

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2022 7:06 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 7:06 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 Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	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 Smith 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:

- December 20, 2021 – Agenda Meeting
- December 20, 2021 - Public Meeting
- December 20, 2021 – Executive Session
- January 3, 2022 – Reorganization

December 20, 2021:

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

January 3, 2022:

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

Proclamation – Bag-It Up NJ with presentation

Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and presented it to the South Plainfield Environmental Commission members present as well as the South Plainfield High School environmental committee students present. The high school students used the smart board for a brief power point presentation pertaining to the environmental impacts of using plastic bags, straws and plastic food containers. A member of the audience requested what food vendors will replace food containers with. Dr. Alice Tempel said that will be up to the merchants to decide. Dr. Tempel passed out literature and reusable bags to those present. Mayor Anesh thanked everyone for their presentation saying it was very powerful and a copy of it will be posted on our Borough’s website. Councilman Smith thanked everyone for all they did for this presentation this evening.

Presentation –Public Celebrations Luminary Donation to the SPVFD – Mayor Anesh invited members of the Public Celebration Committee and Fire Department forward. Council President Faustini and Councilman Wolak were also present. The Public Celebrations Committee presented the Fire Department with a donation check for \$3,366.50 that was raised as a result of the recent luminary event. Council President Faustini explained the event. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

The below ordinance 2221 was read by title by Clerk Antonides on the first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for February 7, 2022.

**ORDINANCE 2221
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION
OF LOT 5, BLOCK 452 BY DONATION.**

WHEREAS, Mark and Dana Ettere are the owners of property known as Block 452, Lot 5, said property being situated on Union Street which is shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of South Plainfield currently in use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is owner of adjoining Lot 4 in said Block; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Dana Ettere have offered to donate Lot 5, Block 452 to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough has given an opinion that Lot 5, Block 452 has a fair market value of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that it is in the public’s best interests that said donation be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough of South Plainfield accept the donation of Lot 5, Block 452 from Mark and Dana Ettere, and the Borough Attorney is authorized to prepare any and all documents necessary to accept such title, and to obtain insurance of title; and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept such donation; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Borough Attorney or Borough Clerk are authorized to provide a letter to Mark and Dana Ettere advising that the donation will be accepted, and that the property being donated has a fair market value of \$100,000.00.

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

Introduction of Ordinance #2221: January 24, 2022

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-48

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GREATER PURPOSE LLC TO OPERATE A CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 446, LOT 4.01, AT THE LOCATION KNOWN AS 3602 KENNEDY ROAD, BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY UPON APPROVAL BY THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) is responsible for accepting, reviewing, and making determinations on applications for personal use cannabis business licenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.1, N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.8, and N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.10 Alternative Treatment Centers (“ATCs”) and applicants for cannabis business licenses (“license-applicants”) need to submit proof of local support in the form of municipal approval as part of either their certification (ATCs) or application (cannabis business license applicants) to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the license-applicant Greater Purpose LLC (the “Applicant”), a limited liability company of the State of New Jersey received a zoning permit (permit no: 20210517.000), dated December 16, 2021, from the Borough of South Plainfield, authorizing the Applicant to seek all required permits and inspections by local and state officials to operate as a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer at the property located at block 446, lot 4.01, at the location known as 3602 Kennedy Road, Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in the M-3 zoning district; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 540, Article VII, Zone District Regulations, Section 540-45(a)(6) of the ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield, the Applicant’s proposed use (Class 2 Licensed Cannabis Manufacturer) is a permitted use in the M-3 zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced ordinance permits up to two (2) Licensed Cannabis Manufacturers in the M-3 Industrial Zone (the “License Limit”); and

WHEREAS, at the time of adoption of this Resolution, the issuance of a license to the Applicant by the Commission would not exceed the License Limit referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield recognizes that the Applicant’s proposed use provides an opportunity to enhance the Borough of South Plainfield’s economy by providing jobs and additional revenue.

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

1. The Applicant is in compliance with the Borough of South Plainfield’s local codes and ordinances.
2. Should the Applicant receive approval by the Commission **first in time**, the Greater Purpose LLC, a limited liability company of the State of New Jersey, shall be deemed approved by the Borough of South Plainfield until the License Limit, in accordance with Chapter 540, Article VII, Zone District Regulations, Section 540-45(a)(6) of the ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield, is reached (emphasis added).
3. The Borough of South Plainfield shall issue written notice to the Applicant, to all other supported license applicants, and issue similar written notice to the Commission once the License Limit is reached.
4. The Applicant, if approved by the Commission and deemed approved by the Borough of South Plainfield, shall comply with Chapter 175, Cannabis Transfer Tax and User Tax, Section 175-1 of the ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby reserves the right to amend, terminate, or repeal this Resolution and/or any approvals/support granted herein to the Applicant at any point in time, if the License Limit is reached prior to approval by the Commission.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION 22-49

AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL POLICE TOWING OPERATORS FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 434-11 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 434-11 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, the Police Department has sought proposals from various towing operators for the police vehicle towing for the 2022 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the operators of towing/wrecking establishments in the Borough of South Plainfield have made application in accordance with Chapter 434-11 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield for renewal of the license to operate on the rotation towing/wrecker list for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, after proper review of the renewal application and inspection of the facilities by the South Plainfield Police Department it was deemed that following towing operators met the requirements of the Borough Code and are hereby appointed as the official police towers for the calendar year 2022:

Light Duty

1. J&L Auto Body
2. JVD Towing Service
3. Majestic Towing
4. Matthew's Service
5. R&C Auto Body
6. Sullivan's Auto Body

Heavy Duty

1. George Logan Towing Inc.
2. B&L Recovery and Towing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the official towing operators for the South Plainfield Police Department be and hereby are as stated above for the year 2022.

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

RESOLUTION: 22-50

AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245.00 TO BJORN HANSEN DUE TO TROPICAL STORM IDA

WHEREAS, the Construction Official confirms that a permit was for a construction related project at 233 Oakmoor Avenue and as such, the applicant has requested a refund of the \$245.00 permit fee for work resulted in damages caused by Tropical Storm Ida;

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 \$245.00 to the following:

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Bjorn Hansen
 233 Oakmoor Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080

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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-51
 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH VALENTINO FROM THE DPW
 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2022**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Joseph Valentino from the DPW effective January 17, 2022, 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
5. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 22-52
 AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR
 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM LANIGAN ASSOCIATES, INC.
 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,563.40**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of body armor for the Police Department from Lanigan Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,563.40 pursuant to NJ State Contract master blanket number T0106 and AE Blanket Order No. 17-FLEET-00763; 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. Captain Papa, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 22-53

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH TEMENSKI AS FIREFIGHTER FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 confirms the appointment of:

JOSEPH TEMENSKI
200 Ritter Avenue
South Plainfield NJ 07080

for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by Fire Chief Scalera.

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. Fire Chief Scalera

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

RESOLUTION 22-54
AUTHORIZING 2021 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$85,000.00 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
1-01-20-140-000-311	Computer		O&E			5,000.00
1-01-25-240-001-101	Police		S&W			35,000.00
1-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance		S&W			12,000.00
1-01-26-290-003-102	Snow		S&W			2,000.00
1-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds		S&W			3,000.00
1-01-23-210-000-655	Other Insurance		O&E			10,000.00
1-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging		S&W			2,000.00
1-01-36-475-000-683	PERS		Statutory			16,000.00
Total FROM:						85,000.00
TO:						AMOUNT
1-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards		O&E			15,000.00
1-01-23-220-000-611	Health Benefits		O&E			10,000.00
1-01-23-220-000-621	Health Benefits		O&E			15,000.00
1-01-26-290-003-321	Snow		S&W			10,000.00
1-01-26-310-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance		O&E			5,000.00
1-01-28-370-001-204	Recreation		O&E			2,000.00
1-01-31-445-001-581	Water		O&E			1,000.00
1-01-36-471-000-681	PERS		Statutory			27,000.00
Total TO:						85,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 22-55
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP
TO PROVIDE BARRACUDA BACK-UP SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,880.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group to provide Barracuda Back-up Subscription Services in an amount not to exceed \$11,880.00 pursuant to state contract number A89967/89968; 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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-56
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP
TO PROVIDE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH
AND POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,272.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group to provide Microsoft Office Subscription Services for the Borough and Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$16,272.00 pursuant to state contract number A89967/89968; 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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-57
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP
TO INSTALL BARRACUDA EMAIL AND FIREWALL PROTECTION
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,194.80

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group to install Barracuda email and firewall protection for the operating system in an amount not to exceed \$10,194.80 pursuant to state contract number A89967/A89968, 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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-58
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP
FOR DUO REMOTE USER AUTHENTICATION
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,040.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group for duo remote user authentication in an amount not to exceed \$5,040.00 pursuant to state contract number A89967/A89968, 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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-59
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS
TOTALING \$21,251.47 NOW STALE DATED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that based upon the recommendation of the Borough Auditor and CFO the attached list of checks issued from Borough bank account 7850174447 have been outstanding for more than one year and as such, are now stale dated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached list of stale-dated checks totaling \$21,251.47 be hereby canceled and that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Board of Health Monthly Report – December 2021
- Environmental Commission Minutes – November 10, 2021

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	1-01	30,997.83
Current Fund	2-01	333,193.03
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	56.51
Sewer Utility	2-07	161,116.47
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	512,766.95
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	2,815.22
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	26,215.42
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,495.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$1,068,656.43

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that the sewer bills will be going out this Friday afternoon and everyone should be receiving them by next week. The sewer bills reflect the effects of Covid-19 in that more people are working from home using their own residential plumbing, opposed to commercial business which may have had shut-downs with less sewer usage.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked the Environmental Commission and the South Plainfield High School students for all they do and went on to report progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – congratulated Joseph Temenski for his appointment this evening as a firefighter and went on to report progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – advised that we have been fortunate to have been able to keep the sewer bills flat until Covid hit, and as Mr. Cullen said, residents are using more sewer at home than before Covid. Councilman Bengivenga said that this will stabilize in the future and we continue to work hard to fix our infrastructure.

Council President Faustini – advised that the Pal has pickleball open hours Monday-Friday 10am to 12 pm for anyone interested. Registration is online. Stem programs are also available. On another note, Council President Faustini updated everyone on the proposed Covid Memorial at Putnam Park saying that we will begin the sale of bricks for those who lost a loved one during Covid. A brick memorial path will circle around a memorial stone. The Library will soon post their upcoming events for February. Council President Faustini concluded by wishing everyone a happy Lunar New Year, noting it is the Year of the Tiger.

Councilman White – announced that the new Brazilian Ji Jitsu is now open in South Plainfield and those interested are welcome to stop by. Councilman White went on to report progress.

Mayor Anesh – advised that South Plainfield’s new daily covid total is 24, with a grand total to date of 5,215 cases. The County’s new daily total was 2,621, with a grand total to date of 165,814 cases. South Plainfield has 74 cumulative deaths, and the County has 2,395 cumulative deaths. Mayor Anesh said everyone in our building is back to wearing masks again and we continue our Covid-19 safety protocol throughout Borough Hall and residents are advised to make an appointment before visiting Borough Hall. Mayor Anesh concluded by saying we are tracking the reopening of the Senior Center, stay tuned for further updates.

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 thanked the Mayor, Council and High School for promoting the Windows of Understanding public art project initiative which promotes compassion and awareness around social justice issues impacting local communities. On another note, it’s important to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King who’s dreams are still a work in progress. Ms. Boyle concluded by saying it was a great presentation this evening by the High School environmental students.

Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from the public and advised that we will be going into Closed Session at this time, 7:39 p.m., and everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

Upon return from closed session at 9:01 p.m., Mayor Anesh announced the results of the closed session meeting this evening we will need to add Resolution 22-60 to this evening’s agenda. Mayor Anesh called for a motion to add Resolution 22-60 to the agenda. Councilman Smith made a motion to add 22-60 to the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mott and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments from the public, closed the floor. The following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 22-60

AUTHORIZING AN OUTSTANDING PAYMENT THAT PERTAINS TO A POOL LINER DIRECTLY TO A SUBCONTRACTOR KNOWN AS “ELBTAL USA” FOR WORK PERFORMED IN GOOD FAITH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,800.00, AND REDUCING THE CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT TO MIDATLANTIC CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN FOR SAME FOR FAILURE TO PAY THEIR SUBCONTRACTOR “ELBTAL USA” DIRECTLY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes an outstanding payment pertaining to the pool liner for the South Plainfield Community Pool to directly pay the project subcontractor known as “Elbtal USA” in an amount not to exceed \$28,800.00, and as such, reduce the contract award amount to Midatlantic Construction & Design for the amount not to exceed \$28,800.00 for the failure to pay their subcontractor “Elbtal USA” for work performed in good faith on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/Administrator
2. Paul Rizzo, Esq.
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini	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. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk