

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2021 7:00 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 Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith			Arrived at 7:15 pm
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

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

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting the 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; he then un-muted all microphones. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- December 21, 2020 – Agenda Meeting
- December 21, 2020 - Public Meeting
- December 21, 2020 – Executive Session
- January 2, 2021 – Reorganization Meeting

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

PROCLAMATIONS - Mayor Anesh read a proclamation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in full. Council President White accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Anesh read a proclamation for School Board Appreciation month in full. Debbie Boyle was virtually present to accept the proclamation.

The below ordinance 2191 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for February 1, 2021 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

BOND ORDINANCE 2191

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2012A OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING \$7,600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021 IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$7,600,000 FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized to refund \$7,185,000 of the Borough's outstanding principal amount of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2012A, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$11,642,000 on June 27, 2012, which outstanding principal amount matures on March 15 in each of the years 2023 through 2032, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"), and which are subject to redemption on any date on or after March 15, 2022 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof and the costs of issuance associated therewith, negotiable refunding bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$7,600,000 (the "Refunding Bonds") pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law").

Section 3. The Borough desires to provide for the refunding of all or a portion of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds outstanding and the interest and redemption premium, if any, thereon in order to provide for savings in debt service as a result of lower interest rates in the bond market.

Section 4. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(b) has been included in the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 5. The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough is increased by the authorization of the Refunding Bonds provided in this refunding bond ordinance by \$7,600,000 and that \$7,185,000, representing the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds, will be deductible from gross debt. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by law.

Section 6. A certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to final adoption.

Section 7. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law, provided that the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as finally adopted, which consent will be so endorsed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 21-52

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE FROM WINNER FORD FOR A 2021 FORD F150 CREW CAB IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,893.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase from Winner Ford for a 2021 Ford F150 crew cab in an amount not to exceed \$32,893.00 pursuant to NJ State Contract number #17-FLEET-00212, 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 Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						x	
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	x		X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION # 21-53

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TWO 2020 CHEVY TAHOES FROM GENTILINI CHEVROLET FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,408.14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of two 2020 Chevy Tahoes from Gentilini Chevrolet for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$82,408.14 pursuant to NJ State Contract #19-FLEET-00842; 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. James Parker, Police Chief

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

RESOLUTION # 21-54
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TWO 2020 FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTORS FROM BEYER FORD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,293.50

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of two 2020 Ford Explorer Interceptors from Beyer Ford for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$78,293.50 pursuant to NJ State Contract #47-CPCPS,ITEM #1; 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. James Parker, Police Chief

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

RESOLUTION 21-55
AUTHORIZING THE FULL TIME HIRING OF ROBERT EGGERT AS TRUCK DRIVER LEVEL I FOR THE DPW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough to hire on a full-time basis Robert Eggert as Truck Driver Level I (CDL required) for the DPW at the hourly rate of \$27.31, pursuant to the salary ordinance for such with an effective date of January 12, 2021; 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. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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

RESOLUTION 21-56

AUTHORIZING THE FULL TIME HIRING OF MARK MONGIOVI AS LABORER VI BUILDING MAINTENANCE FOR THE DPW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough to hire on a full-time basis Mark Mongiovi as Laborer VI Building Maintenance (CDL required) for the DPW at the hourly rate of \$25.97, pursuant to the salary ordinance for such with an effective date of January 12, 2021; 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. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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

RESOLUTION # 21-57

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF TWO F-450 MASON DUMP TRUCKS FROM WINNER FORD FOR THE DPW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$126,762.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of two F-450 Mason Dump Trucks from Winner Ford for the DPW in an amount not to exceed \$126,762.00 pursuant to NJ State Contract #A88215; and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 21-58
AUTHORIZING 2020 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$60,000.00 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.

CURRENT FUND				
FROM:				AMOUNT
0-01-20-155-000-221	Legal		O&E	3,000.00
0-01-20-120-000-103	Clerk		S&W	5,000.00
0-01-25-240-001-101	Police		S&W	25,000.00
0-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards		O&E	7,000.00
0-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Admin		S&W	3,000.00
0-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance		S&W	2,000.00
0-01-26-290-003-102	Snow		S&W	7,000.00
0-01-26-310-000-101	Buildings & Grounds		S&W	2,000.00
0-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance		S&W	2,000.00
0-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging		S&W	4,000.00
Total FROM:				60,000.00
TO:				AMOUNT
0-01-25-240-001-321	Police		O&E	3,000.00
0-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits		O&E	37,500.00
0-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance		O&E	7,500.00
0-01-25-260-000-209	Rescue		O & E	4,000.00
0-01-26-290-003-321	Snow		O&E	3,000.00
0-01-27-330-001-204	Board of Health		O&E	2,000.00
0-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone		O & E	3,000.00
Total TO:				60,000.00

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

RESOLUTION # 21-59

**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A F-250 PICK-UP TRUCK FROM
BEYER FORD FOR THE DPW
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,724.50**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a F-250 Pick-up Truck from Beyer Ford for the DPW in an amount not to exceed \$32,724.50 pursuant to NJ State Contract #A88727; and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 21-60
AUTHORIZING THE NEW JERSEY CRANFORD
CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASE OF A 2020 INTERCEPTOR SUV
FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,751.20**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ Cranford Co-Operative (Contract #47-cpcps, item#1) to purchase a new 2020 Interceptor SUV for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$49,751.20; 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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- There were no matters of correspondence for this evening.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	0-01	208,236.73
Current Fund	1-01	200,849.81
Pool Utility	0-26	8,274.29
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	0-07	20,466.01
Sewer Utility	1-07	11,492.50
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	130.92
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	38,549.28
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	30.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	385.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$488,414.54

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – explained the purpose of the refunding bond ordinance on the agenda this evening indicating this will be a significant savings for the town.

Engineer Miller – thanked the Council for their support regarding the DPW promotions this evening. When the weather breaks we will begin work on various park projects and we are currently working on the design for the parking lot resurfacing at the pool.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman White – advised he was on a call with Congressman Pallone regarding PPE for business owners. Links will be provided on the Borough’s website.

Councilman Smith – reported progress

Councilman Bengivenga – said he looks forward to working with everyone this year and went on to thank Mr. Cullen for his work on the refunding bond ordinance this evening. It is a nice start to the new year to have a savings.

Councilwoman Mott – congratulated the two gentlemen on their DPW promotions this evening.

Council President Faustini – advised that the Library has a new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program which can be accessed on their website. Basketball also begins this Saturday.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress

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 wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Council for the School Board Proclamation.

Mark Mongiovi from the DPW thanked the Council for their support in promoting him this evening.

Councilman Bengivenga advised that Mark Chapman from the School Board thanked the Council for the Board of Education Proclamation this evening.

Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor and announced that at this time, 7:26 p.m. we will be going into a virtual breakout executive session. Everyone is welcome to remain in the virtual meeting room until our return, though we don't know how long that will be.

Upon return from the virtual executive session Mayor Anesh advised the result has required the addition of resolution 21-61 that authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a lease for the South Plainfield Soccer Association, the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and the South Plainfield Ponytail Parents Association in the form prepared by the Borough's Counsel. Council President White made a motion to add resolution 21-61 to the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously approved by an all in favor.

RESOLUTION 21-61

AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A LEASE FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER ASSOCIATION, THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB AND THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD PONYTAIL PARENTS ASSOCIATION IN THE FORM PREPARED BY THE BOROUGH'S COUNSEL

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White	X		X				
		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. Council President White made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk