

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2022 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 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:

- February 22, 2022 – CDBG Public Hearing
- February 22, 2022 – Agenda Meeting
- February 22, 2022 - Public Meeting
- February 22, 2022 – Executive Session

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							

Mayor Anesh read a proclamation in full honoring Girl Scout Day – March 12, 2022. Mayor Anesh called all Girl Scouts forward and everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by friends, family, and media present.

Mayor Anesh read a proclamation in full honoring Women’s History Month. Mayor Anesh called the Girl Scouts forward and other women present. Everyone extended a round a applause and photographs were taken by friends, family, media present.

The below ordinance 2223 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for March 21, 2022. The Council made no comments.

ORDINANCE 2223

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2150 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR AFSCME UNION EMPLOYEES

The ordinance #2223 read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on March 21, 2022 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

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

The below ordinance 2224 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for March 21, 2022. The Council made no comments.

ORDINANCE 2224

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE “CAPITAL REPAIRS TO THE PAL ROOF, LIGHTING AT VARIOUS SPORTS FIELDS AND OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT A COST OF \$30,000.00, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by General Capital Fund Surplus and the South Plainfield Board of Education as follows:

Capital Surplus	\$30,000.00
Totals	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Capital Improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$30,000.00.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid by the Borough’s Capital Surplus \$30,000.00.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Introduction of Ordinance #2224: March 7, 2022

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							

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 22-99
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM EAGLE POINT GUN/T.J. MORRIS & SON
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,263.81**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of ammunition for the Police Department from Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son in an amount not to exceed \$33,263.81 pursuant to state contract number #17-FLEET-0721, T#T0106, Line#3; 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, SPPD

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 22-100
AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF
SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE REPAIR OF A TURF FIELD**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Board of Education for the repair of a turf field as follows:

South Plainfield Borough Portion: \$16,060.50
 South Plainfield Board of Education Portion: \$16,060.50
 Total: \$32,121.00

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. Amy Cicenia, Board of Education Business Office
4. Alex Benanti, Board of Education Business Administrator

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 22-101
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF RACHEL VOELKEL TO THE POSITION OF
CLERK I-LEVEL I FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK’S OFFICE/BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

Due to varied personnel matters, in addition to a vacancy within the Municipal Clerk/Board of Health Office, it hereby authorizes the hiring of Rachel Voelkel to the position of Clerk I- Level I for the Municipal Clerk’s Office/Board of Health at the annual salary of \$32,550.20 in accordance with the salary ordinance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rachel Voelkel will begin part-time employment on March 1, 2022 working 4 days per week; Tuesday through Friday at an hourly rate of pay based upon the aforementioned annual salary until approximately Monday, May 23, 2022 at which time she will begin full-time employment working 5 days per week; Monday-Friday with full benefits to be established in accordance with Borough policies for such; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the successful completion of the NJ State Registrar’s training classes, Rachel Voelkel will also receive the stipend in accordance with the salary ordinance for 2022 of \$1,805.00, for the position of Alternate Deputy Registrar; 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. Rachel Voelkel, Assistant to Municipal Clerk

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 22-102
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A BID TO SEALMASTER FOR AN OIL-JACKETED HOT POUR CRACK SEALER
APPLICATOR FOR THE DPW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,906.29**

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 janitorial cleaning services are necessary for the municipal building; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages and submitted bids as follows:

SealMaster	\$77,906.29
Timmerman Equipment	No Bid Submitted

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough’s Engineer and Attorney and as such it has been determined that SealMaster is the lowest qualified bidder and it is recommended the bid be awarded to them in the amount of \$77,906.29 for an oil-jacketed hot pour crack sealer applicator for the DPW; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through the current fund budget.

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 if applicable for the aforementioned vendor.

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 # 22-103

AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ENVIROMENTAL RESOLUTIONS INC. FOR TANK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ABOVE GROUND TANKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of retaining a professional for consulting related to tank removal and replacement of above ground tanks; and

WHEREAS the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contracts as “Professional Services” without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with **Environmental Resolutions Inc., located at 815 East Gate Drive, Ste. 103, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054** to provide tank removal and replacement of above ground tanks in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
2. This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Observer as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

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 22-104

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQM) AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on January 19, 2021 for Middlesex Water Company Park Avenue Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, Block 50, Lot 1 (portion), South Plainfield Borough, Middlesex County has been prepared by Middlesex Water Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield:

1. Hereby consents to the Park Avenue Water Treatment Plant upgrades amendment, and publicly noticed on January 19, 2021, prepared by Middlesex Water Company for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).

2. Shall submit this consent to the NJDEP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6.

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 22-105
AUTHORIZING A 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
OF \$2,576,217.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND AND \$37,786.00 IN THE POOL UTILITY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2022 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year's budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
2-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	40,000
2-01-20-120-000-101	Clerk	S&W	25,000
2-01-20-140-000-101	Computer Service	S&W	15,000
2-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	25,000
2-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	50,000
2-01-25-240-001-475	Police	O&E	50,000
2-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	25,000
2-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	50,000
2-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	50,000
2-01-26-290-001-101	DPW Administration	S&W	15,000
2-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	30,000
2-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	15,000
2-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	50,000
2-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	20,000
2-01-28-370-002-401	Senior Center	O&E	2,000
2-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E	175,000
2-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave	O&E	25,000
2-01-31-435-002-555	Street Lights	O&E	100,000
2-01-45-920-000-801	Bond Principal	Debt	1,613,625
2-01-45-930-000-802	Interest on Bonds	Debt	200,592
Total CURRENT FUND			2,576,217
POOL UTILITY			AMOUNT
2-26-55-902-000-801	Bond Principal	Debt	31,375
2-26-55-903-000-802	Interest on Bonds	Debt	6,411
Total POOL UTILITY			37,786

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 22-106
AUTHORIZING 2021 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$30,000.00 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
1-01-20-130-000-235	Finance			O&E			2,000.00
1-01-20-140-000-204	Computer			O&E			2,000.00
1-01-20-165-000-204	Engineering			O&E			2,000.00
1-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits			O&E			15,000.00
1-01-25-240-001-101	Police			S&W			1,500.00
1-01-25-240-001-225	Police			O&E			4,500.00
1-01-26-290-001-101	DPW Administration			S&W			2,000.00
1-01-31-465-001-565	Gasoline			O&E			1,000.00
Total FROM:							30,000.00
TO:							AMOUNT
1-01-20-120-000-235	Clerk			O&E			15,000.00
1-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave			O&E			15,000.00
Total TO:							30,000.00

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: 22-107

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,761.34 PERTAINING TO 176 GARDEN DRIVE 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 173 Lot 13
Shane & Kaitlyn McCoid
\$1,761.34

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Shane & Kaitlyn McCoid
176 Garden Drive
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 22-108
AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ALEX FISHER ES. AS CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES
AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$275.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of a conflict counsel for affordable housing issues which are now pending; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Alex Fisher, Esq. is familiar with the Borough's Fair Share Housing Plan and any issues regarding same having previously served, and continuing to serve, as Planning Board Counsel for the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Alex Fisher, Esq. is hereby appointed as conflict counsel for affordable housing issues to be paid at a rate of \$275.00 per hour.

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 22-109
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NEW IMAGE LANDSCAPING FOR REPAIR OF “SECTION A” OF THE COMMUNITY POOL TURF AREA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,967.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of New Image Landscaping for repair of “Section A” of the Community Pool turf area in an amount not to exceed \$2,967.00; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 22-110
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NEW IMAGE LANDSCAPING FOR REPAIR OF “SECTION B” OF THE COMMUNITY POOL TURF AREA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,667.60

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of New Image Landscaping for repair of “Section B” of the Community Pool turf area in an amount not to exceed \$1,667.60; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Code Enforcement Report – Lien for 3122 Woodland Ave.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	1-01	30,686.83
Current Fund	2-01	581,389.11
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	600.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	2-07	16,424.79
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	198,634.28
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	6,723.41
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	4,773.00
Recreation Trust	T-14	11,092.89
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$847,324.31

*Revised...new bill list total includes additional \$935.00 for total of \$848,259.31

**Vote is as amended:

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		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 – reported that Mr. Miller said the road projects will commence again in March, weather permitting. Mr. Cullen concluded by advising we are in the midst of the 2022 budget process and will provide updates in the coming days.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – asked for a moment of silence for the people of the Ukraine due to the recent invasion and then went on to report progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – congratulated the Girl Scouts this evening and said it was nice to see their smiling faces and then went on to report progress.

Council President Faustini – reminded everyone that sign-up for the 10 and under Bunny-Hop are taking place and that spots do fill-up quickly. Also we are still accepting Covid memorial brick purchases through our recreation website.

Councilman White – Thanked Joe for calling for a moment of silence. Councilman White advised that a new restaurant; Teriyaki I Japanese Grill will be opening next to Chipotle. Their grand opening will be forthcoming.

Mayor Anesh –South Plainfield’s new daily covid total is 7, with a grand total to date of 5,599 cases. The County’s new daily total was 346, with a grand total to date of 180,149 cases. Mayor Anesh advised that as of today, most restrictions throughout the state have been lifted.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Amy Bengivenga, Chair of Public Celebrations, advised that the annual Labor Day Parade will be held on September 5th at 12 noon. This year’s theme is “Parade Around the World”. For more information in the coming days, check out our Facebook page.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked all the Girl Scouts saying what a wonderful organization they belong to. Ms. Boyle also advised that Diane Pender was named Citizen of the Year for the Elks and congratulated her.

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, 7:25 p.m., and everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk