

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 5, 2020 7:03 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**\*Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 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.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Joe Sordillo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman Mott led the invocation.

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting this 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 of 126 663 1990 #. Using the pound button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Mayor Anesh awaited virtual hand raises; she then unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

September 21, 2020 – Agenda Meeting  
September 21, 2020 - Public Meeting

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

**Proclamations** – 2020 Mischief Night & Halloween  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Dyslexia Awareness Month  
Italian Heritage Month  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Anesh read all aforementioned proclamations in full. The hours for trick or treating on October 31, 2020 will be from 12 noon to 7 p.m. It is suggested that if you are not interested in partaking, please leave your front light off and/or place a note on your door. Council President Faustini thanked the governing body for this proclamation advising that she

has someone in her family with Dyslexia and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Grant School is reading a story about dyslexia. Council President Faustini went on to mention what the message of the story is.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION: 20-264**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOR ABANDONED UNCLAIMED VEHICLE(S)**

**WHEREAS**, the South Plainfield Police Department in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, are in possession of abandoned vehicles due to the failure of the owners claiming such and are now desirous of conducting a public auction on October 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey for the following abandoned vehicles:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	STATUS	MIN. BID
1998	HONDA	ACCORD	1HGCG5641WA263988	FAIR	\$150.00
2004	FORD	F-150	1FTRF12W84NC69918	FAIR	\$500.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the South Plainfield Police Department are hereby authorized to publicly advertise and auction the aforementioned vehicles deemed to be abandoned by their owner(s).

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2020-265  
ACCEPTING THE 2019 MUNICIPAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:A5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transaction, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by Resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

- General Comments
- Recommendations

and,

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

- General Comments
- Recommendations

As evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, such Resolution of Certification shall be adopted by the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the promulgation's of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52-27BB-52 to wit: R.S. 52:27BB-52 – "A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said audit.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 20-266**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.00 PERTAINING TO 544 ELSIE AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 315.01 Lot 5 Qual -C0002**

**GLENN O'BRYANT**

544 ELSIE AVENUE

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

**\$175.00**

**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 Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-267**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING HOURS  
OF OPERATION FOR THE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER  
STATION AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY.**

**WHEREAS**, there is a solid waste transfer station and materials recovery facility within the Borough which is a public facility owned and operated by Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc., which is located on Lot 1 in Block 299, also known as 2101 Roosevelt Avenue in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility is located in an industrial zone and encompasses 1.8 acres, and there are few residential or other commercial dwellings in the immediate area; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility is allowed to accept approved solid waste types during specified hours which are currently 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of hours will not adversely impact any neighboring dwellings or operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it approves an expansion of hours for the operation of the transfer station and materials recovery facility located at Lot 1, Block 299, also known as 2101 Roosevelt Avenue, within the Borough of South Plainfield to provide that such operations that are now permitted from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday shall be permitted from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with processing until 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and such operations that are currently permitted on Saturdays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. shall now be permitted from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with processing until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event it is determined that the operations during the expanded hours as set forth in this resolution are causing annoyance or disruption to neighboring property owners or occupants, or that they are otherwise determined by the Mayor and Council to be contrary to the public welfare, the Mayor and Council reserve the right to reduce the hours of operation back to the current hours allowed.

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

**RESOLUTION 20-268  
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY EXTENSION OF SERVICES FOR SCHOOL CROSSING  
GUARD SERVICES WITH DMS SYSTEMS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR IN AN  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN HOURLY RATE OF \$18.50**

**WHEREAS**, an urgent need has been determined for School Crossing Guard services for the 2020–2021 school year which is to commence on October 5, 2020 due to Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids for School Crossing Guard Services were received and publicly opened on June 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., of which only one bid was received; and

**WHEREAS**, DMS Systems, Inc., 50 Lewis Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 was determined to be the lowest qualified bidder, in the amount of \$16.45 per guard per hour for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-15, said agreement may be extended for two (2) one-year terms (2020-2021 and 2021-2022); and

**WHEREAS**, due to Governor Murphy’s executive order to increase said services each year through 2024, the hourly rate for 2020-2021 has now increased to \$18.50 and as such we do not have the timeline to go out to bid and therefore require the emergent services of DMS Systems to provide crossing guard services to commence on October 5, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough reserves the right to adjust locations and/or personnel as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for said purpose will be made available in the CY 2019, CY 2020, CY 2021, and CY 2022 budgets;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the emergent authorization is hereby granted to award Crossing Guard Services for the Borough of South Plainfield to DMS Systems, Inc., 50 Lewis Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 at the adjusted hourly rate of \$18.50 per guard per hour for the period October 5, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 20-269**

**AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170.00 TO J.T. PENYAK ROOFING COMPANY DUE TO A CHANGE IN WORK PERFORMED**

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official confirms that permit number 200827 was for a repair only job to a roof but was discovered that a full roof replacement was required instead which is applied to the new permit number 200902, and as such, the applicant has requested a refund of the \$170.00 original repair only 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 \$170.00 to the following:

**J.T. Penyak Roofing Company  
3571 Kennedy Road  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080-1917**

**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 Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2020- 270  
Borough of South Plainfield  
ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – 2019 AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, there exists comments entitled “Recommendations” in the 2019 Audit showing deficiencies in various departments; and

**WHEREAS**, each department was advised of the weaknesses/deficiencies within their department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Auditor, in conjunction with the Borough employees and the Borough Council, discussed a Corrective Action Plan for the 2019 Audit;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, that as per the requirements of the Federal OMB Circular No. A-128 13(d), that the attached Corrective Action Plan for the 2019 Audit Findings be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for their review.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-271  
AUTHORIZING CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR ACCESS TO CERTAIN STREETS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED REGARDING THE CORNELL-DUBLIER ELECTRONICS SUPERFUND SITE**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency(hereinafter “EPA”) continues to perform remediation work at property known as the Cornell-Dublier Electronics Superfund Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has requested that the Borough grant access to New Market Avenue (extension) between Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue; Spier Avenue from Garibaldi Avenue to approximately 300 feet east of Fulton Street; and Factory Street to relocate and install certain water lines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it hereby consents to officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency entering and having access to the property known as New Market Avenue (extension) between Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue; Spier Avenue from Garibaldi Avenue to approximately 300 feet east of Fulton Street; and Factory Street within the Borough for relocation and installation of certain water lines and service, and authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Consent for Access in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 20-272**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,805.21 PERTAINING TO 607 EAST HENDRICKS BLVD IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**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 61, Lot 22**  
 Ralph Checchio  
 607 East Hendricks Blvd  
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**\$1,805.21**

**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 of **\$1,805.21**, as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 20-273**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,246.95 PERTAINING TO 108 O’KEEFE LANE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**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 137, Lot 22**

Keith Benson  
108 O’ Keefe Lane  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**\$2,246.95**

**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 of **\$2,246.95**, as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION: 20-274**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,246.95 PERTAINING TO 108 O’KEEFE LANE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**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 136, Lot 4**

Deborah Ann & Beverly M Conte  
1216 McDonough Street  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**\$203.82**

**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 of **\$203.82** as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-275**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR**  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CLARK LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for Najarian Associates for engineering services for Clark Lane Road improvements in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Najarian Associates
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-276**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR**  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for Najarian Associates for engineering services for various park improvements in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Najarian Associates
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 20-277**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

- The Borough Council does hereby authorize acceptance of funding for strategic plan for the South Plainfield Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 21 (October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) in the amount of:
 

DEDR	\$8,820.00
Cash Match	\$2,205.00
In Kind	\$6,615.00
- The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION # 20-278**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF CIVIL SOLUTIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD TAX MAP**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Civil Solutions for the maintenance of the South Plainfield Tax Map in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00; and

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- Mary Frances Hildebrandt, Tax Assessor

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Recycling Monthly Report – August 2020

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	X		X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	19-01	0.00
Current Fund	20-01	524,755.90
Pool Utility	20-26	4,061.75
Pool Utility	19-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	20-07	13,865.30
Sewer Utility	19-07	14.74
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	49,543.32
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	31,519.00
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	481.05
Recreation Trust	T-14	45.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 624,286.06</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that the second application to the County for CARES Act funding has been submitted. The first round of funding was received. Mr. Cullen went on to advise that the 2021 budget process has begun.

Engineer Miller – advised that the construction for the Cragwood and Corporate Road Project will begin soon of which the entire DOT grant will pay for. Also, the paving of Clark Avenue is underway.

Clerk Antonides – advised that if anyone has not received their ballot or have any questions regarding their ballot, they may contact the County at 732-745-4202 ext. 0. Councilwoman Mott asked how a resident with a disability would vote on the machine. Clerk Antonides advised that they will have to fill out a certification that their disability requires them to need assistance to utilize the machine.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman White – congratulated Matthew Warmly and his family for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 207 and we wish him the greatest success.

Councilman Smith – thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the town wide cleanup. It was very successful with many bags filled. The Environmental Commission is still trying to seek a proposed resolution to the bamboo issue and the Green Team is working on the Sustainable NJ recertification. Councilman Smith also advised that he is working on seeing who will be attending a stormwater management webinar.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked all who participated with the cleanup day. Though we don't have a final count yet, it was a great success. On another note there are several Adopt-A-Spot locations available.

Council President Faustini – reported that hockey and soccer and taking place. The Senior Center is holding classes outside for yoga and Zumba. There will be a Trunk or Treat event on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 1 pm to 4pm at Veteran's Park. Sign-ups are required so that we may properly distance everyone. Cars will also be spaced apart. The candy will be no-touch handouts.

Mayor Anesh – encouraged everyone to remain vigilant as COVID-19 cases are creeping up. The numbers overall are still low, but we do need to stay vigilant with our hand washing and not touching our faces as well as social distancing. We are not out of the woods yet.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned remote directions for making remote public comment.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet said on behalf of President Bengivenga Sr., UNICO will be hosting a small gathering next Monday for Columbus Day. Also, there will be a clothing drive on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 7 am to 4 pm. It will be a contactless bag drop-off.

Nancy Grennier asked if the Mayor and Council are encouraging trick or treating this year. Mayor Anesh advised that we will follow both the Governor's and the CDC's guidelines in this regard. No one is forced to partake in trick or treating activities it is your choice. If you are not interested leave your porch lights off and/or put a sign on the door so that you won't be disturbed. Use your own judgement. Mrs. Grennier asked if she can drop off her husbands' ballot in the drop box for him. Clerk Antonides said she can. To conclude Mrs. Grennier thanked clean communities for the recent clean-up and noted all the bags that were full.

Without further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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 7:34 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Mott and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk