

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 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	Andrew Denbigh		
Chief Papa	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman 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.

Clerk Antonides reviewed the agenda. Mayor Anesh asked the council if they had any comments, and with no comments from the Council proceeded.

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:

May 5, 2025 – Council Meeting
May 5, 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				
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Presentation – NJLM Louis Bay Scholarship Winner: Mayor Anesh announced the winner of the \$1,000.00 scholarship; Ella Kloby. Mayor Anesh called Miss. Kloby forward and she read her essay in full. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present.

Proclamations:

Neurofibromatosis (NF) Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Nora Thornton accepted the proclamation and her mother Corinne Thornton read a prepared statement about how important it is to bring awareness of this disorder and spoke about her own daughter's path. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family and media present

Click It or Ticket - was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Chief Papa accepted the proclamation.

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Anesh called the meeting back to order

PROPERTY AUCTION OF BLOCK 364, LOT 12 – Mayor Anesh opened the floor for auction of Block 364, Lot 12 with the minimum opening bid of \$100,000.00. With no bids made, closed the floor.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2349 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 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				
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							

The following ordinance #2350 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 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	2ND	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				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2351 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 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				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President White	X		X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2353 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 2, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2353

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SENIOR CENTER FACILITY UPGRADES INCLUDING ENGINEERING DESIGN, PARKING LOT RESURFACING, SIDEWALKS AND DRAINAGE AT A COST OF \$141,000, 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 LRIG 2025 Grant	\$91,000.00
CIF	40,000.00
Capital Surplus	10,000.00
Totals	<u>\$141,000.00</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 \$141,000.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, Engineering and design, sidewalks, parking lot resurfacing and drainage.

- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid from a 2025 NJ Local Recreation Improvement Grant \$91,000.00, Capital Improvement Fund \$40,000. and Capital Surplus \$10,000.
- 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 \$50,000.00.

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	
Council President White		X	X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2354 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 2, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2354
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO
AMEND CHAPTER 409, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ARTICLE III,
EXCAVATIONS IN STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Section 409-25 be amended to delete such Section and replace as follows:

No permit shall be issued for any street opening which would disturb the pavement of any street or roadway which had been constructed, reconstructed, paved, repaved, or overlaid for a period of 60 months after completion of said construction, reconstruction, pavement, repavement, or overlay, except in the event of an emergency or hardship as described below.

A. Emergency Opening

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a road opening shall be permitted under the following circumstances which shall be deemed an emergency for purposes of this section:

(a) Construction of a new home, commercial or industrial construction on a previously vacant parcel of land. A parcel shall be deemed vacant if it is not legally occupied by an owner or tenant, and it is in such a condition that it cannot be legally occupied because of the presence of at least two of the conditions described in Chapter 334, Article I defining vacant and abandoned property;

(b) In the case of a homeowner changing their home heating service from oil to gas;

(c) In order to repair a broken water line, broken gas line, or broken sanitary sewer line;

(d) In order to repair a broken underground electric, cable television, fiber optic, telecommunications or telephone line; or

(e) In any case of an emergency which would threaten the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Borough of South Plainfield.

B. Waivers

The Borough Council shall have the authority to grant waivers to the provisions of this section. Written requests shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk, which requests shall include the basis for the request and must demonstrate good cause to grant a waiver or that the applicant will suffer undue hardship if the waiver is not granted. The request must identify the location of the opening by reference to street address and indicate the size of the opening and the purpose for which it is needed. Waivers may be granted by the Borough Council in their sole and absolute discretion. In the event a waiver is granted during the moratorium, the applicant shall be responsible to limit the destruction as much as possible, and restore the disturbed area to its original condition, including, but not limited to, the pavement, surface treatments and striping. All restoration shall be performed in accordance with the direction of the Municipal Engineer and shall be subject to approval of the Municipal Engineer.

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	X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President White			X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2355 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 2, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2355 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2345 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2028

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			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2356 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 2, 2025 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2356 A SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING “VARIOUS SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO OAK TREE AVENUE” AT A COST OF \$100,000.00, 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 Sewer Capital, Capital Improvement Fund.

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund **\$100,000.00**

Totals **\$100,000.00**

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 \$100,000.00.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid by the Borough's Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund \$100,000.00.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (10) 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 \$15,000.00.

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		X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President White			X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing of the 2025 Municipal Budget – Mayor Anesh called on CFO, Mr. Cullen to provide an overview of this years 2025 municipal budget. Mr. Cullen said since we introduced the budget, we reduced the tax levy by \$100,000.00 and we are now approximately \$700,000.00 below the appropriation cap. Mr. Cullen said this year we will be making the largest debt service payment in his time, and overall, we are positioned very well. Councilman Bengivenga thanked Mr. Cullen and said one of the things we strive to do is reduce the burden of our debt and also increase the capital accounts so that we have the ability to pay cash moving forward. We've worked significantly over the past several years to be in a position to be able to reduce our borrowing. We have a good foundation ahead of us. Our credit rating is stable. A lot of hard work comes out of the administration. Thank you to Mr. Cullen and the department heads for helping to make a sound budget.

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on the 2025 municipal budget. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

Borough of South Plainfield							
Resolution 25-184A to Amend 2025 Budget							
WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2025 was approved on the 21st day of April 2025 and							
WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and							
WHEREAS, it is desired to further amend said approved budget, now							
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, that the following amendments to the approved 2025 Budget be made:							
RECORDED VOTE (INSERT LAST NAMES)	Ayes	(Bengivenga	Nays	(None	Abstained	(None	
		(Faustini		((
		(Mott		(Absent	(Smith	
		(White		((White	
		(Anesh		((
				FROM	TO		
General Revenues:							
1. Surplus Anticipated				\$2,750,000.00	\$2,850,000.00		
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:							
a. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes				\$29,697,118.70	\$29,597,118.70		
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for her certification of the local municipal budget so amended.							
It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 19th day of May, 2025.							
Certified by me		May 19th	, 2025	Amy L. Antonides			
				Municipal Clerk			

RESOLUTION 25-184

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves and confirms the adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached budget document.

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			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-185

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS FOR A FIREWORK DISPLAY TO BE HELD ON LABOR DAY, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00

WHEREAS, two proposals for the September 1, 2025 Labor Day Fireworks have been received on April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. from the following:

Garden State Fireworks: \$15,000.00
Grand Finale Fireworks: \$23,425.00
Pyrotecnico: \$33,000.00
Zambelli: \$37,500.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted, for Garden State Fireworks to perform a firework display to be held on Labor Day; September 1, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor has authorization to execute said contract for same and be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Garden State Fireworks
4. Public Celebrations Committee

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

RESOLUTION 25-186
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT FOR THE
ANNUAL PAYMENT OF POLICE CAMERAS AND ALPR SYSTEMS
FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,057.78

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract for the annual payment of police cameras and ALPR systems Axon Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,057.78 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
Councilman Bengivenga	X		X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President White			X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 25-187

AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-154 THAT AUTHORIZED TRAFFIC AND PARKING MODIFICATIONS
FOR THE OLC FAIR FROM JUNE 3, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 7, 2025 TO INCLUDE OTHER TRAFFIC
AND PARKING MODIFICATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby amends Resolution 25-154 that approved of traffic and parking modifications for the OLC (Our Lady of Czestochowa) Fair from June 3, 2025 through June 7, 2025, making Tremont Avenue a temporary one-way street, to now include other traffic and parking modifications in accordance with the attached schedule pursuant to the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Unit of the South Plainfield Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Dominic Demico, Representing OLC
3. Lt. McNelly, Police Department
4. Ofc. Zielinski, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 25-188
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE
AND MAIL 3RD QUARTER ESTIMATED BILLS

WHEREAS, the 2025 budgets for the Borough of South Plainfield have not yet been adopted and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to send out final 2025 bills by the statutory date of June 14th due to the lack of a tax rate certified by the Borough of South Plainfield

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-66.3 determines that the tax collector may, by resolution of the governing body, send out estimated tax bills for the third quarter, and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield to send out estimated bills for the third quarter, 2025 based on an estimated tax levy of **\$110,373,793.83** and an estimated tax rate of **7.213** per \$100 of assessed value to be reconciled through the fourth quarter, 2025 billing to be mailed upon receipt of a certified tax rate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is to prepare and mail estimated 3rd quarter, 2025 tax bills, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NJSA 54:4-66.3, the due date of the estimated 3rd quarter tax bills shall be the later of August 1, the additional interest-free period authorized pursuant to R.S.54:4-67, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the estimated tax bill for the third installment was mailed or otherwise delivered. Any payment received after this time may be charged interest back to August 1.

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

- a. Kimberly Clifford, CTC
- b. Glenn Cullen, CMFO

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

RESOLUTION 25-189
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES FOR THE EVALUATION OF
OVERLAY ZONES AND POSSIBLE REZONING OF THE HADLEY ROAD/287 CORRIDOR
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for the services of Heyer, Gruel & Associates for the evaluation of overlay zones and possible rezoning of the Hadley Road/287 corridor in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. McKinley Mertz, Heyer, Gruel & Associates

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

RESOLUTION 25-190
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A NJDOT GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE PROJECT

VOTE SHEET:

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

RESOLUTION 25-191
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT FIVE YEAR LEASE OF A COPY MACHINE FOR THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM COMPLETE DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$520.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract (G2075-40469) five-year lease of a copy machine for the Police Department from Complete Document Solutions (CDS) in an amount not to exceed \$520.00 per month; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Captain Hoppe, Police Department

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

**AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A BID TO SAFEWAY CONTRACTING FOR THE ROOF
REPLACEMENT AT THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$464,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that a roof replacement at the municipal building is necessary; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages and submitted bids as follows:

Axxis Construction Group	\$413,900
Safeway Contracting	\$464,000
Galia Construction	\$485,000
Northeast Roof Maintenance	\$528,000
Badger Roofng Company	\$573,000
MTB, LLC	\$590,000
Mak Group	\$611,000
Duga Construction	\$645,000
Marshall, LLC	\$710,600
JDS Industries	\$787,500
Cipollini Roofing	\$915,000

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough's Architect and Attorney and as such it has been determined that Axxis Construction Group must be disqualified on the basis that the installer qualifications within the contract bid documents require the company to specialize in the work, and have a "minimum of ten years documented experience" and be "approved by the manufacturer". Upon review of the bidder's proposal, Axxis Construction Group was established January 2, 2025 and the manufacturer is not familiar with Axxis Construction Group. As such Safeway Contracting has been determined to be the lowest qualified bidder and it is recommended the bid be awarded to them in the amount of \$464,000.00 for the roof replacement at the South Plainfield Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through the current fund budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract if applicable for the aforementioned vendor.

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

**RESOLUTION 25-193
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF KIRSTEN CULVER AS A TEMPORARY PART-TIME FINANCE
CLERK FOR THE SENIOR CENTER
AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$18.50 FOR THE SUMMER OF 2025**

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 Kirsten Culver as a temporary part-time Finance Clerk for the Senior Center, at the hourly rate of \$18.50 for the Summer of 2025.

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. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Tree Olano, Senior Center Director

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

RESOLUTION 25-194
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT FOR PRO SUPPORT SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FOR
POLICE DISPATCH FROM OCEAN COMPUTER
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,586.18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract for Pro Support 4 Hour 7x24 On Site with Emergency Dispatch – subscription renewal from Ocean Computer in an amount not to exceed \$9,586.18 in accordance with NJ State Contract 24-TELE-71883; 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

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

RESOLUTION 25-195
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,338.97
PERTAINING TO 299 EDGAR AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their sewer and have requested refunds:

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 193 Lot 2
299 EDGAR AVENUE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

COTALITY
ATTN:REFUNDS DEPT.
3001 HACKBERRY ROAD
IRVING, TX 75063-0156

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION: 25-196

AUTHORIZING A REFUND PERTAINING TO THE LEGENDS CAMP

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director confirms that the below refund(s) are necessary based upon the request for a refund from Community Pass ID holders that pertain to various recreation programs for the 2025 summer season as follows:

Legends Camp:

Family ID: 1632948

Refund Amount \$215.00: 1x Week of Legends Camp (minus \$50.00 deposit)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION 24-197

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME 2024
SUMMER PARK 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 for the South Plainfield Recreation Department at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance:

Summer Parks			
Position	First Name	Last Name	
Camp Counselor I			
	Ryan	Balent	
	Jalen	Brogdon	
	Madison	Droge	Sub
	Jake	Ensel	Sub
	Jane	Klinger	Sub
	Malaki	Lawrence	
	Mason	Malecki	
	Tyler	Ruchaevsky	
Camp Counselor II			
	Riley	Cassio	
	Bryce	English	
	Vincent	Gerardo	
	Emma	Hoppe	
	Jack	Jones	
	Carter	Lodato	
	Madison	Matusz	
Camp Counselor III			
	Giavanna	Bentivegna	
	Emily	Davis	
	Maria	Fuschetti	
	Mackenzie	Macmanus	
	Mya	Marin	
	Isabella	Rogus	
	Shayna	Ruchaevsky	
Camp Counselor IV			
	Sherry	Cross	
	Justin	Jordao	
	Katherine	Maren	
	Joseph	Padovano	
	Catherine	Pfeiffer	
	Shea	Price	
	Gabrielle	Santamaria	
Head Counselor			
	Chris	Balent	
	Frank	Gaspari	
	Jennifer	Gaster	
	John	Padovano	
	Caroline	Ratti	

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

RESOLUTION 25-198

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS POOL CHEMICALS FROM TODD HARRIS CO. INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE VARIABLE FEE STRUCTURE AS PER THE QUOTATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of various pool chemicals from Todd Harris Co. Inc. in an amount not to exceed the following fee structure:

Specifications and estimates for:

Prices for year 2025:

Liquid Chlorine (Bulk) Delivery

Price per gallon: \$4.20

Add: Delivery, Fuel and Hazmat surcharge - \$50.00

#LC5 Liquid Chlorine 5 gal/CBY - \$35.00 per CBY

#MA5 Muriatic Acid 5 gal / CBY - \$52.40

#MA15 Muriatic Acid 15 gal / CBY - \$156.66

#CYA50 Cyanuric Acid Granular 50LB - \$175.00

ADD: Delivery, Fuel charges - \$35.00

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. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

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

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – April 2025
- Cultural Arts Committee Minutes – 1/21/25, 2/18/25, and 3/18/25
- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Minutes – 1/22/25, 2/26/25 and 3/26/25

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	495.00
Current Fund	5-01	206,605.96
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	8,218.96
Sewer Utility	4-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	5-07	1,210,825.45
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	38,419.45
Pool Capital	C-27	1,250.80
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	10,411.89
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	768.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	0.00
Dog Trust	T-12	5,727.60
Treasurers Trust	T-13	26,024.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,151.58
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$1,509,898.69
Plus wires totaling:		\$10,760,268.36
GRAND TOTAL:		\$12,270,167.05

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			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-199
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 – Celebrations
- Contractual – Block 84, Lot 2, Carol Place

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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President White	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – said that the senior center roof project is complete. We awarded tonight a contract to Safeway Contracting to replace the roof on the municipal building. The drainage project has begun at the ponytail park area. A preconstruction meeting was held last week for the South Plainfield Avenue project for which the work should begin next week. To conclude, Mr. Cullen reported that the community pool will be open on Memorial Day weekend.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Chief Papa – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Faustini – thanked Ella and pointed out that anyone visiting the community pool this summer will see there is a new mural at the pool which was done by Ella Kloby. She was the one who spear-headed the project that is located on the pump house. It's a lovely mural. Summer parks registration is open. The summer parks programs will begin on June 30th. Sport camp registration is open and will begin June 3rd. Information on Safety Town will be coming out soon and will run from August 4th to the 15th. On May 30th at the Senior Center they are running a Real-ID sign-up in partnership with motor vehicles. All appointments for this event are filled at this time. We will see if we can have any future offerings. Also, on May 30th our seniors will be heading over to the South Plainfield High School for a day of service. Students are treating our seniors to musical performances as well as enjoying breakfast there.

Councilman Wolak – was absent this evening.

Council President White – congratulated Ella Kloby and said she has embodied what South Plainfield is and we are all so very proud of her. Council President White said in regard to the NF proclamation read this evening to please keep Nora and her family in our prayers.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported that at the past several meetings we amended our street and sidewalk excavation ordinance which was a long time coming. The one we approved tonight places a lot more restrictions on roads that were recently paved within the last five years. Further anyone that digs more than 100 feet will be required to do curb to curb restoration. On another note, Councilman Bengivenga said it was a big moment to have Ella present tonight to read her essay to us. It is rare that we receive some compliments, especially from our youth. It was a breath of fresh air. Mr. Cullen added that the essay contest by the NJLM is a very competitive one and Ella winning this speaks volumes of her future success.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh announced (at 7:43 p.m.) that with no further business necessary this evening, the Council will go into an Executive Session, of which no further action is expected 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 8:12 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk