

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 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 | X | | |
| Clerk Antonides | X | | |
| Attorney Paul Rizzo | X | | |
| Engineer Miller | X | | |
| Chief Papa | X | | |

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

Joe Scalera expressed his concerns pertaining to a traffic issue making a suggestion of having one-way street. Chief Papa said his department will take a look at the matter and get back to him.

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

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

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

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Bengivenga | | | | | X | | |
| Councilwoman Faustini | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Mott | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Smith | | X | X | | | X | |
| Councilman Wolak | | | X | | | | |
| Council President White | X | | X | | | | |
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Proclamations:

Irish Heritage Month was read added to this evening's agenda and read in full by Mayor Anesh.

Alex Grajko Recognition – was read in full by Mayor Anesh and accepted by Alex Grajko. Chief Papa presented Alex with a Police Chief Challenge Coin. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present.

Multiple Sclerosis Week - was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Dr. Jackson and her grandson were present to accept the proclamation. Dr. Jackson said she is an advocate for multiple sclerosis and encouraged anyone who is in need of support to contact her. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present.

PROPERTY AUCTION: Block 85, Lot 2

Mayor Anesh announced that the successful bidder shall make payment by check or money order for a deposit of 10% of successful bid upon completion of bidding. Mayor Anesh opened the floor with the minimum bid of \$10,000.00. With no bids submitted, closed the floor. A contiguous owner was present who said that they are the ones that keep this small parcel maintained, but do not have the money to purchase it. Mr. Rizzo Esq. said with no bids this evening it would be up to the governing body to decide in the future whether to change the minimum bid or not sell it at all.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2343 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for April 7, 2025 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2343

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO

AMEND CHAPTER 409 TITLED STREETS AND SIDEWALKS,

SECTION 29, TEMPORARY PAVEMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Section 409-29.1 titled Restoration of Surfaces be amended to delete Section 409-29.1(B) and replace such section as follows:

In the case of utility work which involves new or replacing, or repairing of existing utility infrastructure, such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, and sewer lines, where the area to be trenched is greater than 50 linear feet, upon completion or a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Borough Engineer, the permittee shall mill and repave the entire pavement surface from edge to edge, or curb to curb, for the full length of the excavation in accordance with the specifications of the Department of Public Works.

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 |
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| 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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| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-121

AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND CONDUCT A BID OPENING FOR 2025-2026 CROSSING GUARD SERVICES

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

Authorization is hereby given to the Municipal Clerk to advertise for bids and conduct a bid
opening for 2025-2026 Crossing Guard Services with the option of two, one-year extensions.

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

RESOLUTION 25-122

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Middlesex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the South Plainfield Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of:
GCSUD GRANT FUND \$ 13,578
 Cash Match \$ 3,394.50
 In-Kind \$ 10,183.50
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

RESOLUTION 25-123
AUTHORIZING CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO THE UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGARDING THE
CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRONICS SUPERFUND SITE.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter “EPA”) continues to perform remediation work on the property known as the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site; and

WHEREAS, the EPA previously requested access to property known as Lot 10, Block 260 on the Tax Map of the Borough to conduct certain activities related to the remediation work, which access was granted; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has now requested access to property known as Lot 1.01 Block 263 on the Tax Map of the Borough to conduct further work related to remediation work, and also requests temporary parking restrictions on the south side of Elm Street and the use of Maple Avenue west of Lakeview Avenue and north of the South Plainfield Senior Center for further activity; and

WHEREAS, the actions to be taken by the EPA are authorized under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, and the EPA will restore the property to substantially the same condition as it was prior to its activities;

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 hereby consents to officers, employees, authorized agents, contractors and subcontractors of the EPA to enter onto and move about the property designated as Lot 1.01, Block 263 to perform the activities as requested and the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute the Consent for Access form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

RESOLUTION 25-124
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.

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

| CURRENT FUND | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|--|------------------|
| FROM: | | | | | AMOUNT |
| 4-01-20-100-000-101 | Administration | | S&W | | 4,000.00 |
| 4-01-20-150-000-221 | Assessing | | O&E | | 1,500.00 |
| 4-01-25-240-003-241 | Crossing Guards | | O&E | | 2,000.00 |
| 4-01-25-265-002-401 | Fire Official | | O&E | | 3,000.00 |
| 4-01-26-290-002-435 | Road Repairs & Mainenance | | O&E | | 9,000.00 |
| 4-01-26-310-000-204 | Public Buildings & Grounds | | O&E | | 7,000.00 |
| 4-01-26-310-000-415 | Public Buildings & Grounds | | O&E | | 8,000.00 |
| 4-01-26-310-000-445 | Public Buildings & Grounds | | O&E | | 4,000.00 |
| 4-01-26-315-000-101 | Vehicle Maintenance | | S&W | | 3,000.00 |
| 4-01-26-315-000-401 | Vehicle Maintenance | | O&E | | 15,500.00 |
| 4-01-28-370-001-415 | Recreation | | O&E | | 2,000.00 |
| 4-01-32-465-001-545 | Landfill | | O&E | | 15,000.00 |
| 4-01-36-471-000-681 | PERS | | Statutory | | 6,000.00 |
| Total FROM: | | | | | 80,000.00 |
| | | | | | |
| TO: | | | | | AMOUNT |
| 4-01-20-130-000-204 | Finance | | O&E | | 3,000.00 |
| 4-01-20-165-001-235 | Engineering | | O&E | | 7,500.00 |
| 4-01-23-210-000-651 | Other Insurance | | O&E | | 6,000.00 |
| 4-01-25-240-001-102 | Police | | S&W | | 7,500.00 |
| 4-01-31-420-001-555 | Electric | | O&E | | 6,000.00 |
| 4-01-31-435-002-555 | Street Lights | | O&E | | 5,000.00 |
| 4-01-30-415-001-101 | Accumulated Absence | | O&E | | 35,000.00 |
| 4-01-38-481-000-225 | Tax Appeals | | O&E | | 10,000.00 |
| Total TO: | | | | | 80,000.00 |

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

RESOLUTION 25-125
AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON 3/11/2025
FOR THE HADLEY ROAD SEWER LINING PROJECT PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(A) CITING THAT THE LOWEST BID SUBSTANTIALLY
EXCEEDS THE COST ESTIMATES FOR GOODS OR SERVICES

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, one bid was received for the Hadley Road Sewer Lining Project as follows;

National Water Main Cleaning Co. \$990,940.00

WHEREAS, upon review by the Borough Engineer and Borough Administrator/CFO it is their recommendation that the bid(s) be rejected for the Hadley Road Sewer Lining Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (a) citing that the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for goods or services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby reject all bid(s) and authorize the Borough Clerk to return all bid bonds to the bidder(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the governing body decide to rebid the project the Borough Engineer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to take all necessary action to rebid the Hadley Road Sewer Lining Project; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. John Freeman, Najarian Associates
5. Brendan Noone, Najarian Associates

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

RESOLUTION 25-126
AUTHORIZING A 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR \$1,200,000.00 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 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------------|
| 5-01-20-150-000-101 | Assessing | S&W | 5,000 |
| 5-01-20-145-000-101 | Tax Collection | S&W | 12,000 |
| 5-01-20-130-000-204 | Finance | O&E | 3,000 |
| 5-01-20-165-001-235 | Engineering | O&E | 10,000 |
| 5-01-20-155-000-221 | Legal | O&E | 10,000 |
| 5-01-21-185-000-101 | Zoning Board | S&W | 20,000 |
| 5-01-22-195-001-101 | Code Enforcement | S&W | 25,000 |
| 5-01-23-220-000-621 | Health Insurance | O&E | 200,000 |
| 5-01-25-240-001-101 | Police | S&W | 425,000 |
| 5-01-25-240-001-519 | Police | O&E | 15,000 |
| 5-01-25-250-000-101 | 911 | S&W | 50,000 |
| 5-01-25-252-000-101 | OEM | S&W | 5,000 |
| 5-01-25-265-001-201 | Fire Department | O&E | 22,000 |
| 5-01-25-265-002-105 | Fire Official | S&W | 5,000 |
| 5-01-26-290-001-101 | Public Works Admin | S&W | 10,000 |
| 5-01-26-290-003-321 | Snow | O&E | 8,000 |
| 5-01-26-305-003-101 | Recycling | S&W | 15,000 |
| 5-01-26-310-000-101 | Public Buildings & Grounds | S&W | 40,000 |
| 5-01-28-370-001-101 | Recreation | S&W | 20,000 |
| 5-01-28-370-002-101 | Office on Aging | S&W | 20,000 |
| 5-01-28-370-002-236 | Office on Aging | O&E | 3,000 |
| 5-01-28-370-003-235 | Cultural Arts | O&E | 2,000 |
| 5-01-30-420-000-235 | Public Celebrations | O&E | 10,000 |
| 5-01-43-490-000-101 | Court | S&W | 15,000 |
| 5-01-45-930-000-802 | Interest on Bonds | Debt | 200,000 |
| 5-01-38-481-000-225 | Tax Appeals | O&E | 50,000 |
| TOTAL CURRENT FUND | | | 1,200,000 |

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

RESOLUTION 25-127
AUTHORIZING AN EXTRAORDINARY AND UNSPECIFIABLE
SERVICES CONTRACT WITH OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP, INC. TO
PROVIDE ONSITE COMPUTERSUPPORT ONE DAY PER
WEEK AT THE RATE OF \$800.00 PER WEEK

WHEREAS, the Borough requires onsite assistance and support in maintaining its computer equipment and systems; and

WHEREAS, Ocean Computer Group, Inc. has been providing such assistance; and

WHEREAS, the service sought is specialized and qualitative in nature and requires expertise and a proven reputation, which expertise and reputation is possessed by Ocean Computer Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that solicitation of competitive quotes is impractical for the type of service being sought by 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 hereby authorizes execution of an extraordinary and unspecifiable

services contract with Ocean Computer Group, Inc. to provide onsite support for computer systems on Thursday of each week for eight hours per day at a rate of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per week beginning April 3, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION 25-128
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SUBSCRIPTION FOR 3 AXON CAMERAS
AND ALPR SYSTEMS FOR 3 DODGE DURANGOS
FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,336.52
FOR THE TERM OF MARCH 2025 TO MARCH 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract subscription for Axon cameras and ALPR systems for 3 Dodge Durangos from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8,336.52 for the term of March 2025 to March 2026 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. Chief Papa, Police Department
4. Captain Hoppe, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 25-129
AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF NEOGOV FOR
POWER POLICY PROFESSIONAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,104.89

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the sole source provider services of Neogov for Power Policy Professional Subscription for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$7,104.89; 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. Chief Papa, Police Department
4. Captain Hoppe, Police Department

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

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – February 2025
- Verizon – Notification: Property Tax Return
- John Abbruzzese – Retirement Effective May 1, 2025

PAYMENT OF BILLS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Current Fund | 4-01 | 14,591.78 |
| Current Fund | 5-01 | 233,580.32 |
| Pool Utility | 4-26 | 0.00 |
| Pool Utility | 5-26 | 0.00 |
| Sewer Utility | 4-07 | 0.00 |
| Sewer Utility | 5-07 | 17,200.00 |
| Sewer Utility Capital | C-08 | 1,796.53 |
| General Capital | C-04 | 61,473.80 |
| Pool Capital | C-27 | 0.00 |
| Election Account | E-18 | 0.00 |
| Grant Fund | G-02 | 0.00 |
| Land for Rec & Consv. | T-10 | 0.00 |
| Legends Camp Trust | T-11 | 0.00 |
| Dog Trust | T-12 | 201.00 |
| Treasurers Trust | T-13 | 20,990.00 |
| Recreation Trust | T-14 | 575.00 |
| Senior Citizen Trust | T-16 | 0.00 |
| Total All Funds: | | \$350,408.43 |
| Plus wires totaling: | | 0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | | \$350,408.43 |

Council President White made a motion to add wires to the bills list totaling \$603,977.42 for the new grand total of \$954,385.85, seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The following vote is amended with new total of \$954,385.85:

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

**RESOLUTION 25-130
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 – Library
- Legal – Verizon
- Contractual – Recycling
- Contractual – Block 472, Lot 23

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 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Faustini | | X | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Mott | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Smith | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | | X | | | | |
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COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that Standard and Poor’s affirmed our credit rating of which report will be on the next agenda. We will be going out to bid shortly for the South Plainfield Avenue road improvement project. Mr. Cullen concluded by congratulating John Abbruzzese on his retirement.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Chief Papa – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – announced that the town clean-up day will be held on April 26th. We do have a large group of volunteers. Councilman Smith thanked Debra Leporino and Kristina Nieradka for organizing this event. Councilman Smith thanked the police department, fire department and EMS first responders for all that they do for our community to keep it safe and concluded by thanking Amy Antonides for all her work with Board of Health matters and wishing Mr. Rizzo Esq. a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Faustini – registration for the annual Bunny Hop will be open this Friday. The Bunny Hop will take place on April 5th. T-ball and teeter ball registration will close on Wednesday. Any registrants after that will be wait listed. There will be a soccer clinic on Saturdays May through June and registration is now open for that. Spring Tennis will begin on Saturdays beginning the end of April. Legends Camp registration continues. Pool registration still has early bird pricing available.

Councilman Wolak – congratulated Alex Grajko on his act of heroism and when on to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Councilman White – wished Mr. Rizzo Esq. a happy birthday and said how proud this governing body is of Alex Grajko’s actions during such a stressful event and went on to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Council President Bengivenga – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh announced (at 7:28 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 Bengivenga a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk