG.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2^{ND}	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott						Х	
Councilman Smith		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:

• Health Advisory Board Monthly Report – January 2025

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Curr	ent Fund	4-01	57,9	924.35					
Curr	ent Fund	5-01	234,2	211.15					
Pool	Utility	4-26	0.00						
Pool	Utility	5-26		183.00					
Sewe	er Utility	4-07		0.00					
Sewe	er Utility	5-07	1,206,9	971.57					
Sewe	er Utility Capital	C-08		0.00					
Gene	eral Capital	C-04	162,5	595.72					
Pool	Capital	C-27	9,0	591.50					
Elect	tion Account	E-18		0.00					
	it Fund	G-02	2,	101.35					
Land	for Rec & Consv.	T-10	4,0)64.24					
Lege	ends Camp Trust	T-11	1,7	785.78					
Dog	Trust	T-12	8	364.00					
Trea	surers Trust	T-13	1,0	580.00					
Recr	reation Trust	T-14	5,2	218.94					
Senie	or Citizen Trust	T-16		0.00					
Tota	al All Funds:		\$1,687,2	291.60					
	wires totaling:		\$9,729,						
GRA	AND TOTAL:		\$11,416,3						
C	COUNCIL	M	OTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
	n Bengivenga				X				
00000000000	man Faustini			X	X				
Councilwo								X	
Councilma	n Smith				X				
Councilma	n Wolak				X				
Council Pr	esident White		X		X				
					5	0			
Mayor Ane	esh – TIE ONLY								

RESOLUTION 25-102 AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING

There were no closed session matters for this evening.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo - reported progress.

Administrator Cullen - was absent this evening.

<u>Engineer Miller</u> – said that Middlesex Water Company has begun their water main project on Oak Tree Road which will take some three to four months. Then after that we will be paving it. The recycling contract will expire soon and as such, we will be going out to rebid it.

Clerk Antonides - reported progress.

<u>Chief Papa</u> – said that on March 11th the police will be having a fraud prevention seminar at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. The police are also partnering with Target for a coffee with a cop event sometime in March, which will be in conjunction with Women's History Month, so female officers will be present for this event. The cops and bobbers fishing tournament is set for May 3^{rd} . The sign-ups should begin in early March.

Councilwoman Mott – was absent this evening.

<u>Councilman Smith</u> – thanked the South Plainfield High School teacher Kathleen Bennett and her students for their presentation this evening. They did a phenomenal job. Councilman Smith thanked Mrs. Boyle and Kristina Nieradka for applying for the PSE&G grant which will assist with reusable utensil efforts. Councilman Smith thanked the Environmental Committee and the Green Team for they do to try to beautify our park.

<u>Councilwoman Faustini</u> – the Buddy Ball dance will be held this Friday at 6 p.m. at the PAL. Ponytail registration is now open. The opening day for both ponytail softball and baseball will be April 12th at 10 a.m. of which the Council and everyone is invited to attend and to also march in the parade. The Bunny Hop will be held on April 5th rain or shine. Without rain it will be held at Putnam Park and if it rains it will be held at the PAL. Legends camp registration is now available. The Cultural Arts Committee is hosting an event for Black History Month at the Library on February 25th at 6 pm. It will be a discussion of the arts with a historian, Dr. Lacey Hunter.

Councilman Wolak - reported progress.

<u>Councilman White</u> – Safe Splash Swim School at 107 Corporate Blvd. opened this past weekend. It provides a great indoor swimming opportunity. They do have a party room available. A lot of care and thought went into this school.

<u>Council President Bengivenga</u> – wished Mayor Anesh a happy birthday which is forthcoming and went on to report progress.

<u>Mayor Anesh</u> – announced that the Borough will turn 100 years old next year. As such, we are preparing to have a special committee to prepare for a year-long celebration.

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 7:26 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR Municipal Clerk