

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 6:45 P.M.**

SPECIAL HEARING – 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

***Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was transmitted virtually via the WebEx platform.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the virtual meeting to order at 6:45 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 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.

The roll call was administered by Amy Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
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		

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Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilman Bengivenga who explained that we do a special hearing every year. On February 15, 2021 at 6:45 p.m., Councilman Bengivenga said he met with the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the potential projects to include in this year’s application for grant funding for the Borough Council to consider. There is approximately \$80,042.00 in grant funding pending for South Plainfield for 2021. South Plainfield has still not received their 2020 allocation as of yet. They County has advised to follow the same allocation amounts used for 2020 as well as the grant submittal timeline. The Housing and Community Development Committee reviewed the various items that were applied for each year. The use of this grant funding can only be used for certain types of projects. For 2021 the Housing and Community Development Committee has recommended the following proposed project(s) for consideration:

Senior Center Salary	\$12,500
Walnut Street Park Playground Equipment & Other	
Various improvements	\$67,542
TOTAL	\$80,042

Mayor Anesh thanked Councilman Bengivenga and asked the Council if they have any questions or comments. Councilwoman Faustini said she is very happy the money will be used for this purpose and is grateful to the CDBG Committee for their recommendation. With no further comments from the Council at this time, Mayor Anesh then thanked both Councilman Bengivenga and Councilwoman Faustini for the committee’s input.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments. Though there were approximately 5 members of the public present virtually, with no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Mayor Anesh advised that a resolution will be on the regularly scheduled Council meeting agenda this evening for further consideration of the CDBG projects for 2021 as recommended by the CDBG Committee.

ADJOURN SPECIAL CDBG MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the CDBG special hearing. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn from the meeting at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously carried by an all-in favor.

Mayor Anesh advised that our regularly scheduled Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR