

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2012, 7:20 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:20 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 meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Barletta	x		
Councilman Bengivenga	x		
Councilman Frank	x		
Councilman McConville	x		
Councilman White	x		
Council President Rusnak	x		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	x		
Clerk Antonides	x		
Attorney Rizzo	x		
Engineer Miller	x		

FLAG SALUTE: was led by Mayor Anesh and Council President Rusnak led the invocation.

Proclamation: 2012 Mischief Night & Halloween
Physical Therapy Month

Mayor Anesh read both proclamations in full. Mayor Anesh called Ms. Cathy Scarpitto of ProCare forward to present her with the Proclamation pertaining to Physical Therapy Month. Ms. Scarpitto thanked the Mayor and Council and said she encourages in need to see a physical therapist. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken.

Approve Council Minutes: October 1 - Agenda
October 1, 2012 - Public
October 1, 2012 – Executive

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank			x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White	x		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Public Comment For Agenda Items Only:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

With no comments made from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING BY TITLE was read by Clerk Antonides. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE NO.1968

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1935 REGARDING
THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield previously determined that the right-of-way owned by the Borough and abutting Lot 4.01, Block 380 is not needed for public use and pursuant to Ordinance 1934 vacated the rights of the borough to said property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council enacted Ordinance 1935 on July 11, 2012 which provided, in part, that the property may be sold to the only contiguous property owner, Susan Krystopik, by private sale for \$12,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Susan Krystopik entered into a contract for the sale at said price; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Ms. Krystopik advised that as a result of the property being located in a wetlands transmission area, making nearly all the land unsuitable for development, she had incurred unexpected expenses in excess of \$5,000.00 and requested a reduction in the sale price; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement with Ms. Krystopik entitled her to void the agreement, and the Borough being aware there were no other viable purchasers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the sale price for sale of the property known as the right-of-way abutting Lot 4.01, Block 380 to Susan Krystopik be reduced from \$12,500.00 to \$8,000.00.

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

Adoption of Ordinance #1968: October 15, 2012

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White		x	x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 12-287

AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHO WILL BE HOSTING TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION ON NOVEMBER 10, 2012
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

authorization is hereby given to waive all permit fees for the Knights of Columbus who will be hosting Trivia Night to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation on November 10, 2012

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Resolution #12-288 was removed from the agenda due to duplication.

RESOLUTION 12-289

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR PUMP REPLACEMENT AT CEDARBROOK PUMP STATION TO A.C. SCHULTES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,885.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE CONTACT FOR SAME

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that pump at Cedarbrook Pump Station needs replacing; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages from the Borough Engineer and submitted bids as follows:

A.C. Schultes, Inc.	\$38,885.00
EDC Electrical	\$39,600.00
Longo Electrical-Mechanical	\$44,700.00
T.R. Weniger, Inc.	\$49,480.00
Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc.	\$51,890.00

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney who has verified that the lowest qualified bidder is A.C. Schultes, Inc. in the amount of \$38,885.00 and that the bid be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through capital funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the pump replacement at Cedarbrook Pump Station to A.C. Schultes, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$38,885.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-290

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR THE 2012/2013 STREET TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO PAT SCANLON LANDSCAPING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,497.00

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that trees need to be replaced in the Borough; and

WHEREAS quotations were solicited and submitted as follows:

Pat Scanlon Landscaping	\$7,497.00
Bartel Landscaping	\$14,120.00

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by Borough Environmental Specialist and the Borough Attorney who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is from Pat Scanlon Landscaping in the amount of \$7,497.00 and that the quotation/proposal be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through T-13-56-860-010-801;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the 2012/2013 Street Tree Replacement Project to Pat Scanlon Landscaping at a cost not to exceed \$7,497.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-291

AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR THE USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER FOR THE ANNUAL TASTE OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD EVENT HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2012

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

authorization is hereby given to waive all fees for the South Plainfield Business Association for the use of the Senior Center for their annual Taste of South Plainfield event held on October 13, 2012.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-292
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO EXECUTE ALL DEP TREATMENT WORKS DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO ALL SANITARY SEWER APPLICATIONS

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

Authorization is hereby given to the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough of South Plainfield, identified as the “Mayor”, to execute any and all Department of Environmental Protection Treatment Works Documentation that pertains to all sanitary sewer applications located in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-293
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER, T & M ASSOCIATES, TO ADMINISTER AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION A GRANT APPLICATION FOR MONTROSE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates to administer and submit to the NJ Department of Transportation a grant application for the Montrose Avenue Road Improvement Project.

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. T&M Associates

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Borough of South Plainfield
Resolution No. 12-294

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Montrose Avenue project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of South Plainfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2013-South Plainfield Borough-00455 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-295

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148.90 TO JON & KATHRYN DEAN OF 3321 EVERGREEN LANE

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

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 222, Lot 49
 Jon & Kathryn Dean
 3321 Evergreen Lane
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$148.90

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 in the amount as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-296

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$263.45 TO MICHAEL ODURO OF 453 KOSCIUSCO AVENUE

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

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 365, Lot 10.03
 Michael K. Oduro
 453 Kosciusco Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$263.45

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 in the amount as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 12-297
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE A CREDIT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,735.49 TO MICHAEL SCHNECK, TRUSTEE
FOR DURHAM PLAZA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110-136 DURHAM AVENUE DUE TO TAX APPEAL
JUDGEMENT WITH STATE TAX COURT**

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

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the State Tax Court and have received judgments reducing their assessments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following appeals be credited.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Durham Plaza, LLC 110-136 Durham Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	541	10.02	2011	\$39,878.97
			2010	\$30,856.52

Make check payable to:

Michael I. Schneck, Trustee for
Durham Plaza, LLC
301 So. Livingston Avenue Ste 105
Livingston, NJ 07039

Total **\$70,735.49 ***

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) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 12-298
AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR CANCELLED TRIPS TO VARIOUS SENIORS IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS BETWEEN
\$28.50 TO \$40.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that, as the Senior Citizen Trips pursuant to the below list were cancelled by the applicant(s) there arises a necessity to hereby refund the submitted payment for said trips to the following individuals:

Walter Bizer and Doug Ward
1914 Stratford Ave.
South Plainfield
Refund Taj Trip on 9/4
\$40.00

Eleanor Wescavage
 2009 So Central Ave.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 Refund Sands Trip 8/20
 \$28.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refunds.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION NO. 12-298A

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER OF ORIGINAL CONTRACT WITH FISCHER CONTRACTING INC. WHICH WAS \$67,371.25 TO INCREASE IT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN ADDITIONAL \$12,900.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF PROJECT TO INCLUDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO SUSAN TERRACE AND BRENDA PLACE

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield has entered into a contract with Fischer Contracting, Inc. for \$67,371.25 for a project entitled “2012 Road Resurfacing Program”; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield would like to extend the limits of the projects to include milling and repaving of Susan Terrace and Brenda Place; and

WHEREAS, the extra work will be performed as follows:

- One additional rental day of paver with one operator and two screed men at the contract price of \$1,500.00 per day.
- One additional rental day of Vibratory Roller with one operator at the contract price of \$700.00 per day.
- Milling at the contract price of \$1.60 per square yard.
- Lute man (laborer) at the hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour.

WHEREAS, The work will be paid for based on the actual as-built quantities at a price not-to-exceed \$12,900.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through capital funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to increase the original contract amount of \$67,371.25 an additional \$12,900.00 to an adjusted contract amount of \$80,271.25 to extend the scope of the project to include the milling and repaving of Susan Terrace and Brenda Place.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-298B

AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER FOR SOUTH PLAINFIELD’S SPECIAL ATHLETES FOR THEIR BREAKFAST EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2012

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

authorization is hereby given to waive all fees for South Plainfield’s Special Athletes for their breakfast event to be held on October 20, 2012.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 12-298C
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (GFI VIPRE BUSINESS PREMIUM COMPETITIVE UPGRADE)
FROM NORTHEAST INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,830.40

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves of the purchase of Information Technology Equipment (GFI VIPRE Business Competitive Upgrade) from Northeast Integrated Technologies, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$3,830.40

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. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga		x	x				
Councilman Frank	x		x				
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE BE AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND AUTHORIZATION IS HEREBY GIVEN TO FILE ALL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes – July 25, 2012
- Recycling Monthly Report – August, 2012
- Code Enforcement Monthly Report – September, 2012
- Environmental Commission Monthly Report – September, 2012
- Environmental Commission Minutes – August 8, 2012
- Health Advisory Board Minutes – October 9, 2012
- Recreation Commission Minutes – June 14th & September 11th
- Business Advisory Minuets – April 4th, May 2nd, June 27th, September 5th
- Middlesex County Planning Board Minutes – October 9, 2012

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Frank			x				
Councilman McConville		x	x				
Councilman White	x		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified and submitted a consolidated bill list for the payment of claims; and
WHEREAS, all vouchers listed herewith have been encumbered and sufficient funds are available for payment; and
WHEREAS, the required signatures of the Department Head or the and/or the Finance Chairperson, the Vendor, and the Chief Financial Officer, have all been obtained on each voucher on the attached list.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield Borough that the voucher list submitted is hereby approved for payment in the total amount of **\$333,038.58**
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this approval be forwarded to the following:

Municipal Clerk
 Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
 Dotty Paradiso, Supervisor of Accounts

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga	x		x				
Councilman Frank			x				
Councilman McConville		x	x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		vote:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo, Esq. – had no report for this evening.

Administrator Cullen – had no report for this evening.

Engineer Miller – Mr. Miller gave a brief update on the various road improvement projects. Sampton Avenue will begin in the next couple days, Oak Tree Road will begin this Thursday. In total there is about eleven roads that are being paved this year.

Clerk Antonides – had no report for this evening.

Councilman Barletta – thanked the South Plainfield Business Association for a job well done in putting together the Taste of South Plainfield event this past weekend. All in all it was a good weekend for South Plainfield. The Fire Department held Fire Prevention Day and then across the street at the Senior Center was the Mayor’s Wellness event. Both were a great time for all. On the business front, Progressive Insurance has been approved but they downsized the building. Much appreciation to both Councilman Frank and McConville for their help with this. Councilman Barletta said he attended the Buddy Walk and was amazed at the turnout.

Councilman Frank – said he compliments and applauds the K-9 Program and the handlers. It takes a lot of dedication, and long hours to train the K-9 dogs. There is a definite need for this program in our town and it will prove to be a real asset to this community. On another note, Mr. Frank expressed how much he thoroughly enjoyed the Taste of South Plainfield this past weekend.

Councilman Bengivenga – expressed what a great time was had by all at the Taste of South Plainfield event and thanked everyone who helped to put it together. There were about 160 who came out to this event. Mr. Bengivenga advised that he too attended the Buddy Walk and the turn out this year may have been greater than any prior year. To conclude, Mr. Bengivenga advised that residents had complained about the appearance of the fence near Cedarbrook Avenue. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers the fence is all repainted. Councilman Bengivenga reminded everyone that October 17th will be the local debate to be held at the Senior Center and thanked the Business Association for helping to orchestrate it.

Councilman White – congratulated the dog handlers and their selection of names for both police dogs. Mr. White also extended his congratulations to the four students for being the winners of the name contest for the two K-9 dogs. Mr. White said the Fire Department did do a fantastic job with their Fire Prevention Day event and it was fun for all who attended.

Councilman McConville – reported that he attended the Mayor’s Wellness Fair and it was a very good turnout. Mr. McConville advised that he did sign up for the Biggest Loser Contest. It should be fun. Councilman McConville said he agrees with the sentiments this evening about this past weekend being a fun time for all as the Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Day was also an excellent event.

Council President Rusnak – reported that there are 11 roads being paved by South Plainfield, though the weather did hold us back a little bit, but progress is being made. Some speed bumps will be installed. On another note, the overtime for borough employees between 2011 and 2012 is down by 22.7%. The Borough and the AFSCME Union have come to terms and a contract may be ready by the next Council meeting for approval and execution. Council President Rusnak reviewed some of the highlights contained in the contract citing many cost savings and complimenting all involved in the negotiation process.

Mayor Anesh – advised that he attended the Columbus Day event last Monday and thanked UNICO for putting the event together. Mayor Anesh said he was proud to be their key note speaker that day. Regarding the Mayor’s Wellness Fair, Mayor Anesh advised that it is no too late to join in on the Biggest Loser Contest. There are only three required weigh-ins and is a fun and educational contest that also provides a chance to win some good health related prizes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Paul McCullen advised he is looking forward to the Debate this week and promises to make as amusing as possible. Mr. McCullen also expressed his well wishes for Mr. Frank Mikorski and hope for a speedy recovery.

A gentleman from Fairmount Avenue said he wanted to publically thank the Mayor and Governing Body for the installation of speed bumps on their street and expressed his appreciation. He also inquired about the tree replacement program that was approved at tonight’s meeting and asked if they will be put on Hadley Road. Mr. Cullen said he didn’t believe so stating that he believes the trees are mostly for the Lakeview area. To conclude this resident said we should appeal to the State for relief for these burdensome tax appeals and doesn’t feel they are fair for tax payers.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh advised that there is no Executive Session for this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Council President Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk