

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2021 7:05 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 7:05 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 also awaited virtual hand raises; he then unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public in-person and virtual, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

September 20, 2021 – Agenda Meeting

September 20, 2021 - Public 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							

Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month was read by Mayor Anesh in full. Councilwoman Faustini reminded everyone of the fund raiser sponsored by Pink Socks on the turf field. Councilman Smith encouraged everyone both females and males, to get screened reminding everyone that breast cancer can occur in males also.

Proclamation – Dyslexia Awareness Month was read by Mayor Anesh in full.

Proclamation – Italian Heritage Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. April Bengivenga, President of Unico, thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition of Italian Heritage Month. Due to some issues with attendance on

Columbus Day, we will be placing a flag and wreath outside of Borough Hall this evening in recognition of Columbus Day.

Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month – was read in full by Mayor Anesh. A member of the Domestic Awareness Team accepted the proclamation thanking the Governing Body for their recognition.

The below ordinance 2214 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. Mayor Anesh asked if there were any comments from Council. There were no comments from Council.

**ORDINANCE 2214
AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 187
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
TITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 187 of the Code of the Borough titled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article II, Section 187-10, be amended as follows:

Article II. Parking, Stopping and Standing.

Section 187-10. No Parking, certain sections of roadway.

ADD as follows:

38. Sage Street - both sides, from South Clinton Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue.

All other numbered provisions in this Section shall be adjusted accordingly.

This Ordinance shall take effect and final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey 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							

The below ordinance 2215 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. Mayor Anesh asked if there were any comments from Council. There were no comments from Council.

**ORDINANCE 2215
AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY
KNOWN AS LOT 2.05 IN BLOCK 397 NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of Lot 2.05 in Block 397 on the Borough Tax Map (referred to hereinafter as the “Property”), which is located on Jackson Avenue in the Borough and is a 50 foot by 100 foot tract of vacant land; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in an R-10 zone which requires a 100 foot lot width and 10,000 square foot minimum lot size and, therefore, the property is less than the minimum size required for development and has no capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Property is not needed by the Borough for any purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., allows the sale of municipally owned property at a private sale, instead of an auction, and in certain circumstances, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) providing in part as follows:

A sale to the owners of the real property contiguous to the real property being sold; provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon; except that where there is more than one owner with real property contiguous thereto, said property shall be sold to the highest bidder from among all such owners. Any sale shall be for not less than the fair market value of said real property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) are present, namely: the Property is less than the minimum size required for development in its zone district and without any capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will require that it retain ownership of a 20 foot wide drainage easement on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has had an appraisal performed by Sterling DiSanto & Associates which has valued the Property at \$60,000.00 with the easement; and

WHEREAS, there are three owners of real property contiguous to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the sale of the Property is beneficial to the welfare of the residents of the Borough as the Property is not useful to the Borough and requires expenditure of public resources for maintenance and does not generate any real estate tax revenue;

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the sale of the Property identified on Exhibit A attached hereto, such sale to be by auction among the contiguous property owners for a minimum price of \$60,000.00 with a 20 foot wide drainage easement to be retained by the Borough.

2. The contiguous property owners shall be notified that the Borough is authorizing the sale of the Property at the minimum price of \$60,000.00, subject to the 20 foot wide drainage easement, and such contiguous property owners shall be invited to make offers for the purchase of the Property.

3. The Property shall be sold to the highest bidding contiguous property owner for a price of no less than \$60,000.00, subject to the 20 foot wide drainage easement.

4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b), the Borough Clerk shall advertise the sale of the Property in the official newspapers of the Borough within five (5) days following enactment of the Ordinance.

5. The Borough Clerk shall transmit, via certified mail, a copy of this Ordinance to each owner of the contiguous properties who shall then have a period of 20 calendar days following the advertisement herein required to advise the Borough of their intention to purchase the Property.

6. In the event more than one contiguous property owner notifies the Borough of their interest in purchasing the Property, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney are authorized to conduct an auction among the contiguous property

owners at a time and date to be set by the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney and upon such terms as may be established by the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

7. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the necessary closing documents to convey the Property to the highest bidding contiguous property owner.

8. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all necessary closing documents for the sale of the Property.

This Ordinance shall take effect and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

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							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION: 21-285
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 29, 2021 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
2001	Chrysler	Voyager	1C4GJ25301B216303	Fair	\$540.00

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 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							

RESOLUTION: 21-286
AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY RETAIL FOOD PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 TO JOE SQUILLANIE, THE ZEPPOLE GUYS DUE TO CANCELLATION

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk confirms that a permit was for a temporary retail food permit related to the September 25, 2021 Labor Day Parade event, and as such, the applicant cancelled their availability for the event and has requested a refund for the cancelled permit in the amount of \$25.00;

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 refund check(s) in the amount(s) of \$25.00 to the following:

Mr. Joe Squillanie
The Zeppole Guys
411 Whitehead Avenue
South River, NJ 08882
Amount: \$25.00

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 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							

RESOLUTION 21-287

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE 2021 – 2022 TERM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 SPECIAL RULING FOR MADHUSUDAN LLC

WHEREAS, application for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2021-2022 has been submitted to the municipality in a timely manner, however, the applicant requires a special ruling by the Director of NJ Division of ABC; and

WHEREAS, the applicant identified below, has applied to the Director of ABC via a verified petition and as such, the Director has granted relief sought through this verified petition pursuant to Docket No. 06-21-697, Job No. 457692; and

WHEREAS, the licensee has been granted relief by the Director pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 license terms; and

WHEREAS, the proper Borough fees have been paid in full and the renewal retail licensee tax clearance certificate has been issued;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following licensee be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the 2021-2022 term in accordance with the aforementioned special ruling by the Director of ABC:

License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1222-33-016-013	Plenary Retail Consumption	Madhusudan LLC	Palace of Jaipur

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to maintain the pocket status of the licensee’s liquor license for the terms 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

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							

RESOLUTION 21-288
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENT REPAIR SERVICES OF SBP INDUSTRIES
TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH FOR THE
GENERATOR DAMAGED IN TROPICAL STORM IDA
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,210.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the emergent repair services of SBP Industries to remove and replace the automatic transfer switch for the generator damaged in Tropical Storm Ida in a total amount not to exceed \$8,210.00:

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
4. Captain Papa, Police Department

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							

RESOLUTION: 21-289
AUTHORIZING A FIRE PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54.00 TO ELENA LEMBO FOR SWEET
CONCESSIONS DUE TO CANCELLATION FOR LABOR DAY PARADE EVENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshall confirms that a fire permit related to the September 25, 2021 Labor Day Parade event was administered, and as such, the applicant cancelled their availability for the event and has requested a refund for the cancelled permit in the amount of \$54.00;

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 refund check(s) in the amount(s) of \$54.00 to the following:

Ms. Elena Lembo
Sweet Concessions
45 Darrow Street
South River, NJ 08882
Amount: \$54.00

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 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							

RESOLUTION 21-290

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS TAX LIEN, DISCHARGE, AND PAYMENT OF THIRD-PARTY LIEN

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

WHEREAS, THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES advises that the following Taxpayer(s) had Tax Certificates erroneously issued as a result of the September 21, 2017 Tax Sale which need to be cancelled:

<u>BLOCK:</u>	<u>LOT:</u>	<u>ASSESSED TO:</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NO.:</u>
282	50.08	Northeast Developers, Inc	17-00086

WHEREAS, the tax office did not become aware until 2019 that the County of Middlesex purchased the aforementioned property prior to the September 21, 2017 Tax Sale; and

WHEREAS, County-owned properties are exempt from taxes and therefore the property should not have been included in the 2017 Tax Sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the appropriate municipal officers be, and hereby are, authorized to execute cancellation and discharge of the aforementioned Tax Sale Certificate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to refund monies paid towards Certificate 17-00086 by third party lien holder, Tad Dabrowski, with interest calculated through October 4, 2021 in the amount of **\$1,530.36**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for all of 2018 in the amount of **\$593.20**.

Make check payable to:

Tad J. Dabrowski
490 Mountain Road
Lebanon, NJ 08833-5034

Total	\$1,530.36*
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman 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							

RESOLUTION 21-291

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1843.51 PERTAINING TO 846 STRASSLE WAY IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 517 Lot 1 QUAL. C0846

**Vinitha Nagabhyrava
846 Strassle Way
\$1843.51**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**Vinitha Nagabhyrava
846 Strassle Way
\$1843.51**

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

RESOLUTION 21-292

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;

Inventory Tag Numbers:

2614

1247

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

RESOLUTION 21-293

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SANDRA PARILLO FROM THE POSITION OF CLERK I EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2021

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Sandra Parillo from the position of Clerk I effective October 15, 2021, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Mary Frances Hildebrandt, Tax Assessor

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							

RESOLUTION 21-294

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PARILLO TO THE POSITION OF CLERK I EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2021 AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$17.45

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

It hereby authorizes the temporary appointment of Joseph Parillo from the position of Clerk I effective October 5, 2021 at the hourly rate of \$17.45, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Mary Frances Hildebrandt, Tax Assessor

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							

RESOLUTION 21-295

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO FISCHER CONTRACTING INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO METUCHEN ROAD TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO PORTIONS OF BELMONT AVENUE AND POTENTIALLY KENNETH AVENUE RESULTING IN AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$97,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the additional project scope of Improvements to Metuchen Road to now include improvements to portions of Belmont Avenue, Spicer Avenue and potentially Kenneth Avenue. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the contract unit prices and the original contract amount of \$491,954.66 will be increased \$97,000.00 for a new contract amount of \$588,954.66.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/BA
2. Amy Antonides, Clerk
3. Len Miller, Borough Engineer/Superintendent DPW
4. John Freeman, P.E., Najarian Associates
5. Fisher Contracting Inc.

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							

CORRESPONDENCE

- Health Advisory Board Minutes – December 8, 2020

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	0-01	7,750.00
Current Fund	1-01	448,883.67
Pool Utility	0-26	7,850.69
Pool Utility	1-26	1,500.00
Sewer Utility	0-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	3,697.81
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	87,962.11
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	504.10
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	27,476.47
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,350.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$588,974.85

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							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – is happy to report that the 3rd quarter miscellaneous revenues are now stabilizing and we even anticipate them ending this year higher than the end of 2020.

Engineer Miller – advised that the Metuchen Avenue road improvements will begin soon and we will be taking care of some other concerns along the way. Mr. Cullen clarified that all work will take place at night. Mr. Miller concluded by advising the clean-up from tropical storm Ida is pretty much completed and we will be moving on to leaf collection next.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked the parade committee for all their hard work, it was a great day with great weather. Councilman Smith also thanked Alice Tempel for the successful shredding day event. Councilman Smith reported a successful Health Advisory Board meeting recently in which there were no reports of unusual activity. Councilman Smith concluded by thanking Len Miller and the DPW for all their storm clean-up efforts.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga –

Councilwoman Faustini – advised that soccer is now in full swing and that buddy ball will begin this Fall, sign-ups are still taking place. The trunk or treat event will be held on Halloween this year in Veteran’s Park. They are still seeking volunteers and candy donations. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 16th and sign-ups are online.

Council President White – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – advised that at the next meeting we will announce our trick or treating hours since it falls on a Sunday this year. Mayor Anesh encouraged everyone to feel free to email him their thoughts on the trick or treating hours and appreciates the feedback. We were looking to do it between 12 noon to 7 p.m. since it's a weekend, like we did last year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Stephanie Wolak of 123 Norway Lane suggested the 12 noon to 7pm trick or treating hours would be best. Mrs. Wolak also sought clarification as to where the trunk or treat candy drop off sites are. Councilwoman Faustini said we will get back to her on that.

Carol Christatos of 2305 Selene Avenue voiced her complaints regarding 2301 Selene Ave that has sat vacant for years and wants to know what the town is doing about it. Ms. Christatos gave a brief history of the issues with the property expressing concern that the property owner lives in California and will continue to leave this property sit vacant. Ms. Christatos indicated that the property inspections failed, her neighbors submitted a petition for the town to remedy this vacant home. As of May 2021 there is now a law maintenance person mowing the lawn. Leon of Selene Avenue also voiced his concerns regarding the power being turned off, water in the basement and an odor around the property. Mayor Anesh and some Council members expressed that they have not heard of any concerns regarding this property and will speak to our Construction Official and Zoning Officer about it.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked Amy and the Mayor for all their effort and support in helping Unico for their presentation that was originally scheduled for Columbus Day. Ms. Boyle thanked all the officers of Unico for coming out this evening adding that Unico really does a great job for our community.

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

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 7:48 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk