

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2018, 2018 7:02 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:02 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		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Wolak 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:

December 3, 2018 – Agenda
December 3, 2018 – Public

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PRESENTATION– Alpha Assembly Solutions donated a check in the amount of \$9,750.00 to the Borough Police Department for a new K9 dog. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family and media present.

PRESENTATION – Appointment and swearing in of six new police officers. Councilman Wolak read a brief bio on each officer and called them forward to be sworn in by Mayor Anesh.

**RESOLUTION 18-512A
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS OF SIX NEW POLICE OFFICERS
WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 4, 2019 WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY PURSUANT TO THE
SALARY ORDINANCE AND/OR LOCAL CONTRACT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, at the Police Chief's recommendation that it hereby confirms the hiring of the following six new full-time Police Officers with an effective date of January 4, 2019 at a salary pursuant to ordinance and/or PBA Contract:

1. Meredith Ferguson
2. Neil Budhan
3. William Bori

4. Daniel Bori
5. Stephen Petriello
6. Jacob Seider

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. James Parker, Chief of Police
4. All newly appointed officers
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

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

The Mayor and Council each said a few words of well wishes as did the Police Chief to each new officer. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media, family and friends present.

Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess at 7:30 pm.
 Mayor Anesh called the meeting back to order at 7:34 pm.

The following Ordinance 2123 was read by Clerk Antonides by title on second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made closed the floor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2123
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PBA EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JAN. 1, 2019 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2023

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:

SECTION 1.

The rates of compensation for each PBA employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective January 1st of the years shown

	Police Officers					
		2.25%	2.25%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
POSITION	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CLASS A	112,216	116,991	119,623	122,614	125,679	128,821
CLASS B	109,336	114,046	116,612	119,527	122,516	125,578
CLASS C	100,055	104,556	106,909	109,581	112,321	115,129
CLASS D	90,768	95,060	97,199	99,629	102,120	104,673
CLASS E	79,766	83,811	85,696	87,839	90,035	92,286
CLASS F	72,136	76,009	77,719	79,662	81,654	83,695
CLASS G	68,336	72,124	73,746	75,590	77,480	79,417
CLASS H	56,928	60,459	61,819	63,365	64,949	66,573
CLASS I		47,628	48,700	49,917	51,165	52,444
ACADEMY	44,379	37,853	38,705	39,672	40,664	41,681
* 2019 Salaries include uniform allowance						

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY – All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective and operative twenty days after publication thereof after final passage.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 18-514 AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A RADIO FOR THE NEW FORD EXPLORER FOR FIRE PREVENTION FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,506.35

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of a radio for the new Ford Explorer for Fire Prevention from Motorola Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$6,506.35 pursuant to NJ State Contract number 83909; 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. Joe Abbruzzese, Fire Official

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-515
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE AND EMS CAD COMPONENTS AND SOFTWARE FROM LAW SOFT INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of Fire and EMS CAD components and software from Law Soft Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00; 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. Fire Department
4. EMS

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 2018-516
AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,727.30 FOR GANESH KUMAR
ANANTULA OF 414 MICALLWAY

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

Block: 517, Lot 1 Qual-C0414
 Ganesh Kumar Anantula
 414 Micall Way
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$1,727.30

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 Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 2018-517
AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,844.58 FOR TFS C/F FIG CAP INV.
NJ13 LLC

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

Block: 472, Lot 3
 TFS C/F Fig Cap Inv NJ13 LLC
 PO Box 54472
 New Orleans, LA 70154-4472
 \$11,844.58

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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 Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-518

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF EVENTIDE NEXLOG 740 911 BACKUP SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH VALUE ADDED VOICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,492.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of a Eventide Nexlog 740 911 backup system for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$21,492.00 pursuant to NJ State Contract number 83908; 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. Police Chief

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-519

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2019; TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,990,937.00, TOTAL SEWER UTILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000.00, AND TOTAL POOL UTILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the CY2019 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year’s budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations pursuant to the attached itemization from the Chief Financial Officer of Total General Appropriations is in the amount of \$6,990,937.00; Total Sewer Utility in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 and Total Pool Utility in the amount of \$25,000.00 are hereby authorized and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the Budget document is attached.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 18-520
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KYLE BRANDT AS JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER FOR THE SOUTH
PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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 confirms the appointment of:

Kyle Brandt
2552 Oxford Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter as recommended by Fire Chief Scalera.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Carmela Sutor, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
5. Fire Chief Scalera

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2018-521
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAVITREE RAMRUP AS ACTING DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT
ADMINISTRATOR, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR, AT AN ADDITIONAL RATE OF
PAY OF \$2.50 PER HOUR RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 11, 2018 FOR A PERIOD
NOT TO EXCEED 120 DAYS**

WHEREAS, when and if there is vacancy or absence in the role of Deputy Court Administrator, a need will exist to appoint an Acting Deputy Municipal Court Administrator to perform the duties of such; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby appoints Savitree Ramrup as Acting Deputy Municipal Court Administrator during the absence of the Deputy Court Administrator at an additional rate of pay of \$2.50 per hour retroactively effective December 11, 2018 for a period not to exceed 120 days; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Court Administrator
4. Savitree Ramrup, Acting Deputy Municipal Court Admin.
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. Carmela Sutor, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-522
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THOMAS O’CONNOR CONTRACTING
FOR AN EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIR AT BOROUGH HALL
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,400.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the emergency services of Thomas O’Connor Contracting for an emergency roof repair at Borough Hall in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00; 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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-523
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A
BARRACUDA BACK-UP SYSTEM FROM OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,880.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract purchase of a Barracuda Back-Up System from Ocean Computer Group in an amount not to exceed \$11,880.00 pursuant to state contract number A89967/89968; 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. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-524
AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL POLICE TOWING OPERATORS FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 434-11 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 434-11 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, the Police Department has sought proposals from various towing operators for the police vehicle towing for the 2019 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the operators of towing/wrecking establishments in the Borough of South Plainfield have made application in accordance with Chapter 434-11 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield for renewal of the license to operate on the rotation towing/wrecker list for the year 2019; and

WHEREAS, after proper review of the renewal application and inspection of the facilities by the South Plainfield Police Department it was deemed that following towing operators met the requirements of the Borough Code and are hereby appointed as the official police towers for the calendar year 2019:

Light Duty

1. J&L Auto Body
2. JVD Towing Service
3. Majestic Towing
4. Matthew's Service
5. R&C Auto Body
6. Sullivan's Auto Body
7. Tripoli Towing & Transport

Heavy Duty

1. George Logan Towing Inc.
2. B&L Towing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the official towing operators for the South Plainfield Police Department be and hereby are as stated above for the year 2019.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2018-525
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 1555, Chapter 48 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 1555, 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 January 1, 2019.

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

1. James Parker, Chief of Police
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk/Appropriate Authority

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 18-526
AUTHORIZING 2018 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$90,000.00 FOR THE CURRENT FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below transfers be approved.

Transfers			
2018			
CURRENT FUND			
FROM:			AMOUNT
8-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	2,500.00
8-01-20-130-000-101	Finance	S&W	3,500.00
8-01-20-150-000-235	Assessing	O&E	2,500.00
8-01-20-130-000-235	Finance	O&E	3,000.00
8-01-20-140-000-101	Computer	S&W	3,000.00
8-01-20-155-000-221	Legal	O&E	10,000.00
8-01-25-252-000-321	OEM	O&E	4,000.00
8-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	10,000.00
8-01-26-290-002-235	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E	10,000.00
8-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	7,000.00
8-01-31-420-001-555	Electric	O&E	25,000.00
8-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	6,000.00
8-01-28-370-001-102	Recreation	S&W	3,500.00
Total FROM:			90,000.00
TO:			AMOUNT
8-01-20-120-000-235	Clerk	O & E	7,000.00
8-01-25-240-001-102	Police	S&W	46,000.00
8-01-25-240-001-204	Police	O & E	3,000.00
8-01-25-250-000-102	911	S&W	20,000.00
8-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	1,500.00
8-01-28-370-002-102	Office on Aging	S&W	1,500.00
8-01-26-305-003-102	Recycling	S&W	1,000.00
8-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental	S&W	1,000.00
8-01-28-370-002-236	Office on Aging	O & E	1,500.00
8-01-26-310-000-235	Public Buildings & Grounds	O & E	6,000.00
8-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O & E	1,500.00
Total TO:			90,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-527
AUTHORIZING 2018 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,000.00 FOR THE CURRENT FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below transfers be approved.

Transfers -A			
2018			
CURRENT FUND			
FROM:			AMOUNT
8-01-25-260-000-101	Rescue Squad	S&W	1,000.00
Total FROM:			1,000.00
TO:			AMOUNT
8-01-25-260-000-209	Rescue Squad	O & E	1,000.00
Total TO:			1,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-528
AUTHORIZING A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
AND PBA #100 FOR THE PERIOD OF 2015-2018

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield for the Mayor and Borough Administrator to execute a labor agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and PBA #100 contingent upon final ratification of said labor agreement, as drafted by the Borough’s legal counsel, with the PBA #100 for the period of 2019 - 2023

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-529
AUTHORIZING 2018 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$55,000.00 FOR THE CURRENT FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below transfers be approved.

Borough of South Plainfield			
Transfers -B			
2018			
CURRENT FUND			
FROM:			AMOUNT
8-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave	O & E	55,000.00
Total FROM:			55,000.00
TO:			AMOUNT
8-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits	O & E	55,000.00
Total TO:			55,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 18-530
AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$3,135.89 FOR CORELOGIC

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 Tax and have requested refunds:

Block 74; Lot 1
CORELOGIC
P.O. BOX 9202
Attn: Refund Department
Coppell, Texas 75019-9766
\$3135.89

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- Environmental Commission Minutes – October 10, 2018
- Pool Improvement Proposal
- Health Advisory Minutes – December 10, 2018

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	8-01	436,361.32
Current Fund	7-01	0.00
Pool Utility	7-26	0.00
Pool Utility	8-26	180.00
Sewer Utility	7-07	144,000.00
Sewer Utility	8-07	1,082,174.68
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	9,860.27
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	25,793.13
Dog Trust	T-12	2,000.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	16,809.14
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,587.13
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,720,765.67

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Rizzo Esq. – reported progress and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Administrator Cullen – reported that this is the last meeting of meeting of the year which is why the bills list went out so late. The surplus is a little harder to determine this year due to last year’s surge in the prepayment of taxes, however, it should be roughly the same as in 2017. There is a \$10 million increase in the ratable base. Mr. Cullen thanked PBA 100 for the amicable negotiations with their new contract. Mr. Cullen pointed out that there are rough estimates for the pool refurbishment contained in the correspondence this evening. It estimates roughly \$1.5 million however, that does not include some of the other considerations such as new showers in the pool house. Mayor Anesh interjected that he looked it over and we could be looking at upwards of \$2 million for the necessary repairs depending on what we do and we must also take into consideration any recreation and open space grant funding that we may receive. Mayor Anesh said that he feels this to be something that we clearly should do a Democracy Day for, perhaps in late March. On another note, the pool may be closed for the 2019 season. Mayor Anesh asked that the Administration and Finance Committee begin working on this as soon as possible, and this way, we will have plenty of time to have the matter well publicized.

Councilwoman Faustini said that the Recreation Director has advised that there is no way we can open the pool this coming season in the present condition it's in.

Council President Bengivenga added that in light of doing a Democracy Day for the pool refurbishment, we should perhaps consider doing one for the Conrail Quiet Zones as he has received a number of complaints and concerns regarding them. Years back we did receive cost estimates but were looking at some \$4.5 million dollars. This is perhaps another item of concern we should put forth on Democracy Day. On another note, we are on the horizon of another big controversial issue; the implementation of manufacturing and dispensaries for marijuana. If the pending legislation is passed there is a clause within it that towns only have 180 days to approve or reject it. This is yet another consideration that may be best served on Democracy Day. Council President Bengivenga mentioned that he doesn't know why this subject didn't go out to the voters of the state as a referendum question. It should not be legislation that's forced upon us. Senator Diegnan supports this legislation. We feel our residents should have the opportunity to have a say in this. Mayor Anesh said he agrees. Administration and Finance Committee will work on these items in the forthcoming days.

Councilman Dean asked what the operating cost of the pool presently is. Mr. Cullen said salary and wages are approximately \$180K and the operational expenses are approximately \$60K. We are running at a loss. Councilman Dean asked if it's a concrete pool or a liner. Councilwoman Faustini said it is in the engineer's report. Mr. Cullen went on to remind everyone that the pool has not been fully refurbished since it's construction in 1967. It is still the original shell.

Mr. Cullen went on to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Engineer Miller – reported that the draft recycling bid has been revised last week and sent back to Alice for a final review. When he gets it back he plans on going out to bid. Mr. Miller said he continues to work with PSE&G on sink hold issues.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Vesce – advised that on Oaktree and Woodland light is still being synchronized with the other lights before it will become operational. The Beacon was approved, and that work should begin in 2019. Councilman Vesce wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Councilman Wolak – advised of the recent loss of Peter Richkus who serviced on the Traffic Safety Committee for over 35 years. He will be well missed.

Councilman White – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and said he looks forward to working with everyone in 2019.

Councilman Dean – noticed an article in Tap regarding the town of Clark who is having similar issues to us regarding recycling. It seems to be an ongoing issue. We look forward to seeing what happens when our bid goes out and how it will work out for us in 2019.

Councilwoman Faustini – Councilwoman Faustini said that South Plainfield has always had a community centered around family, community and recreation. Our Pal has been that cornerstone of that culture. Councilwoman Faustini has reflected on this with some sadness as she has been a pool member since she was a child and has watched lots of kids grow up there. It is a value to our community and hopes we can find a way to move forward with this project. Councilwoman Faustini said she does agree that considering the public's consensus on this is important and went on to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council President Bengivenga – advised that he watched a recycling program this past weekend and the clear emphasis was “Clean-Dry-Empty” is what the recycling industry is trying to push. We must get the word out to our community that our recycling containers must be Clean, Dry and Empty. The industry has changed. It can be more expensive to get rid of recycling than trash. The next Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. here at Borough Hall. Council President Bengivenga thanked Mr. Cullen and Administration and Finance Committee, and PBA 100 on the negotiations with their recent contract. Everyone worked very hard on this. To conclude Council President Bengivenga thanked the Mayor and Council for their support once again with South Plainfield's sister city in Italy. His Uncle Anthony just went to Italy in which he presented a Proclamation to them on behalf of our Mayor and Council.

Mayor Anesh – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and went on to thank Anne Daley for her work with the Toys for Tots.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

Suzanne Lepore of Bullard Place thanked the participants with the house decorating contest. We received a fair number of residents who participated this year.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet went on to mention various events and dates to occur throughout the town.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor at 8:09 p.m. and advised that we are now going into Executive Session and all are welcome to stay if they so choose.

Mayor Anesh said that as a result of this evening’s executive session there is a need to add resolution 18-531 to this evening’s meeting. With an all-in favor the following resolution was added to the agenda.

**RESOLUTION 18-531
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF AN AUDIO VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM FROM
HOWARD TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,658.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of an audio video recording system for the Borough of South Plainfield from Howard Technology Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$10,658.00 pursuant to NJ State Contract number 01-45; 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. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman White		x	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wolak made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk