

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 2018 7:04 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Dean		x	
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilman Vesce	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Bengivenga	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman White led the invocation.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

- September 17, 2018 – Agenda
- September 17, 2018 – Public
- September 17, 2018 – Executive

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce	x		X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**Presentation** – Recognizing the 2018 Summer Interns: Arjun Patel, Julianna Fuschetti, Alexis Russo and Jennifer Giannakis - Mayor Anesh called up Anne Daley to assist him in presenting plaques to all the 2018 interns. Mayor Anesh thanked them for their help. Jennifer Giannakis spoke on behalf of the interns expressing how much she enjoyed the program saying she learned a lot from it. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by the media and family members present.

**Presentation** – Public Celebrations Committee – Donations – Those present from the Public Celebrations Committee presented donation checks on behalf of the vendors from the Labor Day festivities to the Fire Department, EMS and the Police Department. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

**Proclamation** – Hispanic Heritage Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh who called Mr. Roberto Sayers forward to accept the proclamation. Mr. Sayers expressed how important different culture is and how we can learn from all different cultures. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

The following Ordinance 2118 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 1, 2018 at approximately 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2118**

**A SEWER CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE “ACQUISITION OF A SEWER FLOW TRACKING SYSTEM, SEWER PUMPS AND OTHER SEWER UPGRADES FOR THE SEWER UTILITY, 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 existing funds in the Capital Improvement Funds in the Sewer Utility. The funding requirements shall be identified by asset as follows:

Sewer Tracking System	<b>\$21,000.00</b>
Sewer Pumps & Other Upgrades	<b>\$54,000.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$75,000.00</u></b>

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Sewer 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 \$75,000.00.
- B. That the cost for the equipment shall be \$75,000 from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #18-446  
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY  
DR. ALEXANDER DOCTOROFF FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO  
BLOCK 263, LOT 3 AND ACCEPTANCE  
OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,197.95**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Dr. Alexander Doctoroff for public improvements located at Block 263, Lot 3 and

**WHEREAS**, has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$17,197.95; 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 Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at Block 263, Lot 3.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor to break a tie							

**RESOLUTION #18-447  
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY  
MASTROCOLA PARTNERS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO  
BLOCK 328, LOT 6.01 AND ACCEPTANCE  
OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,571.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Mastrocola Partners for public improvements located at Block 328, Lot 6.01 and

**WHEREAS**, has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$20,571.00; 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 Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at Block 328, Lot 6.01.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor to break a tie							

**RESOLUTION 2018-448  
AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTIONS OF DPW EMPLOYEES MICHAEL KURILEW  
TO INTERIM DPW SUPERVISOR (\$75,296.00), EDWARD SULLIVAN TO TRUCK DRIVER  
(\$53,019.20), AND THOMAS ZAZZARA TO TRUCK DRIVER (\$53,019.20)**

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

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to supplement the workforce of the Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, at the recommended by the Administrator and the Superintendent of Public Works the following employees be promoted on a provisional basis at the DPW;

Michael Kurilew Interim DPW Supervisor	\$75,296.00 annual salary
Edward Sullivan Truck Driver	\$53,019.20 annual salary
Thomas Zazzara Truck Driver	\$53,019.20 annual salary

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the South Plainfield Borough Council that the aforementioned employees be promoted accordingly for the Department of Public Works with a salary pursuant to the current salary ordinance;

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, DPW Supervisor
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 18-449**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MECHANICAL THUMB FOR THE DPW BACKHOE FROM JESCO IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,815.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a mechanical thumb for the DPW backhoe from Jesco in an amount not to exceed \$3,815.00; 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 Supervisor

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION: 18-450**

**AUTHORIZING A BUILDING PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246.00 FOR HOMEOWNER ROBERT GOLEMBIEWSKI**

**WHEREAS**, the Building Official confirms that the owner has decided to no move forward with their project and as such has requested a refund of their \$246.00 for a permit fee;

**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 refund check(s) in the amount(s) of \$246.00 to the following:

Sunrun  
 Joan Cometto  
 26 World's Fair Drive Unit K  
 Somerset, NJ 08873

**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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 18-451**

**AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 FOR DARRYL HOWARD OF 1715 CLINTON AVENUE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayer and/or their agent have overpaid their taxes and have requested a refund:

Block: 175 Lot: 11  
 Darryl Howard  
 1715 Clinton Avenue  
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
 \$400.00

**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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 18-452**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO STILO EXCAVATING INC. FOR THE 2018 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK TO INCLUDE MILLING, REPAVING AND MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS TO SYLVANIA PLACE AND RISOLI TERRACE AND TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT \$110,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorized the additional project scope of the 2018 Road Resurfacing Program to include additional milling, repaving and miscellaneous repairs on Sylvania Place and Risoli Terrace. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the contract unit prices and the original contract amount of \$1,119,708.03 will be increased \$110,000.00 for a new contract amount of \$1,229,708.03

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that a

copy of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/BA
2. Amy Antonides, Clerk
3. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW
4. T & M Associates

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Cultural Arts Minutes – From December 19, 2017 through July 17, 2018
- Recycling Monthly Report – July 2018
- NJ DOT Notice – Hollywood Avenue Extension Project
- Health Advisory Board Minutes – September 11, 2018

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini		x	x				
Councilman Vesce			x				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	8-01	239,518.09
Current Fund	7-01	0.00
Pool Utility	7-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	5,618.00
Sewer Utility	7-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	8-07	2,737.72
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	32,339.40
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	17,160.00
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	8,621.46
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,694.48
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$309,689.15</b>

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Councilman Dean						x	
Councilwoman Faustini			x				
Councilman Vesce			x				
Councilman White		x	X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – congratulated Ed Sullivan and the two other DPW gentlemen on their promotions this evening pertaining to Resolution 18-448. PARSA is about 75% done cleaning out the lines. They are entering their final stages now. The capital ordinance tonight will help us do some upgrades to our pumping stations, as has been recommended by PARSA.

Engineer Miller – The drains have been installed pertaining to the Orchard Road Project. Curbing is being worked on now. We should be ready to mill and pave once that is done. There was a change order on this evenings agenda pertaining to the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project to include Risoli and Sylvania.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that there will be a poll worker training class at the Senior Center on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Vesce – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – thanked all the first responders for their assistance during the heavy rains we had last week.

Councilman White – said the new electronic sign at the Senior Center looks very nice and then went on to report progress.

Councilman Dean – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Faustini – today work was being done at the PAL to try to relocate the gas line. Buddy Ball had it's kickoff last week. The kids had a lot of fun. This Saturday the Library will be hosting a book and bake sale. Twin City Pharmacy will be giving out flu shots and hot dogs honoring customer appreciation day at the Senior Center on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. October 16<sup>th</sup> the County will also be there offering flu and ammonia shots.

Council President Bengivenga – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – said to take note of the yellow and green bikes that you may see around town. They are all GPS enabled. "Line Bike" is the company sponsoring this program whose goal is to bridge transportation deficits in towns. It is his understanding that there is little to no cost to the town. They are app driven. You can ride them and essentially leave them anywhere. Mayor Anesh said he is looking into it further. Plainfield and Metuchen are already using these bikes. Mr. Rizzo said he is just concerned about the liability for this.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place said that she has seen the bikes around that Mayor Anesh mentioned saying she thinks it's a good opportunity for the town. Ms. Lepore thanked everyone who participated in the recent art show.

Mr. Ed Sullivan of the DPW thanked the Mayor, Council and Mr. Miller for the promotion this evening saying it is his pleasure to serve the town.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet pointed out the donations to the Fire, Police and EMS tonight were all the choice of the vendors who participated in the Labor Day Parade. The art show had a lot of photographs presented and then Ms. Boyle went on to report about various upcoming events and dates throughout the Borough.

Mr. Roberto Sayers of West Crescent said he was pleased to hear that our intern learned from her experience at South Plainfield Borough Hall. Mr. Sayers asked how to get around the Do Not Knock Ordinance. Mr. Rizzo said the purpose is to not look for ways to get around it. Mr. Sayers then expressed his concern for received a piece of religious material in his mail sent from his neighbor. Mr. Sayers asked if the town can send his neighbor a letter asking them not to do that. Mr. Rizzo and various Council members indicated that they have no jurisdiction over the U.S. postal system and that maybe he can express his feelings to them directly or just throw out mail he's not interested in or to even simply ask his neighbor to not sent it to him anymore.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor at 7:39 p.m. and advised that we are now going into Executive Session and all are welcome to stay if they so choose.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon return from Executive Session and without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk