

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 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 Mott 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.

Clerk Antonides reviewed the agenda and said she has Ordinance 2352 to add to the agenda. Councilman Bengivenga requested to table this ordinance to give the Council more time to review. As no motion was made to add this ordinance, Clerk Antonides said it will be placed on the May 19th Council agenda for consideration.

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

Debbie Boyle reminded everyone that this Wednesday is the Taste of South Plainfield at St. Stevens Church from 6pm to 8pm.

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

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

April 21, 2025 – Council Meeting
April 21, 2025 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		X	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President White	X		X				
			4	0			

Public Hearing– Release of Performance Bonds Release of a Performance Bond Posted by Sil-Crete, Inc. for Public Improvements that did not occur to Block 388, Lot 10.02 – Mayor Anesh asked Clerk Antonides if everything is in order. Clerk Antonides said yes. A representative for Sil-Crete, Inc. was present virtually. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments from the public, closed the floor. Mayor Anesh said the resolution of approval is on this evenings agenda.

Proclamations:

Mental Health Awareness Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Debbie Boyle and other members of the Mayor’s Wellness Committee accepted the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media and friend present.

National Poppy Day - was read in full by Mayor Anesh. April Bengivenga and other members of the ladies auxiliary accepted the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media and friend present.

Military Appreciation Month - was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Veterans present, Mr. Robert Bengivenga and Mr. John Deandra accepted the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media and friend present. Adele, leader of “Quilts of Valor” presented Mr. Deandra with a quilt of honor. Mr. Deandra was nominated to received this honor.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2347 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments. With no comments from Council, Mayor Anesh opened the floor for a public hearing. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2347
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO
AMEND CHAPTER 515 TITLED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, SECTION 51,
PERFORMANCE GUARANTY, SAFETY AND STABILITY GUARANTY,
ESCROW FEE FOR INSPECTION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Section 515-51(I) be amended to delete such Section and replace as follows:

The Governing Body, by resolution, shall either approve, partially approve or reject the improvements on the basis of the report of the Borough Engineer. The resolution shall be adopted within 45 days of receipt of the report from the Engineer. Where partial approval is granted, the obligor shall be released from all liability pursuant to its performance guaranty to the extent of such partial approval, except that a portion adequately sufficient to secure provision of the improvements not yet approved shall be maintained as provided for by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53, et seq. An executed copy of the adopted resolution of the Governing Body shall be provided to the obligor.

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		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							

The following ordinance #2348 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments. With no comments from Council, Mayor Anesh opened the floor for a public hearing. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE # 2348
CALENDAR YEAR 2025
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$1,093,894.43 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$1,093,894.43, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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							

The following ordinance #2349 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for May 19, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2349
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 278 TITLED LAUNDROMATS OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Section 278-12 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be amended to add Subsection C as follows:

The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced by the Borough Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department or Construction Officer.

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

The following ordinance #2350 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for May 19, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2350
A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUILDING UPGRADES INCLUDING A NEW ROOF AT A COST OF \$640,000 AND INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADES AT A COST OF \$60,000, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by the following sources:

NJ DCA 2025 Capital Grant	\$500,000.00
CIF	\$200,000.00
Totals	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Capital Improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$700,000.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, Municipal Building Upgrades, New Municipal Roof and Information System Upgrades.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid from a DCA 2025 Capital Grant \$500,000.00 and Capital Improvements Fund totaling \$200,000.00.

- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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

The following ordinance #2351 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for May 19, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2351

AMENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2169 TO NOW INCLUDE THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by 2019 Middlesex County CD:

Middlesex County CD 2019
Turf Field Parking
South Plainfield Senior Center Parking Lot
Totals **\$124,402.90**

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Capital Improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$124,402.90.
- B. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-173 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR SIL-CRETE, INC. FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS THAT DID NOT OCCUR TO BLOCK 388, LOT 10.02

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bonds for Sil-Crete, Inc. (438 Hollywood Ave.) for public improvements that did not occur located at Block 388, Lot 10.02 and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Borough Engineer, correspondence from the applicant indicated that they have not commenced work and do not have any intentions to pursue the proposed improvements as per their site plan approval; and

WHEREAS, should the applicant move forward with the improvements in the future, they would be required to comply with all conditions of the resolutions and repost any bonds as required by ordinance.

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 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		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 # 25-174 AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-119 THAT AUTHORIZED THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENT OF HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNER TO ALSO INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL PLANNER FOR THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of retaining an engineering firm to act as Borough Affordable Housing Planner and Professional Planner for the Borough 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 and Professional Planner services

for the Borough 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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-175
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS INC. FOR GROUND
WATER AND SURFACE WATER SAMPLING FOR THE SANITARY LANDFILL
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for the services of Environmental Resolutions for ground water and surface water sampling for the sanitary landfill in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Environmental Resolutions, Inc.
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent/Engineer

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-176
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ABIGAIL DIAZ AS A PER DIEM TELECOMMUNICATION
OFFICER AT THE HOURLY TRAINING RATE OF \$24.34 AND THEN THE HOURLY RATE OF \$33.34
UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HER TRAINING EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2025

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring Abigail Diaz as a per-diem Telecommunication Officer for the South Plainfield Police Department at the hourly training rate of \$24.34 and then the hourly rate of \$33.34 upon successful completion of her training with an effective date of May 6, 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. Lt. Lloyd McNelly
5. Peter Papa, Police Chief
6. Gary, Ocean Computer IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-177
AUTHORIZING A 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR \$1,000,000.00 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		20,000
5-01-23-210-000-661	Other Insurance	O&E		150,000
5-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W		500,000
5-01-25-240-001-401	Police	O&E		15,000
5-01-25-240-004-225	Police - Tow Yard	O&E		10,000
5-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W		50,000
5-01-25-265-001-325	Fire	O&E		25,000
5-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W		25,000
5-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Admin	S&W		50,000
5-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W		25,000
5-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W		15,000
5-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W		50,000
5-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W		10,000
5-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory		50,000
5-01-43-490-000-102	Municipal Court	S&W		5,000
TOTAL CURRENT FUND				1,000,000

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-178
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:

3132 –Optiplex 3050
3129 - Optiplex 3050
3137 - Optiplex 3050
3131 Optiplex 3050
2842 - Optiplex 3050
3148 - Optiplex 3040
2210 – Panasonic CF30
NO Tag – PanasonicCF31

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. Gary Romeo, Ocean Computer IT Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-179

AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PREMIUM TO THE LIEN HOLDER ON A VACATED
FORECLOSURE PERTAINING TO 424 FREDERICK AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the property known as Lot **49** in Township Block **308**, Qualifier **C0001** more commonly known as **424 Frederick Avenue** in **South Plainfield, NJ** was subject to a tax lien foreclosure proceeding on Tax Sale Certificate # **20-00085**, recorded in Book 18284 Page 1128; and

WHEREAS, the foreclosure on the aforementioned Certificate was subsequently vacated by the Superior Court of New Jersey on April 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the tax lien holder, **Tower DB REO X LLC**, paid a premium in the amount of **\$23,000.00** on Tax Sale Certificate #20-00085; and

WHEREAS, the vacatur of the foreclosure proceeding has rendered the lien holder's premium eligible for return pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:5-55; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to return the premium payment of **\$23,000.00** to the lien holder, **Tower DB REO X LLC**.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-180 AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF 2025 COMMUNITY POOL PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance:

Community Pool		
Position	First Name	Last Name
Pool Attendant		
		Amariles
	Diego	Salazar
	Justin	Andrade
	Ava	Aneses
	Chloe	Angeles
	Devan	Armstrong
	Aaliyah	Augustin
	Isabella	Barbara
	Jake	Botti
	Evan	Brown
	Ashlyn	Butrico
	Sebastien	Castillo
	Gabriella	Castillo
	Madison	Catalanotti
	Lucy	Chabrak
	Jack	Chapman
	Emma	Ciccarella
	Jaylen	Coffie
	Maya	Coppola
	Nicholas	DeGeronimo
	Jazlyn	Dickson
	MiaSophia	Estrada
	Tabitha	Everitt
	Aaron	Everitt
	GraceAnne	Farrell
	Miliani	Feliz

hailey	fonti
Grant	Franciscus
Brayden	Gregory
Rakiyah	Grove
Sally	Hamadeh
Kudrat	Hanjra
Cooper	Haspel
Sofia	Hassan
Trinity	Holmes
Nyla	Johnson
Olivia	Kapolka
James	Katsingris
Kamryn	Keene
Ella	Kloby
Emily	Kloza
Cindy	Loloan
Maria	Lopez
Taniya	Lowery
Michael	Lugo
Sean	Mackenzie
Tristan	Martin
Megan	Mehl
Jocelyn	Miller
Paityn	Moniz-D'Souza
Amy	O'Sullivan
Zachary	Orelien
Ilyas	Palaj
Anthony	Perez
Anyi	Ramirez
Nathaniel	Rapelye
Jordan	Remaykis
Brody	Rinaldi
Kelly	Rivera
William	Rogers
Tatiana	Rowlands
Samantha	Rush
Eddie	Salgdo
Ariyana	Sharma
Wilhelmina	Stampfl
Daniel	Swartz
Aiden	Sweeney
Stella	Sweeney
Evalyn	Szalanczi
Braden	Tankiewicz
Khloe	Tighe

Lifeguard - Tier 1 (pending certification)

	Amariles
Diego	Salazar
Justin	Andrade
Devan	Armstrong
Jake	Botti
Gabriella	Castillo
MiaSophia	Estrada
Kudrat	Hanjra
Cooper	Haspel
Maria	Lopez
Taniya	Lowery
Michael	Lugo
Zachary	Orelien
Ilyas	Palaj

	Anyi	Ramirez
	Brody	Rinaldi
	Eddie	Salgado
	Ariyana	Sharma
	Wilhelmina	Stampfl
	Khloe	Tighe
Lifeguard - Tier 1		
	Christopher	Czuba
	Hanson	Ho
	Laina	Wilson
	Benjamin	Wordel
Lifeguard - Tier 2		
	Christopher	DePaola
	Emma	Figueiredo
	Kyla	Hunter
	Isaiah	Malapi
	Kaylie	Mayta
	Matteo	Mogollon
	Christian	Notino
	Thomas	Paterson
	Alexa	Pereira
	Tyler	Phan
	Brynn	Reilly
	Joshua	Wilson
	Alexander	Wordel
Lifeguard - Tier 3		
	Jacob	Aiello
	Emma	Benowitz
	Riley	Billian
	Brandon	Calderone
	Avery	Cassio
	Samantha	Culver
	Ava	Kurilew
	Laura	Ladino Furque
	Ryan	Lamberson
	Debora	Lopez
	Noemi	Lopez
	David	Mayorga
	Lesly	Mayta
	Gwen	Niemeyer
	Veronica	Niemeyer
	Maiti	O'Connor
	Amber	Olsen
	Genevieve	Pope
	Matthew	Robertson
	Matthew	Sauls
	Anastasia	Scrudato
	Silvana	Valdeiglesias
	Keenan	Walters
	Molly	Wilson
	Nicole	Zubieta
Assistant Manager - Tier 1		
	Jack	Mackenzie
Head Swim Coach		
	Karim	Motani
Assistant Swim Coach		
	Avery	Cassio
	Abby	DiGiorgio
	Nick	Robertson

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-181
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF VARIOUS PART-TIME SUMMER HELPERS
FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE PURSUANT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough to hire on a part-time basis for the Summer the following individuals for the DPW, without benefits, at the hourly summer rate of \$15.49 pursuant to the salary ordinance for such:

- Connor Gillis
- Luke Bickunas
- Kyle Griswold
- Joseph Mongiovi
- Tim Figueiredo
- Sean Griswold (new)
- Vincent Zebib (new)

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

Glenn Cullen, CFO
Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
Carmela Miller, Payroll
Anne Daley, Benefits
Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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 25-182
AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF LEXIPOL FOR ACCREDITATION,
POLICY MANAGEMENT, AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,901.15 FOR YEAR ONE AND \$20,807.10 FOR YEAR TWO

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for the sole source provider services of Lexipol for accreditation, policy management, and training services for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$40,901.15 for year one, and \$20,807.10 for year two, of which funding will be equally split between the current fund budget and the police forfeiture account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
 Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
 Peter Papa, Police Chief
 Captain Daniel Hoppe, Police Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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							

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:

- There were no matters of correspondence for this evening.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	0.00
Current Fund	5-01	431,736.98
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	8,113.34
Sewer Utility	4-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	5-07	30,529.58
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	280,372.45
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	2,175.35
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	1,850.00
Dog Trust	T-12	5,659.20
Treasurers Trust	T-13	1,440.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	225.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$762,101.90
Plus wires totaling:		\$8,515,823.50
GRAND TOTAL:		\$9,277,925.40

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-183
 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:

- Legal – Revaluation
- Personnel – Tax Assessor
- Personnel – Andrea Jeronimo
- Personnel – Code Enforcement/Zoning
- Personnel – Police
- Personnel – Senior Center

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that the next meeting we will hold our public hearing for our 2025 municipal budget and it is anticipated we will adopt it. We are still waiting for the state to weigh in on it before we can adopt it. The Borough also recently filed for additional CDBG funding for a vestibule project. We are hopeful that we will receive grant funding for this. We will be working on refurbishing the Senior Center parking lot which will be funded by grant funding. To conclude, Mr. Cullen said the work on Oak Tree Road in the residential section is winding down. The commercial side of Oak Tree Road will be done at night.

Engineer Miller – said the new roof at the Senior Center is completed with the exception of some minor punch list items. We are out to bid now for a new roof for the municipal building. Presently we are updated the lights at Borough Hall to LED lights which is a project that Jim Patty coordinated which we hope will produce a cost saving to our electric bill. The lighting for the sports fields is being worked on.

Clerk Antonides – reported that the rabies clinic held this past Saturday was a success and everyone was happy the weather turned out to be nice for it. We vaccinated 142 pets and licensed 114. Overall, a very well received clinic.

Chief Papa – reported that the Cops and Bobbers event this past Saturday was a big success with 150 attendees. Chief Papa thanked everyone who donated and participated in this event. Chief Papa thanked the governing body for their support with resolution 25-182 this evening. It has been over 20 years since we have been accredited. 50% of the accreditation process will be funded using police forfeiture funds.

Councilwoman Mott – said the spring clean-up had a large turn-out and went on to thank all the volunteers who assisted in this event. They all did a really great job.

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – The Public Celebrations Committee is accepting applications for this year's parade grand marshal until May 30th. Submit your favorite South Plainfield hero. Registration for the recreation camps is now live. The early registration at the pool was successful with registrations being up this year. If anyone is interested in the Legends camp program, register as soon as possible as the program is almost full.

Councilman Wolak – reported that the environmental committee held the spring clean-up last week and did a great job. The volunteers did a lot of work and overall, it was a successful event.

Council President White – said it was a great to honor our vets this evening, and especially touching to see John Deandra honored with the Quilt of Valor. Regarding this evenings Mental Health Awareness proclamation, it is important to remember that it is ok to not be ok, but it's not ok to not get help. There are many resources available to assist anyone in need. On another note, Crumble Cookie is coming to Hadley Center and Sips n Souls will be opening soon. The sushi restaurant at Hadley Center will be having their ribbon cutting ceremony this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh announced (at 7:32 p.m.) that with no further business necessary this evening, the Council will go into an 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 made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Mott and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk