

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 7:00 P.M.**

***This meeting was also transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Bengivenga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Bengivenga 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. Councilman Bengivenga 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 | | |
| Engineer Miller | X | | |
| Chief Papa | X | | |

Flag Salute: was led by Councilman Bengivenga and Councilwoman Mott said the invocation.

Councilman Bengivenga provided 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, amending the bills list to a new total of \$2,272,553.04. Councilwoman Faustini made a motion to amend the bills list, seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. Mr. Cullen requested to add a matter to executive session tonight; Litigation pertaining to Block 204, Lot 2. Councilman Smith made a motion to add this matter onto Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Mott and unanimously carried. Councilman Bengivenga asked the council if they had any further comments and with no further comments from the Council Councilman Bengivenga proceeded.

PRESENTATION:

The Public Celebrations Committee came forward and presented their donation from the Labor Day Parade in the amount of \$3,175.00 to Chief Campbell to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by family, friends and media present.

The Public Celebrations Committee presented a plaque honoring Mr. Bill Cochrane honoring him for over forty years serving the Borough of South Plainfield as the Labor Day Parade Announcer. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by family, friends and media present. It was noted that Mr. Cochrane was known as "the voice of South Plainfield" for 41 years. Mr. Cochrane received a standing ovation for his many years of service.

PROCLAMATIONS

Disability Voting Rights Week – September 8th – 12th – was read by Councilman Bengivenga in full. No one was present to accept the proclamation.

Constitution Week – September 17th – 23rd – was read by Councilman Bengivenga in full. The Daughters of the American Revolution came forward to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by family, friends and media present.

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

Scott Miller said this past Saturday he helped host an annual marching band competition, which Metuchen won. Mr. Miller thanked the DPW for all their help. The Trunk or Treat event will be on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 12:45 to 4:00 P.m. in the parking lot behind Borough Hall and the Library. Registration is required.

Ms. Linda Pasca informed the governing body of flooding that took place in her basement in the July storms. She lost her boiler, washer, dryer and hot water heater. She suspects the problem has to do with a sewage drain issue at the church. The parking lot is like a pond when it floods. There is only one drain. The Knights of Columbus helped empty her basement out she is wondering if the town can assist her in paying for the \$6,500 furnace.

A gentleman on Calderone Street who said he does a lot of walking around town has observed during his walks a number of cars that are parked obstructing the sidewalks. He is asking for police to enforce this by issuing warnings.

Debbie Boyle reminded everyone of the Mayor's Wellness Health Fair that will be held on November 1st at Putnam Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Various items will be accepted as donations that day. Ms. Boyle concluded by thanking Bill Cochrane for all his years of service to South Plainfield, he was "the voice of South Plainfield".

With no further comments from the public, Councilman Bengivenga closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- September 2, 2025 – Council Meeting
- September 2, 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 | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | | X | | | | |
| Council President White | | | | | | X | |
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ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2367 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Councilman Bengivenga opened the floor for a public hearing. Ms. Valerie Hall of Matis Street asked how far back is the town going with the revaluation. She said she is a new resident and is concerned with her taxes. She loves South Plainfield. She also doesn't want to trust what she reads on social media, she wants to hear answers directly from the source. Councilman Bengivenga provided a brief explanation and added that there will be informational sessions in the future that may be helpful. With no further comments from either the public or the Council, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2367

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION
OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY
IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY
OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN
THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized, and a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,250,000 is hereby authorized pursuant to the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(b)).

Section 2. A copy of this ordinance as finally adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

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

The following ordinance #2368 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Councilman Bengivenga opened the floor for a public hearing. With no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2368

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS “ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO TYLER PLACE AND ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR HOLLYWOOD AVENUE, MACK PLACE AND RYAN STREET” AT A COST OF \$325,000.00, 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 the following sources:

Reserve for Off-tract Improvements \$325,000.00

Totals \$325,000.00

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 \$325,000.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, Tyler Place and engineering for Hollywood Ave, Mack Place and Ryan Street.
- B. That the cost for the improvements totaling \$325,000.00 shall be paid from the Reserve for Off-tract Improvements.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be seven (7) years.

The following ordinance #2371 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Councilman Bengivenga set the public hearing for October 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2371
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 163, ARTICLE I, TITLED
LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES, OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 163, Article I, titled Motorized Bicycles be deleted and replaced as follows:

Article I, Low Speed and Motorized Electric Vehicles.

Section 163-1 - Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Low Speed Electric Vehicles - a two- or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following classifications:

“Class One Low Speed Electric Bicycle” means a low speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour; or

“Class Two Low Speed Electric Bicycle” which means a low speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

“Class Three Motorized Electric Vehicle” - A pedal bicycle having a helper motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50cc or said motor is rated no more than 1.5 brake horsepower or is powered by an electric drive motor and said bicycle is capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 miles per hour on a flat surface, or a pedal bicycle having an electric motor that is capable of propelling the bicycle in excess of 20 miles per hour with a maximum motor powered speed of no more than 28 miles per hour on a flat surface. This term shall not include a low speed electric vehicle.

Section 163-2 - Operation of Low Speed Electric Vehicles Within the Borough.

A. Any person operating a low speed electric vehicle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Operators of a low speed electric vehicle shall ride as near to the right side of the travel roadway as practical, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

B. All persons under the age of 17 are required to wear a protective helmet while operating a low speed electric vehicle.

C. No person shall operate a low speed electric vehicle on a sidewalk within the Borough or in any location prohibited by signage.

D. No person shall ride or operate a low speed electric vehicle in a reckless or careless manner which endangers or is likely to endanger the safety or welfare of themselves or other persons or property. No person operating a low speed electric vehicle shall attach themselves to any street car or vehicle, nor shall the operator of the low speed electric vehicle allow others to hitch or hold onto an electric vehicle during operation. It shall be prohibited for a person operating a low speed electric vehicle to allow another

person to ride as a passenger, unless the person is carried in a proper seat, trailer or other accessory that complies with current regulations and contains adequate provision for a retaining a passenger in place and for protecting the passenger.

Section 163-3 - Operation Prohibited.

Class Three Motorized Electric Vehicles as defined herein are prohibited from operating within or upon any roadway owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Borough, or in any park or parking lot owned by the Borough.

Section 163-4 – Operation of Motorized Electric Vehicles.

Motorized electric vehicles shall only be operated within the Borough if properly registered, insured and operated by a licensed operator. Motorized electric vehicles can only be operated by licensed operators on the roadways in accordance with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Code. All operators, regardless of age, are required to wear a protective helmet while operating a motorized electric vehicle.

Section 163-5 - Statutory Provisions.

The provisions of N.J.S.A. 4-14.3, et seq. are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

Section 163-6 - Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$250.00 for a first offense; not to exceed \$1,000.00 for a second offense; and not to exceed \$2,000.00 for a third or subsequent offense.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-316

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000
SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN
APPROVED TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), authorizing a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,250,000 for the preparation of an approved tax map for the use of the local assessor has been finally adopted and a copy thereof has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey (the "Director").

Section 2. (a) In order to finance the special emergency appropriation described in Section 1 of this resolution, the Borough is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,250,000 and to issue special emergency notes (the "Notes") therefor in accordance with the Local Budget Law of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55).

(b) The Notes authorized by this resolution may be issued in amounts and denominations not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of Notes authorized herein, as determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough pursuant to this resolution.

(c) The Borough may finance the special emergency appropriation from surplus funds available or may borrow money in the manner prescribed herein. Where an appropriation is financed from surplus funds available, at least one-fifth of the amount thereof shall be included in each annual budget until the appropriation has been fully provided for.

Section 3. The following matters in connection with the special emergency notes are hereby determined:

(a) All Notes issued hereunder and any renewals thereof shall mature at such time as may be determined by the chief financial officer within the limitations of the Local Budget Law, provided however, that at least one-fifth of all such Notes and the renewals thereof shall mature and be paid in each year so that all Notes and renewals shall have matured and have been paid not later than the last day of the fifth year following the date of this resolution.

(b) All Notes issued hereunder shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the chief financial officer.

(c) The Notes shall be in the form determined by the chief financial officer and the chief financial officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.

Section 4. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the Notes not determined by this or a subsequent resolution and the chief financial officer's signature upon the Notes shall be conclusive as to such determination.

Section 5. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell the Notes from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as such officer may determine at not less than par and to deliver the same from time

to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof and payment therefor.

Section 6. Any instrument issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Borough. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 7. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized and directed to report in writing to this governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this resolution is made, such report to include the amount, description, interest rate and maturity of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 8. The Borough hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to Notes to be issued by the chief financial officer of the Borough on a tax-exempt basis. The Borough hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Notes, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Notes. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Borough to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank-qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue Notes in the amount authorized in Section 1 of this resolution and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purpose described herein. This Section 8 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 9. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Notes are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Notes are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Notes remain outstanding (unless the Notes and any renewals thereof have been wholly defeased), the Borough shall provide electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, for the benefit of the holders of the Notes and the beneficial owners thereof, in a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;
- (7) Modifications to the rights of holders of the Notes, if material;
- (8) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Borough;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Borough or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borough, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Borough, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Borough, any of which affect holders of the Notes, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Borough, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (15) and (16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided, however, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provision of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.

The chief financial officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of Notes prior to their offering. Such chief financial officer is hereby authorized to enter into written contracts or undertaking to implement this resolution and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings as needed to comply with the Rule or upon the advice of Bond Counsel.

In the event that the Borough fails to comply with this resolution or the written contract or undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for monetary damages, remedy of the holders or beneficial owners of the Notes being hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the covenants contained in this resolution or the written contract or undertaking.

Section 10. A copy of this resolution as adopted shall be filed with the Director.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**RESOLUTION 25-317
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF THREE MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLES
AND RECEIPT OF ONE CARGO TRUCK**

WHEREAS, the Borough Police Department is in possession of three old military surplus vehicles, being a 1991 AM General M998 one and one quarter ton HMMWV; a 1991 BMY M936A2 five ton wrecker; and a 2004 AM General Hummer; and

WHEREAS, the two vehicles from 1991 do not have titles and accordingly cannot be sold; and

WHEREAS, all of the vehicles require extensive work and cannot be relied upon; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Chief of Police and Borough Police Department, the Borough has been awarded a two and one half ton military surplus vehicle from the Federal LESO Program; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Surplus & Equipment Co. (“Eastern”), located in Trevoise, Pennsylvania, has agreed to accept the three older vehicles currently in possession of the Borough in exchange for a \$15,000.00 credit, and has further agreed to utilize a portion of the credit to apply toward the shipping cost of one M1078 truck from the State of Washington to its facility in Trevoise, Pennsylvania, and the balance of the credit will cover the cost of Eastern performing necessary work to make the truck serviceable for the Police Department’s purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will provide Eastern with three bills of sale for the three vehicles being traded as well as a signed title for the one vehicle for which there is title, and Eastern will provide a credit memo outlining the transaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough Police Department is authorized to proceed as detailed herein to trade to Eastern Surplus & Equipment Co. the three vehicles identified herein currently in possession of the Borough and receive a \$15,000.00 credit, and to use such credit to obtain and have work performed on one M1078 truck for use by the Borough.

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

**RESOLUTION 25-318
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM ATLANTIC UNIFORM COMPANY
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,040.20**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of body armor for the Police Department from Atlantic Uniform Company in an amount not to exceed \$9,040.20 pursuant to state contract number 17-Fleet-00763; and

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

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

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|------|------|---------|--------|--------|
| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Faustini | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Mott | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Smith | X | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | X | X | | | | |
| Council President White | | | | | | X | |
| | | | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION 25-319
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF BRIANNA HARRIS AS A FULL-TIME
COMMUNICATION OPERATOR AT THE ANNUAL SALARY OF \$53,791.95
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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

It hereby authorizes the full-time hiring of Brianna Harris as a Communication Operator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the annual salary of \$53,791.95 with benefits in accordance with the contract and salary ordinance for same with an effective date of September 16, 2025; and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Joseph Nappe, Communications Supervisor
5. Lt. Lloyd McNelly, Police Department
6. Captain Danial Hoppe, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 25-320
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A CAMERA AND ALPR
SYSTEM FOR A POLICE TRAFFIC VEHICLE FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INC.
AT A PRORATED AMOUNT TO NOT EXCEED A TOTAL COST OF \$8,996.60

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of a camera and ALPR system for a police traffic vehicle #61 from Axon Enterprises Inc. at a prorated amount to not exceed a total cost of \$8,996.60 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 | | | | |
| Councilwoman Faustini | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Mott | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Smith | X | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | X | X | | | | |
| Council President White | | | | | | X | |
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| Mavor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

CORRESPONDENCE (No vote required)

- Health Advisory Board Monthly Report – August 2025
- Cultural Arts Committee Minutes – May & June 2025
- EAC Meeting Notes – June 11, 2025

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

As amended to add \$11,419.60 to current fund for a new grant total of \$2,672,553.04

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| Current Fund | 4-01 | 2,840.10 |
| Current Fund | 5-01 | 597,127.26 |
| Pool Utility | 4-26 | 0.00 |
| Pool Utility | 5-26 | 5,051.18 |
| Sewer Utility | 4-07 | 0.00 |
| Sewer Utility | 5-07 | 1,274,477.18 |
| Sewer Utility Capital | C-08 | 0.00 |
| General Capital | C-04 | 1,454.60 |
| Pool Capital | C-27 | 35.12 |
| Election Account | E-18 | 0.00 |
| Grant Fund | G-02 | 4,075.75 |
| Land for Rec & Consv. | T-10 | 0.00 |
| Legends Camp Trust | T-11 | 3,391.33 |
| Dog Trust | T-12 | 15.00 |
| Treasurers Trust | T-13 | 8,729.26 |
| Recreation Trust | T-14 | 844.00 |
| Senior Citizen Trust | T-16 | 0.00 |
| Total All Funds: | | \$1,898,040.78 |
| Plus wires totaling: | | \$763,092.66 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | | \$2,661,133.44 |

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Councilman Bengivenga | | X | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Faustini | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Mott | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Smith | X | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | | X | | | | |
| Council President White | | | | | | X | |
| | | | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION 25-325 AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Borough Council to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Borough Council to discuss the below matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege:

- Contractual – Police Superior Officers Contract
- Personnel – Vera Agee
- Litigation – Block 204, Lot 2

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 | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | | X | | | | |
| Council President White | | | | | | X | |
| | | | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – was absent this evening. Mike Silbert Esq. reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – Veterans Park will be a staging area for the EPA work to take place behind Veterans Park for the clean-up effort of the bound brook. That area will be closed to the public. Northbound on Rt. 287 from the turnpike to Stelton Road will have night construction work from October 1st to October 15th. The county is projected to be working on Woodland Avenue later this month. Thanks to Len and Jim Patti for their coordinating their work with the refurbishment of Monument Park.

Engineer Miller – provided an update on the capital projects. The main work on South Plainfield Avenue is near completion with some final punch list items taking place. The water company is still finishing up on Oak Tree Road before they begin the paving. The Senior Center improvements project should begin soon.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Chief Papa – welcomed the hiring of Brianna as the new full-time communications officer. We also launched a new safety and security home survey which is posted on Facebook and the Department's website.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked DPW and the Public Celebrations Committee again for a great Labor Day, as well as Chief Papa for keeping our Borough safe. We heard tonight how great we are as a town and pray we continue to do such great work for our residents.

Councilwoman Faustini – the sideline cheer program has begun. The multi-sport program for the youngest registration is still available, recreation soccer practice begins this week, Buddy Ball soccer begins on September 29th, junior field hockey registration is still available, fall tennis starts this Saturday, and basketball and wrestling information is coming soon.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Council President White – was absent this evening.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – was absent this evening.

Councilman Bengivenga announced at 7:56 p.m. that we will be going into an Executive Session, which action is anticipated when we come out.

At 8:43 p.m. Councilman Bengivenga called the meeting back to order and said as a result of this evening's executive session, it resulted in the necessity of adding Resolution 25-326 to tonight's agenda. Councilman Smith made a motion to add Resolution 25-326, seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION 25-326
AUTHORIZING THE SEWER CONNECTION FEE FOR BLOCK 204 LOT 2
AT THE 2007 PREVAILING RATE

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for the sewer connection fee for Block 204, Lot 2 in accordance with the 2007 prevailing rate; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Domic Demico, Construction Official
5. South Plainfield Tax Department

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|------|------|---------|--------|--------|
| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Faustini | | | X | | | | |
| Councilwoman Mott | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Smith | X | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Wolak | | X | X | | | | |
| Council President White | | | | | | X | |
| | | | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Councilman Bengivenga called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk