

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 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 Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga		X	
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith		X	
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen			
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.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Anesh also awaited virtual hand raises and unmuted all microphones.

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

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

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COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
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**Proclamations:**

Girl Scout Week – was read in full by Mayor Anesh and accepted by all girl scouts present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present.

Women's History Month was read in full by Girl Scout Arrianna, and accepted by the Women's Leadership Committee who announced they are seeking submissions for their annual essay contest for high school students. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present.

Across America was read in full by Mayor Anesh and accepted by library board members that were present. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present.

### **ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2342 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Cullen said this ordinance will provide for the funding for our 2025 Road Program and went on to name some of the roads that are anticipated to be a part of the road improvements for this year. With no comments from the public, and no comments from the Council, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

#### **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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION: 25-103** **AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ABANDONED UNCLAIMED VEHICLE(S)**

**WHEREAS**, the South Plainfield Police Department in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, are in possession of abandoned vehicles due to the failure of the owners claiming such and are now desirous of conducting a public auction on Friday, March 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey for the following abandoned vehicles:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Vin#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
2003	Honda	Accord	JHMC M 56303 C0346 21	Crash	\$ 500.00
	J & L Auto Body	# 24-04519	Mileage: 182,444		
2013	Nissan	Altima	1N4AL 3AP2D C1448 46	Crash	\$ 500.00
	J & L Auto Body	# 24-38250	Mileage: 118,523		
2013	BMW	X1	WBAVL 1C50D VR824 18	Crash	\$ 500.00
	JVD Towing	# 24-50324	Mileage: 129750		

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the South Plainfield Police Department are hereby authorized to publicly advertise and auction the aforementioned vehicles deemed to be abandoned by their owner(s).

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

**RESOLUTION #25-104**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF GOVDEALS INC. FOR THE ELECTRONIC AUCTION  
OF MUNICIPAL OR UNCLAIMED SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER  
NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the following:

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals, Inc. pursuant to Sourcwell National Cooperative in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Cooperative. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals, Inc. are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Chief Financial Officer.
2. The sale will be conducted online, and the internet address of the auction site is govdeals.com.  
The online auction will begin Friday, March 14, 2025 through March 21, 2025 at staggering times between 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-5.
4. A list of the surplus property to be sold at auction is as follows: See Schedule A for a complete list of items as identified on the “Notice of Sale of Property-Public Notice”.

5. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
6. The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer/BA
2. Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. Chief Papa, Police Department
5. Sgt. Grasso, Traffic Safety Department
6. Ret. Officer John Petriello Jr., Police Department

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

**RESOLUTION 25-105**  
**AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO EXECUTE A**  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE**  
**NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU (NICB)**  
**FOR THE COMBAT OF INSURANCE FRAUD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) located at 1515 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 1300W, Oak Brook Illinois 60523 for the combat of insurance fraud and further authorizes the Chief of Police to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and it shall be attested to by the Borough Clerk, if applicable; 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. Chief Papa, Police Department

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

**RESOLUTION 25-106**  
**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE**  
**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PLAINFIELD AREA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AND**  
**THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR SANITARY SEWER OPERATION**

**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:

**RESOLUTION 25-108**  
**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SARAH BUTTITA AS A PER DIEM**  
**COMMUNICATION OPERATOR AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$33.34,**  
**EFFECTIVE MARCH 3, 2025**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Sarah Buttita as a per diem Communication Operator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the hourly rate of \$33.34 with an effective date of March 3, 2025; 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. Joseph Nappe, Communications Supervisor
5. Lt. Lloyd McNelly, Police Dept.
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 25-109**

**AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY FOR**  
**ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES OF THE BROADBAND, CONTROL STATIONS, AND RADIOS**  
**FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,493.75**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the sole source provider services of Tactical Public Safety, and a NJ state contract vendor (17-FLEET-00723), in the total amount of \$18,493.75 for annual maintenance services of the broadband, control stations and radios for the Police Department; 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 Daniel Hoppe, Police Department

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

**RESOLUTION 25-110**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF AXON ENTERPRISES INC.**  
**FOR THE ANNUAL LICENSE WITH UNLIMITED STORAGE AND DOCKS FOR BODY**  
**WORN CAMERAS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,083.74**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract services of Axon Enterprises Inc. for the annual license with unlimited storage and docks for body worn cameras for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$54,083.74 pursuant to state contract number #T0106/17-FLEET-00738; 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White		X	X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-111**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF AXON ENTERPRISES INC.**  
**FOR INTERGRATION FOR AN AUTOMATED PLATE READER FOR**  
**THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,048.12**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract services of Axon Enterprises Inc. for integration for an automated plate reader for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$7,048.12 pursuant to state contract number #T0106/17-FLEET-00738; 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White		X	X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-112**  
**AUTHORIZING A 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
**FOR \$1,700,000.00 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
5-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W		15,000
5-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W		15,000
5-01-20-120-000-101	Clerk	S&W		20,000
5-01-20-130-000-101	Finance	S&W		10,000
5-01-20-140-000-101	Computer	S&W		20,000
5-01-20-140-000-204	Computer	O&E		20,000
5-01-20-145-000-101	Tax Collection	S&W		10,000
5-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W		10,000
5-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W		25,000
5-01-23-210-000-661	Other Insurance	O&E		200,000
5-01-23-220-000-621	Health Insurance	O&E		400,000
5-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W		400,000
5-01-25-240-001-475	Police	O&E		30,000
5-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guard	O&E		50,000
5-01-25-250-000-102	911	S&W		25,000
5-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Services Charges	O&E		100,000
5-01-26-290-001-102	Public Works Admin	S&W		5,000
5-01-26-290-003-102	Snow	S&W		10,000
5-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W		5,000
5-01-26-310-000-102	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W		10,000
5-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W		15,000
5-01-26-315-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance	O&E		5,000
5-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E		100,000
5-01-31-420-001-555	Electric	O&E		25,000
5-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E		50,000
5-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E		10,000
5-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E		10,000
5-01-31-465-001-565	Gas	O&E		20,000
5-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W		10,000
5-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E		25,000
5-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory		50,000
TOTAL CURRENT FUND				1,700,000

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

**RESOLUTION 25-113**  
**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A BID TO BEST CLEANING SERVICE, INC.**  
**FOR FURNISHING OF JANITORIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500.00 requires municipalities to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

**WHEREAS**, a need has been determined for the furnishing of janitorial services for Borough Hall/Police Department, the Senior Center building, and the PAL Recreation Department building; and

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

**RESOLUTION 25-115**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF**  
**MOTOROLA RADIOS FROM BERGEN COMMUNICATIONS LLC.**  
**FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of Motorola radios from Bergen Communications LLC. for the Fire Department in accordance with Motorola NJ state contract number #83909 in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00; 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. Jason Campbell, Fire Chief

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

**RESOLUTION 25-116**  
**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**WITH KLUGER HEALEY, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Kluger Healey, LLC has represented the Borough in the matter of Siedenburg v. Parker, et al., MID-L-74-1021, since the inception of the litigation in January 2022, having been retained on behalf of the Borough by the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (“MCMJIF”); and

**WHEREAS**, the litigation has continued through three years, and is still an active litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMJIF has not paid the firm of Kluger Healey, LLC for approximately two years, and has declared that it will not pay the firm for further defense of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm has expressed a willingness to continue to defend the Borough and associated defendants under the same terms and rate it was retained by the MCMJIF; and

**WHEREAS**, continuation of the defense by the firm of Kluger Healey, LLC is in the best interests of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it authorizes the Mayor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with the firm of Kluger Healey, LLC in the form as attached hereto.

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

**RESOLUTION 25-117**

**AUTHORIZING THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE RENTAL OF A BACK-UP GENERATOR FOR USE  
DURING THE INSTALLATION OF A PERMANENT  
CATERPILLAR POWER SYSTEM GENERATOR FOR BOROUGH HALL  
FROM FOLEY POWER SYSTEMS  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,272.50**

**WHEREAS**, Borough of South Plainfield is currently a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey which is a state approved cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, Foley Power Systems located at 2975 Galloway Road, Bensalem, PA 19020 is an approved vendor under Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op bid #ESCNJ 22/23-46; and

**WHEREAS** Foley Power Systems under ESCNJ bid #22/23-46 (Quotation #RQP000005327) has provided a proposal for the rental of a back-up generator for use during the installation of a permanent Caterpillar Power System Generator for Borough Hall in an amount not to exceed \$8,272.50;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the ESCNJ cooperative rental of a back-up generator for use during the installation of a permanent Caterpillar Power System Generator for Borough Hall from Foley Power Systems located at 2975 Galloway Road, Bensalem, PA 19020 in a total amount not to exceed \$8,272.50 pursuant to the ESCNJ cooperative contract number #ESCNJ 22/23-46; 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. Peter Papa, Police Chief
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent/Engineer
5. Kelly Cupit, Purchasing Agent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White		X	X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-118**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF STATUTORY BUDGET DEADLINES BY EXTENDING  
THE 2025 BUDGET INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION DATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has authorized revisions to the statutory budget deadlines as per Local Finance Notice LFN 2024-20 dated December 18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the revised dates allow municipalities to extend the statutory budget introduction date from February 10 to March 31, and the budget adoption date from March 20 to April 30, in calendar year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, to avail itself of these revised dates, the governing body must adopt a resolution by no later than March 31, 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby avails itself of the revised budget introduction and adoption dates for the calendar year 2025 budget as follows:

- Budget Introduction Date: Extended to March 31, 2025
- Budget Adoption Date: Extended to April 30, 2025

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the temporary budget appropriations are hereby extended as may be necessary to accommodate this extension of the budget introduction and adoption dates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services using the Financial Automation Submission Tracking (FAST) system, as required by Local Finance Notice LFN 2024-20.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White		X	X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION # 25-119**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENT**  
**OF HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNER**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of retaining an engineering firm to act as Borough Affordable Housing Planner for the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS** the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contracts as “Professional Services” without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with **Heyer, Gruel & Associates of 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701**, for calendar year 2025
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.
3. The fee schedule for Affordable Housing Planning Services is attached to the 2025 contract submission that is comprised of a variable fee structure hourly range of \$110.00-\$175.00.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Observer as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

**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. Fred Heyer of Heyer, Gruel & Associates
4. McKinley Mertz of Heyer, Gruel & Associates

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White		X	X				
			4	0			
Mavor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:**

- Accepting the resignation of James Stillman as Communications Operator effective 2/23/25

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	195,820.48
Current Fund	5-01	492,521.06
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	1,350.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	935.06
Sewer Utility	5-07	1,088.25
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	231.58
General Capital	C-04	78,672.40
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	44,267.40
Land for Rec & Conv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	4,373.52
Dog Trust	T-12	5,659.20
Treasurers Trust	T-13	17,379.31
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,660.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>Total All Funds:</b>		<b>\$843,958.26</b>
<b>Plus wires totaling:</b>		<b>\$622,289.05</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$1,466,247.31</b>

GRAND TOTAL:		\$1,400,247.51					
COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-120**  
**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 – Information Systems
- Contractual – Library (Mr. Cullen requested to add this item to the closed session. Motion by Councilwoman Faustini to add this matter to the agenda, seconded by Council President White and unanimously carried.)

**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. 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga						X	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President White	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress, and as an aside said that his daughter will be appearing on The Wheel of Fortune this Friday night.

Administrator Cullen – said that work on the lamps at the soccer field has begun and then went on to report that tomorrow there will be a ratings call with Standard & Poor's.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Chief Papa – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Faustini – said that recreation T-ball, teeter ball, and softball registration is ongoing. Softball registration is still available with a late fee. Spring tennis registration is now available for grades five through adult, starting Saturdays at the end of April. Parents and Me Multisport is a new program available for ages 1 ½ - 3 ½ to begin in April at Veteran's Park. The soccer clinic will be coming up in conjunction with South Plainfield Soccer Association held Saturdays in May for grades K through third. The Bunny Hop will be on April 5<sup>th</sup> with more information to come. Legends registration opened today, and the community pool early bird registration runs through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman White – reported that the revolving sushi restaurant is still scheduled to open soon at Hadley Center.

Council President Bengivenga – was absent this evening.

Mayor Anesh – said that last Friday he met with the EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin who acknowledged his commitment to our Cornell-Dubilier superfund site.

Mayor Anesh announced (at 7:25 p.m.) that with no further business necessary this evening, the Council will go into Executive Session of which no further action is anticipated to be taken this evening.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wolak made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Council President White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk