

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 7:00 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website. Mayor Anesh stated that pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, "the presiding officer shall limit such discussion to not more than a three-minute duration."

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller		X	
Chief Papa	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and 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 adding one litigation matter for closed session. Councilman Smith made a motion to add the closed session item this evening's agenda, seconded by Council President White and unanimously carried.

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.

The attorney representing Traditions said he is present this evening because he understands Ordinance #2366 has been adopted and is hoping it would be considered for amendment as it didn't include the residential section of Traditions in it. Mayor Anesh said that as we are still undergoing our Master Plan, that request can go before our Planning Board.

Karen Gigantino said she was here about a month ago expressing her upset regarding a neighbor who constantly plays loud music. About a week after she was at that Council meeting, that neighbor approached her and told her that they are going to continue to play their music loud whether she calls the police or not. It still continues past 10 p.m. and is an ongoing issue every weekend. There is another house also that is doing this too. The surrounding neighbors are afraid to confront these neighbors. Mr. Rizzo Esq. said he did look into our sound ordinance and found that we did model ours after the DEP's recommendation. There is not much we can change. Chief Papa said that sound reading machines are complicated and don't always hold up in court. Chief Papa took her information and will look into the matter.

Madison inquired what the special equipment is used for pertaining to resolution 25-327. Chief Papa explained.

With no further public comments, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- September 15, 2025 – Council Meeting
- September 15, 2025 – Executive Session

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				
Council President White	X		X				
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PROCLAMATION(S)

Bullying Prevention Month - was read in full by Mayor Anesh and accepted by Debbie Boyle and Debra Leporino. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media present.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - was read in full by Mayor Anesh and accepted by Councilwoman Faustini and Mott. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media present.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month- was read in full by Mayor Anesh and accepted by the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Prevention Team. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2370 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public or from council, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2370

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO MONUMENT PARK INCLUDING RESURFACED WALKING PATHS, PAVERS AND MONUMENTS” AT A COST OF \$45,000.00, 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:

Capital Improvement Fund	\$45,000.00
Totals	<u>\$45,000.00</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 \$45,000.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, resurfacing of walkways, pavers and monuments/statutes.

- B. That the cost for the improvements totaling \$45,000.00 shall be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be seven (7) 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 \$10,000.00.

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

The following ordinance #2371 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Councilwoman Mott asked to amend Section 163-4 by adding “Class III” to that section. Mr. Rizzo Esq. said the suggested amended is very minor in nature and can be adopted tonight as amended.

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 Class Three Motorized Electric Vehicles.

Class Three Motorized electric vehicles shall only be operated within the Borough if properly registered, insured and operated by a licensed operator. Class Three 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.

Vote is As Amended:

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 #2372 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 20, 2025 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2372
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE 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 to add a new Section 187-13 to be titled:

No Parking, Both Sides, Entire Roadway, During Designated Times

Elm Street from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

All other sections of this Chapter subsequent to Section 187-13 shall be renumbered.

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

The following ordinance #2373 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 20, 2025 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2373
A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR CENTER’S KITCHEN AT A COST OF \$150,000 AND POLICE
EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS TOTALING \$25,000.00”, 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:

CDBG Grant 2025/26	\$100,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 75,000.00
Totals	<u>\$175,000.00</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 \$175,000.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, kitchen improvements, equipment and police equipment and computers.
- B. That the cost for the improvements totaling \$175,000.00 shall be paid from a Community Development Block Grant of \$100,000 and \$75,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be seven (7) 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 \$10,000.00.

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				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2374 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 20, 2025 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2374

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT (“MLA”) WITH NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMALL CELL EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless previously sought and obtained consent to install small cell antenna equipment as a way to address network gaps and improve broadband capacity for wireless consumers throughout the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Borough previously determined and continues to believe that reduction of network gaps and improvement of broadband data transmission capacity proposed by New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless will benefit personal wireless service consumers in the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless has requested consent to install small cell antennas on existing and replacement utility poles at various locations within the Public Rights-of-Way in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that its Public Rights-of-Way, such as they are or may be, themselves constitute a valuable resource, finite in nature, for the benefit of the public, and which therefore must be managed carefully ; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Telecommunications Act preserves local government’s ability to “manage the public Rights-of-Way ... on a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory basis.” 47 U.S.C. 253(c); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Telecommunications Act preserves local government’s authority over the, “placement, construction and modification of personal wireless service facilities.” 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(A); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Telecommunications Act makes it unlawful for local government to prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless service. 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(B)(i)(II); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey municipalities may give consent for the placement of Small Cell Equipment on poles lawfully erected within the public Rights-of-Way pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing laws, and in furtherance of their respective goals and objectives, the Borough and New York SMSA Limited d/b/a Verizon Wireless have previously agreed to an acceptable Master License Agreement (“MLA”); and

WHEREAS, New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless has requested consent to install small cell antennas at eight additional locations within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2017, the Borough adopted Ordinance No. 2090 which provided for the same terms and conditions for a Master License Agreement with “Verizon Wireless, Inc.”, and thereafter, it was requested that the Ordinance and Master License Agreement be amended to designate New York SMSA Limited d/b/a Verizon Wireless as the party to enter into agreement with the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2017, the Borough adopted Ordinance No. 2094 which provided for the same terms and conditions for a Master License Agreement and amended the Agreement as to the entity named, New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless replacing Verizon Wireless, Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey adopts the following sections:

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of the MLA with New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless as amended are hereby approved. A copy of the MLA in substantially final form is attached to this ordinance as **Exhibit 1**. A copy of the fully executed agreement will be substituted for Exhibit 1 upon receipt of all signatures.

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield is authorized to execute the attached amended MLA, in substantially this form or with de minimus changes approved by the Borough Attorney, which is incorporated into this ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 3. The Borough Engineer or the Borough Engineer’s designee is authorized to execute any documents and Supplemental Licenses as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:30A-124 and the terms of the MLA with New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless the Borough shall recover reasonable fees for actual services incurred in the review of the MLA with New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and any Supplemental Licenses issued therefrom. New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless shall make an eight hundred (\$800.00) dollar deposit toward anticipated municipal expenses which shall be placed in an escrow account. If said

escrow account contains insufficient funds to enable the Borough to perform its review, the chief financial officer shall provide New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless a notice of insufficient balance. In order for review to continue, New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless shall, within a reasonable time, post a deposit to the account in an amount to be mutually agreed upon.

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							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 25-327

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Middlesex, Department of Public Safety and Health for the use of special equipment for the 2026 calendar year and further authorizes the Mayor, Chief of Police, and OEM Coordinator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and it shall be attested to by the Borough Clerk; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Peter Papa, Police Chief South Plainfield
4. Lloyd McNelly, OEM Coordinator South Plainfield
5. Joseph Krisza, Director of Dept. of Health & Safety, Middlesex County

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 25-328

AUTHORIZING KRISTINA NIERADKA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT (REG)

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex in continuing to recognize the importance of recycling and the role that the individual municipalities play in conjunction with the County towards achieving an exemplary recycling rate has proposed to provide grant monies to municipalities through the Recycling Enhancement Grant (REG) Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the REG Program to provide funds to qualifying municipalities to be used for a paper shred event to enhance a municipality's recycling program; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield and its citizens to apply for this grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that Kristina Nieradka, Recycling Coordinator, is hereby authorized to submit the application for consideration of a grant to the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2025-329
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE STATE THAT
THE GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE
COMPLETED 2025 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY
AS PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AT THE OCTOBER 6, 2025, PUBLIC MEETING

WHEREAS, the State’s Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality’s final 5% allocation of its CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based upon the results of the CY 2025 Best Practices Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Inventory is meant to encourage municipalities to consider and embrace a range of best practices that will help improve financial accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the completed CY2025 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the CY2025 Best Practices Inventory process have been met by the Borough of South Plainfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to certify to the State Division of Local Government Services that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield have reviewed and discussed the completed CY2025 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the October 6, 2025 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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	X				
Council President White			X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 25-330
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR
ROHIT PATEL FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 529, LOT 5
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,223.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond for Rohit Patel for public improvements located at Block 529, Lot 5; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$2,223.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bonds and release the Performance Bonds held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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

RESOLUTION 25-331
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR
317 MERCHANTS AVENUE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 180, LOT 8
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,467.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond for 317 Merchants Avenue for public improvements located at Block 180, Lot 8; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,467.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bonds and release the Performance Bonds held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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

RESOLUTION: 25-332
**AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
LEGENDS CAMP CIT VOLUNTEERING**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director confirms the reimbursement of successful completion of Legends Camp CIT volunteering for the 2025 summer season as follows:

Legends Camp CIT Volunteer Registration Fee

Family ID: # 1922892

5 weeks @ \$50.00 each- Total \$250.00

Family ID # 1139409

6 weeks @ \$50.00 each- Total \$300.00

Family ID # 1415554

2x Children – 2 weeks each child @ 50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 1378135

4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 951710

3 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$150.00

Family ID # 1139420

6 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$300.00

Family ID # 1413481

4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 624739

6 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$300.00

Family ID # 837910

5 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$250.00

Family ID # 1691634

4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 1752490

4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 1406100

4 weeks @ \$50.0 each – Total \$ 200.00

Family ID # 1419396

4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 2306861

2x Children at 5 weeks each child @ \$50.00 each – Total \$500.00

Family ID # 1139408

4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$ 200.00

Family ID # 1651500

6 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$300.00

Family ID # 1413434
7 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$350.00

Family ID # 694132
5 weeks @ \$50.00 each- Total \$250.00

Family ID # 1120299
6 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$300.00

Family ID # 802159
5 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$250.00

Family ID # 2844325
7 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$350.00

Family ID # 601181
4 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$200.00

Family ID # 1452764
2 Children at 6 weeks each child @ \$50.00 each- Total \$600.00

Family ID # 768958
7 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$350.00

Family ID # 624574
5 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$250.00

Family ID # 625028
5 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$250.00

Family ID # 1139461
5 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$250.00

Family ID # 2847231
5 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$250.00

Family ID # 749315
8 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$400.00

Family ID # 767417
3 weeks @ \$50.00 each – Total \$150.00

Total: \$8,150.00

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

RESOLUTION 25-333
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF KADEN DEAKYNE AND BRIAN POTTS AS PART-TIME GROUNDS
KEEPERS LEVEL I FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER

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 part-time hiring of Kaden DeaKyne and Brian Potts as Groundskeeper Level I for the Recycling Center at the hourly rate of \$15.49 without benefits, contingent upon the successful passing of a pre-employment drug test.

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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
6. Paul Zawacki, Recycling Supervisor

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 25-334
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF STILO EXCAVATION
FOR THE PAVING OF MONUMENT PARK
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,218.25**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Stilo Excavating for the paving of Monument Park in an amount not to exceed \$26,218.25; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Stilo Excavation

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2025-335
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield is established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and Ordinance 2358, Chapter 84 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and Borough Ordinance 2358, the Appropriate Authority, may make, amend, or revoke the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, but will do so only in conjunction with the Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriate Authority in the Borough of South Plainfield has herewith reviewed the proposed Rules and Regulations as recommended by the Chief of Police and hereby recommends the adoption and promulgation of said Rules and Regulations to the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the adoption of the Rules and Regulations of the South Plainfield Police Department attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Rules and Regulations of the South Plainfield Police Department are hereby accepted and adopted by the Borough Council.
2. All Rules and Regulations previously issued, and policies and procedures that are contrary to the Rules contained herein, are hereby revoked. All other policies and procedures shall remain in force.
3. This Resolution in conjunction with the Rules and Regulations of the South Plainfield Police Department attached hereto shall take effect October 7, 2025.

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

1. Peter Papa, Chief of Police
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk/Appropriate Authority

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 25-336

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JORGE PAREDES AS A PER DIEM TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICER AT THE HOURLY TRAINING RATE OF \$24.34

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Jorge Paredes as a per-diem Telecommunication Officer for the South Plainfield Police Department at the hourly training rate of \$24.34 and then the hourly rate of \$33.34 upon successful completion of his training with an effective date of October 7, 2025; and

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

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

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 25-337
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SYDNEY LOIACONO AS FULL-TIME TELECOMMUNICATION
OFFICER AT THE ANNUAL SALARY OF \$53,791.95,
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2025

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Sydney Loiacono as Full-Time Telecommunication Officer for the South Plainfield Police Department at the annual salary of \$53,791.95 with benefits, and with an effective date of October 7, 2025, and

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

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

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 25-338
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SARA GARCIA FROM POLICE RECORDS
DEPARTMENT TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AS A FULL-TIME CLERK-TYPIST
WITH HER SALARY TO REMAIN THE SAME

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

It hereby authorizes the transfer of Sara Garcia from the Police Records Department to the Finance Department as a full-time Clerk-Typist with her salary, benefits and seniority in title with the Borough, all to remain the same. The effective date of the transfer shall be November 3, 2025.

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. Peter Papa, Police Chief

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		X				
Council President White			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE (No vote required)

- Health Advisory Board Monthly Report – September 2025

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	0.00
Current Fund	5-01	718,651.99
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	5-26	158.99
Sewer Utility	4-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	5-07	3,919.31
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	337,838.91
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,772.00
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	36,254.36
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	1,230.23
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	13,880.05
Recreation Trust	T-14	59,032.77
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$1,172,738.61
Plus wires totaling:		\$5,987,516.09
GRAND TOTAL:		\$7,160,254.70

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

RESOLUTION 25-339 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
- Legal – Celebrations at South Plainfield
- Contractual – PSEG / Durham Avenue
- Legal – Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund Site
- Contractual – Revaluation
- Personnel – Raquel Serrano
- Personnel – Police Chief
- Litigation – Mary Beth Khidre

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.

As amended:

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that site work is on going at the Senior Center but is expected to be complete before election day. We expect the work on Oak Tree Avenue to be completed by October 22nd-23rd. This week we will begin work on the roof of the municipal building. To conclude we anticipate having a resolution on for the next meeting to pave Tyler Place. Congratulations to Sara on transferring over to the Finance Office.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that the General Election is on November 4th and all polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. and went on to report progress.

Chief Papa – reported that the police will have a bike event at Spring Lake Park on October 26th, for students grades 2nd to 6th. It will be more of an education campaign with the schools regarding bike and E-bike safety. Chief Papa thanked the governing body for their support regarding Ordinance 2371 pertaining to E-bikes. Chief Papa concluded by thanking everyone for their support of the amendment to the rules and regulations for the police department which was a necessary step towards achieving accreditation.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked Council for their support of resolution 25-328 allowing Kristina Nieradka to submit a grant application for recycling. She is doing an amazing job, and everyone is working hard to make our town beautiful. Councilman Smith congratulated the recent marriage of Councilwoman Faustini's daughter.

Councilwoman Faustini – the annual trunk-or-treat event is in a new location, behind Willow Park and the Library on Saturday, November 1st at 12:45 for sensory, 1:00 p.m. for all others. Registration will open for that on October 25th. Candy donations are taking place at Borough Hall, the Library and Senior Center. Travel basketball tryouts continue. Regular basketball and wrestling are now open.

Councilman Wolak – said that he is happy to hear the Borough is the first municipality to acknowledge the month of October as Bullying Prevention Month. Mayor Anesh extended credit to the schools who do significant anti-bullying education.

Council President White – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – suggested cancelling the November 3rd and November 17th Council meetings and having one meeting in November instead on November 10th, due to the number of holidays, the annual NJ League of Municipalities Convention, the election, etc. After a brief discussion, the governing body unanimously agreed to cancel the two scheduled meetings in November and reschedule their meeting to November 10th instead and went on to report progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh announced at 7:41 p.m. that we will be going into an Executive Session, which action is not anticipated when we come out.

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 9:16 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk