

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2021 7:01 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 hybrid 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	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		

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

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting the hybrid 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 unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- June 21, 2021 – Agenda Meeting
- June 21, 2021 - Public Meeting
- June 28, 2021 – Special Meeting

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

Announcement of Juneteenth Essay Contest Winners: Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilwoman Mott who announced the winners and runners-up for the Juneteenth Essay contest sponsored by the Human Relations Committee. Councilwoman Mott provided the names of the judges. Create that Party and McDonalds generously provided the gift cards for the winners this evening. Councilwoman Mott thanked everyone for their participation and involvement in our community. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken. Both Chairman Roberto Sayers and member Calvin Cross said a few words.

Middle School – 7th & 8th Grades

First Place: \$100 Gift Card

Winner: Diya Patel
Runner-up: Ellay Kloby

High School – 9th through 12th Grades

First Place: \$100 Gift Card

Winner: Laura Ladino
Runner-up: Angelina Resal

The below ordinance 2206 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

BOND ORDINANCE #2206

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,176,246 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,345,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF 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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2,176,246, including a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$580,000 for the Metuchen Road improvements described in Section 3(a) and a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$118,204 for the purpose described in Section 3(c) (collectively, the "State Grants"), a grant from the County of Middlesex in the amount of \$7,500 for the purpose in Section 3(e) and a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$67,542 for the purpose in Section 3(f) (collectively, the "Local Grants" and, together with the State Grants, the "Grants") and further including the aggregate sum of \$58,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payments are provided for the costs of the improvements or purposes in Section 3(a) (Metuchen Road improvements) and Section 3(c) since the improvements or purposes are being funded by the State Grants. The aggregate amount of the down payment is at least the minimum amount required on the costs of the improvements or purposes in the aggregate amount of \$1,188,000 which is not covered by the Grants. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments and Grants, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,345,000 pursuant to the {A1298313.1 }

Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Improvements to Metuchen Road, Belmont Avenue, Spicer Avenue and Kenneth Avenue, including, but not limited to, resurfacing and milling and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$805,000 (includes a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$580,000 for Metuchen Road)	\$214,000	10 years
b) The acquisition of a fire truck with boom and equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$861,000	\$820,000	10 years
c) The acquisition of police cameras and related equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$333,204 (includes a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$118,204)	\$215,000	5 years
d) The acquisition of equipment and a roller for the Department of Public Works, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$52,500	\$50,000	15 years

e) The acquisition of surveillance equipment for the recycling center, including, but not limited to, computer systems, cameras and other related equipment and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$49,500 (includes a grant from Middlesex County in the amount of \$7,500)	\$40,000	5 years
f) Pitt Street Park improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$75,042 (includes a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$67,542)	\$6,000	15 years
Total	<u>\$2,176,246</u>	<u>\$1,345,000</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment and/or the amount of the Grants for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.26 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the 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 as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,345,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$100,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or, if other than Grants referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The below ordinance 2208 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2208

AN ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR PART TIME AND SEASONAL HELP FOR RECREATION PARKS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each 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 on January 1st of the years shown.\, * unless otherwise indicated.

Summer Parks Staff

2021	
Employee Type	Rate per Hour
Camp Counselor I	\$11.25
Camp Counselor II	\$11.50
Camp Counselor III	\$11.75
Camp Counselor IV	\$12.00
Head Counselor (teaching certification required)	\$25.00

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

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE – This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 21-212

AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves and confirms the public hearing and adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget Amendment pursuant to the attached budget document.

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor. Mr. Cullen provided a brief explanation regarding this amendment saying it reflects a \$166,000 increase because some \$140,000 of it are grants that were added. This will reflect a \$140.00 reduction on average for each taxpayer.

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	X				
Council President White			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-212A

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A SECONDARY 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Mr. Cullen who explained that this secondary amendment reflects a very minor adjustment to the budget and does not require any public hearing.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-213

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves and confirms the adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached budget document.

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		X				
Council President White			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION: 21-214

AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236.00 TO DOLAN INC. DUE TO A CANCELLATION OF PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Construction Official confirms that permit number 21-0490 was for a construction related project at 112 Spisso Ct. and as such, the applicant has cancelled the project and requested a refund of the \$236.00 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 \$236.00 to the following:

Dolan, Inc.
696 Franklin Blvd.
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 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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-215

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, AND HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes John Abbruzzese, IT Officer, to dispose of the following items deemed to have outlived its useful life and/or is permanently damaged, and that holds no monetary value;

Dell Precision M6400
Service Tag HRR79K1
Inventory Tag 1550

No Tags:

Xplore IX104C
 Xplore IX104c5 S/N 914JJPO006G310003A3M000
 Xplore IX104c5 S/N 914JPO1001G11500056M000
 Xplore IX104 S/N 9145J01031170400538M000
 Xplore IX104 S/N 9145J01031170400537M000
 Xplore IX104 S/N 9145V01024427020E9M000
 Xplore IX104 S/N 914G001018G75100397M000
 Xplore IX104 S/N 9145J01031724002B3M000
 Xplore IX104c5 S/N 914JP01001G2160012DM000
 Xplore IX104c4 S/N 914H601019G93100057M000
 Xplore IX104c5 S/N 914JP01001G1500059M000
 Xplore IX104c5 S/N 914P01001G11500030M000
 AST Ascentia J Series S/N 237100158543
 Dell OptiPlex n S/N GQ56KH1
 Sony VAIO PCG-5B1L S/N 281855430 3502649
 Panasonic CF-48X4KNUDM
 Hewlett Packard S/N 2UA612JT1R

Loose Tags:

2411	1208	1391	1467
1610	1667	1678	1580
1468	1278	1666	1498
1689	1303	1257	1429
1390	1655	1427	1426
1668	1345	1428	1431
1231	1430	1674	1355
1718	1691	928	2249
1279	1615	1392	1781
1940	1784	1875	1928
2251	2178	0641	2252
1595	1579		

Dell Precision T3400 – S/N GJSFNH1
 Epson TW-U375 S/N – 3FV0178601
 Zebra TLP2884 S/N – 41J081800038

1332	1665	912	1711	2117	1547	1397	2152
1767	1670	0668	1263	1383	1702	1471	1849
0728	1608	0734	0725	1338	1682	1614	1093
0731	1730	1692	1620	1235	2582	959	1723
1311	1594	1343	1715	1745	0742	1636	1524
1717	1729	1235	1613	2099	2144	1679	524
1220	584	1223	1313	1472	1326	2439	1410
1769	0662	1551	1416	1943	1512	2250	2286

BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield’s asset inventory; 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 Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President White	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2021-216

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDS AND THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD’S PARTICIAPATION IN THE STATE BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General (OAG) received funds from the SFY21 Budget to administer the Body Worn Camera Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General has given notice of availability and award of funds for Body-Worn Camera Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the name of the program is “SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program” (BWC Grant Program), the Borough of South Plainfield’s award number under the grant is 21-BWC-411, the award period is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, and the amount of the Borough of South Plainfield’s State award is \$118,204.00; and

WHEREAS, the BWC Grant Program is designed to provide eligible law enforcement agencies with State funding to aid in the purchase of body-worn cameras, ancillary equipment and storage, and;

WHEREAS, funding is to be used towards the cost of implementing the BWC Grant Program.

NOW, THRERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey, that the Borough of South Plainfield is authorized and hereby does accept the 2021 Body-Worn Camera Grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-217

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NJDOT FOR NEW MARKET AVENUE PROJECT

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-218
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS FOR A 2020 CHRISTMAS SHOW

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refunds for a 2020 Senior Center Christmas Show:

Valetta Della Sala
 206 Bolliger Way
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$200.00

Jean McKimm
 315 Fairlamb Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$200.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refund(s).

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-219
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS COMMUNITY POOL RELATED REFUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refunds related to the community pool as recommended by the Recreation Director:

Debra Baker
 2027 Plainfield Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$40.00 for Swim Lessons

Kevin Sheats
 121 Sprague Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$125.00 for Guest Book Pass

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refund(s).

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-220

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS (PSE&G) GSMP PL 212 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

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 approval of the resurfacing plan for PSE&G’s GSMP PL 212 project with quantities verified and determined by and conditionally approved by the Borough Engineer. The Resurfacing was for the installation of gas main and service line connections with an initial estimate of approximately 133,000 sq yards to 150,000 sq yards of road resurfacing.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-221

AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-141 THAT AUTHORIZED THE SERVICES OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESIGN FOR THE METUCHEN ROAD PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000.00 TO NOW SHOW THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$46,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted to amend resolution 21-141 for Najarian Associates to perform engineering administration of the design for the Metuchen Road Project in the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00 to now show the not to exceed amount of \$46,000.00

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 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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-222

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR STORM SEWERS AND THE 2021 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM, INCLUDING PSE&G ROADS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for Najarian Associates to perform preliminary planning and engineering administration services for storm sewers and the 2021 Road Resurfacing Program, including PSE&G Roads for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00

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 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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 21-223
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO STILO EXCAVATION INC.
FOR DURHAM AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$768,738.56
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK
TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR SAME**

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that improvements for Durham Avenue Road Improvements are necessary; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages from the Borough Engineer and submitted base bids as follows:

Stilo Excavation Inc.	\$768,738.56
Fischer Contracting	\$935,351.70
Z. Brothers Contractors	\$938,994.32
Top Line Construction	\$1,049,102.15
Black Rock Enterprises	\$1,110,700.00
J.A. Alexander Inc.	\$1,128,289.05
Lima Charlie Construction	\$1,258,176.00
C.J. Hesse, Inc.	\$1,328,848.50

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough’s Engineer and Attorney and as such it has been determined that Stilo Excavation Inc. is the lowest bidder and it is recommended they be awarded said bid in the base bid amount of \$768,738.56 and that the bid be accepted, and a contract be awarded to Stilo Excavation Inc.; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through capital funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the aforementioned project.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-224
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT (88796) SERVICES
OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP FOR IT SONIC WALL SUBSCRIPTION LICENSE
IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,285.89

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract (88796) services of Ocean Computer Group for IT Sonic Wall Subscription License for the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$5,285.89; 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 Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President White	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-225
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF WORK N’ GEAR STORES AS AN APPROVED VENDOR FOR UNIFORMS FOR
TEAMSTERS LOCAL #469

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Work N’ Gear Stores as an approved vendor for Teamsters Local #469; 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				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President White	x		X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 21-226
AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND
MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (MCIA)
FOR YARD WASTE RECYCLING AND MARKETING SERVICES

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11 any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires the advertisement for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined to provide yard waste recycling and marketing services; and

WHEREAS, price costs were obtained from the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) as well as other entities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees from the County of Middlesex have been reviewed by the Borough Environmental Specialist, and it is their recommendation that a shared service agreement be entered into between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) for yard waste recycling and marketing services in accordance with the attachments to this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award Middlesex County Improvement Authority a shared service agreement for yard waste recycling and marketing services for a term commencing on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 with two possible one year extensions at the discretion of the MCIA;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the services described herein.

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE

- Recycling Monthly Report – May 2021
- Planning Board Minutes – September 22, 2020
- Community Pool – Letter from Citizen
- Board of Health Monthly Report – June 2021
- Environmental Commission Minutes – May 12, 2021

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							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	0-01	1,993.22
Current Fund	1-01	501,045.14
Pool Utility	0-26	0.00
Pool Utility	1-26	11,365.31
Sewer Utility	0-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	41,529.20
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	14,262.03
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,495.00
Dog Trust	T-12	4,104.30
Treasurers Trust	T-13	6,753.56
Recreation Trust	T-14	390.41

Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$582,938.17

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – thanked the Administration and Finance Committee with all their help with the budget process. Mr. Cullen went on to say that regarding Resolution 21-223 the road improvement project bids came in some \$230k below estimates and asked if the Council would like to have a special meeting on August 2nd to introduce a bond ordinance to approve more road improvements. Since it will be a short meeting, virtual attendance is optional. The general consensus of the Council was to have this special meeting on August 2nd for this purpose. On one final note, Mr. Cullen thanked Chief Parker for his work pertaining to the body camera grant.

Engineer Miller – provided an update on some capital projects. This evening we awarded the bid for Durham Avenue road improvements of which we will hold our pre-construction meeting within the next couple weeks. This evening we also approved the submitted of a grant for Metuchen Road Improvements. We hope to be able to go out to bid for that project soon.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress

Councilman Smith – thanked all the youth that participated in the essay contest and the sponsors and then went on to thank emergency police services, and the Police Chief for keeping us all safe. Councilman Smith concluded by thanking Mr. Cullen for his work with the budget.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked Mr. Cullen and Len Miller for all their hard work and design of Cady Lane. It looks just beautiful combined with the pool.

Councilman Wolak – said it is so nice to see the pool accomplished and extended best wishes to everyone to fully enjoy the Summer as winter will be here before we know it.

Councilman Bengivenga – thanked everyone for their support with the budget this evening, especially Mr. Cullen. Regarding our budget it has been a tough year to recover due to the Covid pandemic. Revenues collapsed in 2020 which made entering this year very difficult. Councilman Bengivenga thanked M. Cullen for his hard work over these past six months. On another note, Councilman Bengivenga pointed out that the Metuchen Road project will be funded mostly by a NJDOT grant. We are also fortunate that many other roads lately have been funded by PSE&G as well as NJDOT grants. Also, Councilman Bengivenga thanked everyone for their support with the bond ordinance this evening and briefly advised what the funding will be used for, particularly pointing out the purchase of a new boom truck for the 100% volunteer fire department, which is to replace a thirty year old truck.

Councilwoman Faustini – reported that recreation has now added a softball camp for August 9th through the 13th for ages 7 to 13. Sign-ups can be done through the Community Pass system. All kids in the recreation programs seem to really be having a lot of fun this year. Angelica Jimenez has reached out and would like to put together a diversity event. We are looking to do put something together for this Fall with October 2nd being a tentative date. National Night out sponsored by the South Plainfield police Department and the Library will hold the event again this year on August 3rd, behind Borough Hall.

Council President White – thanked the DPW for their hard work in putting up all the Hometown Hero banners in town. Council President White concluded by thanking the Human Relations Committee saying he thinks it's great they included youth in this community activity and commends all for their involvement.

Mayor Anesh – reported there were a total of 59 additional Covid cases in the County, and 6 in South Plainfield. Mayor Anesh went on to report that the total to date of Covid cases in South Plainfield are upwards of 2,954 with the total to date being over 92,000 in the {A1298313.1 }

County. Mayor Anesh encouraged everyone to receive a vaccination. Vaccinations are readily available now, and these reported numbers should remind everyone that the virus is still out there.

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 advised that the 9th annual Christmas in July event will be held on July 24th from 5pm to 9pm. Posters with details of the event will be posted. The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will be doing the window painting contest also. There will be a tree lighting and caroling taking place as well.

Angelica Jimenez said she will be having a young entrepreneur’s event on July 17th from 11am to 3pm.

Nancy Grennier asked if the 10-foot easement by Durham Avenue will really fit three lanes. Mr. Miller explained saying yes, the plan is for three lanes and he is monitoring the design of this area. Mrs. Grennier congratulated the graduating class of 2021 and said she is happy to see the Senior Center open again.

Calvin Gross thanked everyone for the new light by the Pal Complex.

Fire Chief Tom Scalera thanked the governing body for their support this evening with the boom truck for the Fire Department.

Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from the public. Mayor Anesh announced that at this time, 7:55 p.m. we will be going into an executive session. Everyone is welcome to remain until our return.

Upon return at 8:20 pm from the closed session meeting, Mayor Anesh advised that there is one more matter of business to tend to and called for a motion to add resolution 21-227.

RESOLUTION 21-227

AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF KRISTINA NIERADKA FROM KEYBOARDING CLERK I, TO CLERK II FOR THE DPW EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 10, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

In accordance with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission Audit, it hereby authorizes the reclassification of Kristina Nieradka from Keyboarding Clerk I, to Clerk II for the DPW effective December 10, 2020 at an annual salary in accordance with the salary ordinance for the Clerk II classification: and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
6. Kristina Nieradka, DPW Clerk II

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 8:22 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk