

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 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	Michael Silbert Esq.		
Engineer Miller	X		
Chief Papa	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Smith 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.

Debbie Boyle reminded everyone of the Meet the Coach Night at the High School tomorrow, and the scholarship night will be on Wednesday.

Karina expressed her concerns with hurricane season upon us that it may cause for flooding issues again in the Clinton Avenue area. Further, the small stream area needs to be cleaned up. There is a lot of debris in it causing still water and a breeding ground for mosquitos, and Karina inquired as to what the \$3.2 million dollar refurbishment will be used for that was awarded by the state to both East Hanover and South Plainfield. Councilman Bengivenga said this is the first he is hearing about this and assumes it relates to the Blue Acres program buyout and will investigate it further. Mr. Miller said that the EPA is aware of the necessity for the clean-up and will be spending probably the next several years working on the Bound Brook clean-up.

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

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

May 19, 2025 – Council Meeting
May 19, 2025 – Executive Session

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				
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Proclamations:

Pride Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Samantha and Candor Plum excepted the proclamation and Candor Plum read a prepared statement of appreciation for the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family, friends and media present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2353 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 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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2354 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments. Councilman Bengivenga explained the benefits of having a moratorium in place and thanked the engineer and borough attorney for their assistance with this ordinance. With no further comments from Council, Mayor Anesh opened the floor for a public hearing. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

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

The following ordinance #2355 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 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				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President White		X	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2356 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 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				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2357 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 16, 2025 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2357

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 187 of the Code of the Borough titled "Vehicles and Traffic" be amended as follows:

Article II, Parking, Stopping and Standing.

Section 187-10. No Parking on Certain Sections of Roadway.

Revise Subsection (A)(12) to add the following:

- b. West side, Crown Lane to New Durham Road.
- c. East side, New Durham Road to a point 175 feet north.

Add new Subsection 41 as follows:

Teeple Place - East side, entire length.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-200

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,398.32 PERTAINING TO 121 RISOLI TERRACE 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 122 Lot 16

**121 RISOLI TERRACE CO. LLC
121 RISOLI TERRACE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**CLOSING USA, LLC
175 MILE CROSSING BLVD.
SUITE 2
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14624**

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

RESOLUTION 25-201

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,603.05 PERTAINING TO 116 SMITH STREET 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 391 Lot 5.01

**116 SMITH STREET
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
116 SMITH STREET
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080

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

RESOLUTION 25-202
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,972.59 PERTAINING TO
820 SPICER AVENUE 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 379 Lot 4

820 SPICER AVENUE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
SIMPLICITY TITLE LLC
44 WHIPPANY ROAD
SUITE 230
MORRISTOWN, N.J. 07960

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

RESOLUTION 25-203
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,623.31 PERTAINING TO
319 DELMORE AVENUE 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 335 Lot 6

319 DELMORE AVENUE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. 07080

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
HOMETOWN TITLE AGENCY LLC
TRUST ACCOUNT
514 WESTFIELD AVENUE
ELIZABETH, N.J. 07208

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

RESOLUTION 25-204

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2025 - 2026 AND
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2025-2026 LIQUOR LICENSES TO ALL
LICENSEES THAT HAVE MET ALL STATE AND BOROUGH REQUIREMENTS
AND HAVE PAID ALL APPROPRIATE FEES.**

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2025-2026 have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, no objections to said renewals have been filed; and

WHEREAS, the proper Borough fees have been paid by all applicants and the renewal retail licensee tax clearance certificate has been issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following licensees be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the year commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2026:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-44-006-006	Plenary Retail Distribution	Eddie and Ming Inc.	Oak Tree Discount Wines and Spirits
2	1222-44-011-007	Plenary Retail Distribution	Shreeji Akshar LLC	Maple Wine n Spirits
3	1222-33-001-009	Plenary Retail Consumption	Thakur Hospitality LLC	Fat Jay's / Spice Culture
4	1222-31-022-002	Club	Sth. Plainfield BPOE of America	Sth Plainfield Elks #2298
5	1222-33-017-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Giocerbone Inc.	Angelina's Tavern
6	1222-31-024-001	Club	Plainfield Curling Club Inc.	Plainfield Curling Club
7	1222-33-005-007	Plenary Retail Consumption	Konbrothers, Inc.	Park Avenue Diner
8	1222-44-004-007	Plenary Retail Distribution	Witty's Liquors at South Plainfield LLC	Witty's Discount Wines & Liquors
9	1222-33-018-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Norman's Bar & Grill LLC	KCS Korner
10	1222-31-023-001	Club	Italian American Progressive League	Italian American Progressive League
11	1222-33-019-007	Plenary Retail Consumption	Perspectiva, LLC	Paulos Bar & Restaurant
12	1222-36-030-002	Plenary Retail Consumption	Friendwell Management LLC	Best Western (Lobster Pub)
13	1222-31-022-002	Club	Chaumont Post 243 American Legion	American Legion
14	1222-32-009-008	Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad Package Privilege	Stelton Liquor LLC	SRI Discount Liquors
15	1222-33-003-010	Plenary Retail Consumption	Brick House Acquisition NJ LLC	Brick House Tavern & Tap
16	1222-33-007-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Red Lobster Restaurants LLC	Red Lobster #379

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2025-2026 liquor licenses to the above-named licensees.

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							

RESOLUTION #25-205

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

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

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

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

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals, Inc. pursuant to Sourcewell National Cooperative in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Cooperative. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals, Inc. are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Chief Financial Officer.
2. The sale will be conducted online, and the internet address of the auction site is govdeals.com. The online auction will begin Friday, June 13, 2025 through June 20, 2025 at staggering times between 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2019-5.
4. A list of the surplus property to be sold at auction is as follows: See Schedule A for a complete list of items as identified on the “Notice of Sale of Property-Public Notice”.
5. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
6. The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

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

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 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							

RESOLUTION: 25-206
**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ABANDONED
UNCLAIMED VEHICLE(S)**

RESOLUTION 2025-208
AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR FY2026
FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 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 alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs 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 such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 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:
GCADA 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
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							

R E S O L U T I O N 25-209
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES PERTAINING TO 1320 YURGEL DRIVE IN
SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, property known as Lot 4, in Township Block 528, more commonly known as 1320 Yurgel Drive in South Plainfield, NJ is owned by Pinaha, Steven M. Jr. Administrator;

AND, WHEREAS, a house fire occurred in March 2025 at this property, causing the Tax Assessor to reduce the assessed value from \$171,100 to \$95,500;

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2025 are generated from the 2024 Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with a tax bill based on the original assessment *prior* to the fire, while the assessment has since been reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel taxes for the 2nd quarter of 2025 in the amount of **\$1,319.60**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2025, and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2026 once the preliminary bills are determined.

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 credit(s) in the Amount(s) of **\$1,390.60** as mentioned above.

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							

**RESOLUTION 25-210
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF
OWEN KOWALSKI
TO THE POSITION OF GROUNDSKEEPER LEVEL I
AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$15.49**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Owen Kowalski to the position of Groundskeeper Level I at the hourly rate of \$15.49, with no benefits, pursuant to Ordinance; 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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							

**RESOLUTION 25-211
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF CHRISTOPHER CZUBA
AS PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER
AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$42.00 EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2025**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Christopher Czuba as part-time Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Zoning Officer at the hourly rate of \$42.00 with an effective date of June 16, 2025. The position does not include health benefits, but does include sick and vacation time in accordance with Civil Service Regulations; 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

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							

RESOLUTION: 25-212
AUTHORIZING REFUNDS PERTAINING TO THE
LEGENDS CAMP & COMMUNITY POOL

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:

Community Pool

Family ID: 2587438
Family Membership – Resident and Senior Membership – Resident
Refund: \$475 (includes deduction of \$10.00 per refund policy)

Family ID: 2815687
Family Membership – Resident
Refund: \$380 (includes deduction of \$10 per refund policy)

Legends Camp

Family ID: 1530871
2x weeks of Legends Camp
Refund: \$50 (\$200 Original Deposit and payment plus \$430 balance – retain \$150 which includes deduction of Registration Fee & Deposits)

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.

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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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CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:

- Mutual Aid Letter from Chief Bryan of Edison

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	0.00
Current Fund	5-01	816,714.44
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	13,961.83
Sewer Utility	4-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	5-07	107,100.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	58,964.10
Pool Capital	C-27	6,191.50
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	20,355.93
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	3,000.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	10,254.36
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	5,969.79
Recreation Trust	T-14	5,234.70
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$1,047,746.65
Plus wires totaling:		\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL:		\$1,047,746.65

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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			
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RESOLUTION 25-213 AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING

There were no matters for closed session this evening.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – was absent this evening.

Administrator Cullen – was absent this evening.

Engineer Miller – provided an update pertaining to the capital projects. The punch list for the Senior Center roof project has been completed. The lighting project for the park upgrades are also completed. The South Plainfield Avenue project continues, and the Oak Tree Road project work will begin during nighttime hours starting this Thursday.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 10th and all polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Chief Papa – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked Senator Diegnan for his assistance with the NJDOT in arranging for a clean-up of the Route 287 ramp and recommends that we do this at least twice a year. Councilman Smith went on to thank both the Environmental Advisory Board and the Green Team for all their hard work and efforts with their certification process.

Councilwoman Faustini – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Council President White – thanked Chief Papa for sending his officers to the Menlo Mall to provide mutual aid assistance for the recent occurrence they had.

Councilman Bengivenga – congratulated John McConville on becoming the new Commander of the American Legion. Also, as a reminder, the Feast of St. Anthony Fair begins tomorrow through Friday.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk