

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 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 and requested a moment of silence for the victims of the Buffalo NY shooting.

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:

- May 2, 2022 – Agenda Meeting
- May 2, 2022 - Public Meeting
- May 2, 2022 – Executive Session

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

Presentation: South Plainfield High School Green Team. Mayor Anesh welcomed and called the High School Green Team students forward who presented a power point presentation that demonstrated why it is ill advised to feed deer, stray cats, and other wildlife. Along with the value of coddling goose eggs, and humane methods for spaying or neutering stray cats. Councilman Smith thanked the students and their teacher for their initiatives what they are doing. Everyone extended a round of applause.

Proclamations: Mayor Anesh read the “National Poppy Day” proclamation in full and presented it to American Legion Members who in turn handed out poppies to everyone in attendance. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE # 2229

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$907,585.98 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$907,585.98, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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							

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 22-191A
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO READ THE PROPOSED
2022 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building, with copies available to any persons requesting same as well as posted on the Municipal Website; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk shall fulfill her responsibilities of insuring the availability of the Municipal Budget to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the CY 2022 Municipal Budget be read by title only and not in full.

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- 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		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-191B
CERTIFYING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD HAS COMPLIED WITH
HIRING PRACTICES UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the Governing Body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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							

**RESOLUTION #22-191C
AUTHORIZING AND CONDUCTING A SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of South Plainfield has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

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							

RESOLUTION 22-191D
RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2022 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2021 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2022 budget, and, if necessary, in future years and

WHEREAS, for FY2022, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of South Plainfield, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2021 by the COVID-19 pandemic and that the three-year average of the amounts realized in 2019-2021 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2022;

Revenue Category	2019	2020	2021	Average
Municipal Court	\$503,519	\$269,251	\$220,270	\$331,013

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the three-year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A:4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c.74.

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							

Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for the 2022 Municipal Budget for June 20, 2022 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION 22-191E
AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby introduces the 2022 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached 2022 proposed municipal budget, read by title by the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield during introduction on May 16, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing relative to said budget will be conducted on June 20, 2022 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. A full complete copy of the proposed 2022 Budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk during normal business hours as well as is posted on the Municipal Website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022 Municipal Budget Revenue and Appropriation Summaries shall be published in The Courier News and The Observer prior to the aforementioned public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following;

1. Director of Local Government Services
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer/Administrator
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. The Courier News and The Observer

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							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 22-192

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL 3RD QUARTER ESTIMATED BILLS

WHEREAS, the 2022 budgets for the Borough of South Plainfield have not yet been adopted and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to send out final 2022 bills by the statutory date of June 14th due to the lack of a tax rate certified by the Borough of South Plainfield

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-66.3 determines that the tax collector may, by resolution of the governing body, send out estimated tax bills for the third quarter, and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield to send out estimated bills for the third quarter, 2022 based on an estimated tax levy of **\$97,436,475.18** and an estimated tax rate of **6.671** per \$100 of assessed value to be reconciled through the fourth quarter, 2022 billing to be mailed upon receipt of a certified tax rate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is to prepare, and mail estimated 3rd quarter, 2022 tax bills, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NJSA 54:4-66.3, the due date of the estimated 3rd quarter tax bills shall be the later of August 1, the additional interest-free period authorized pursuant to R.S.54:4-67, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the estimated tax bill for the third installment was mailed or otherwise delivered. Any payment received after this time may be charged interest back to August 1.

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

- a. Kimberly Clifford, CTC
- b. Glenn Cullen, CMFO

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

RESOLUTION 22-193

AUTHORIZING THE COOPERTIVE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE LAWN MOWER FOR THE DPW FROM DEERE & COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,181.12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey to make the cooperative purchase of a John Deere lawn mower for the DPW from Deere & Company in an amount not to exceed \$10,181.12 (ESCNJ 18/19-25, CoOp #65MCESCCPS).

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

**RESOLUTION 22-194
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SUMMER HELP
FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$14.25**

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 Borough to hire on a part-time basis for the Summer the following individuals for the DPW, without benefits, at the hourly summer rate of \$14.25 pursuant to the salary ordinance for such:

Aidan Taber
Tim Figueiredo
Nicholas Loniewski

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

- a. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- b. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- c. Carmela Miller, Payroll
- d. Anne Daley, Benefits
- e. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
- f. 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				
Council President Faustini		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-195
AUTHORIZING A 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$1,585,011.93 IN THE CURRENT FUND, AND
\$55,000 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	40,000.00
2-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-20-120-000-101	Clerk	S&W	35,000.00
2-01-20-130-000-101	Finance	S&W	40,000.00
2-01-20-140-000-101	Computers	S&W	20,000.00
2-01-20-145-000-101	Collection of Taxes	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	35,000.00
2-01-20-165-001-101	Engineering	S&W	15,000.00
2-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	75,000.00
2-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	800,000.00
2-01-25-240-001-215	Police	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	20,000.00
2-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	80,000.00
2-01-25-265-001-201	Fire	O&E	10,000.00
2-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	30,000.00
2-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Admin	S&W	20,000.00
2-01-26-290-001-325	Public Works Admin	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	90,000.00
2-01-26-290-002-435	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E	10,000.00
2-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	75,000.00
2-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-27-330-002-101	Youth Aid	S&W	2,000.00
2-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	25,000.00
2-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental Commission	S&W	7,000.00
2-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	10,000.00
2-01-28-370-001-235	Recreation	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-30-420-000-235	Public Celebrations & Events	O&E	20,000.00
2-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	20,000.00
2-01-43-490-000-101	Municipal Court	S&W	15,000.00
2-01-41-700-000-301	Municipal Alliance Match	O&E	4,713.60
2-01-41-718-000-301	Municipal Alliance Grant	O&E	6,298.33
2-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	40,000.00
Total CURRENT FUND			1,585,011.93
POOL UTILITY			AMOUNT
2-26-55-520-000-101	Salaries	S&W	50,000.00
2-26-55-520-000-215	Other Expenses	O&E	5,000.00
Total POOL UTILITY			55,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 22-196 – was tabled
SUPPORTING THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT FOR A MURUAL TO BE PAINTED IN THE
DOWNTOWN SECTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

RESOLUTION 22-197

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FLEET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FROM MANAGERPLUS FOR THE DPW
IN AN AMNOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,789.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of fleet management software from ManagerPlus for the DPW in in an amount not to exceed \$2,495.00 for a one-time installation cost and an annual licensing fee of \$3,294.00 (for a total not to exceed amount of \$5,789.00).

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

- a. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- b. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- c. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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

**RESOLUTION 22-198
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF SPORT CARE FOR THE GROOMING OF THE
SOCCER TURF FIELD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,400.00**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Sport Care for the grooming of the soccer turf field in an amount not to exceed \$4,400.00.

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

- a. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- b. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- c. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

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

**RESOLUTION 22-199
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF HARRIS POLICE RADIOS FOR PATROL VEHICLES
FROM TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,662.30**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of Harris Police Radios for patrol vehicles from Tactical Public Safety in an amount not to exceed \$13,662.30 pursuant to state contract number #A83932; and

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

- a. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- b. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- c. 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				
Council President Faustini		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-200
AUTHORIZING THE FULL-TIME HIRING OF PAUL MELILLO AS LABORER II
FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$19.09

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 Borough to hire on a full-time basis Paul Melillo as Laborer II for the DPW, with benefits, at the hourly rate of \$19.09 pursuant to salary ordinance 2161.

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

- a. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- b. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- c. Carmela Miller, Payroll
- d. Anne Daley, Benefits
- e. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
- f. 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				
Council President Faustini		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-201
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF 2022 COMMUNITY POOL PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance 2228:

Pool Employees 2022

Position	First Name	Last Name
Head Manager	William	Nickel
Assistant Manager - Tier 3	Bridgette	Wahlers
Assistant Manager - Tier 2	David	DeGraw
	Brendan	Wahlers
Swim Team - Head Coach	Karim	Motani
Swim Team - Assistant Coach	Marlon	Arteaga
Pool Attendant	Jacob	AIELLO
	Isabelle	Barbara
	Madeline	Barry

Emma	Benowitz
Giavanna	Bentivegna
Anthony	Cortese
SAMANTHA	CULVER
Nicholas	DeGeronimo
Karly	Dobrynio
Janya	Draper
AIDAN	ENGLISH
Michael	Esposito
Julianna	Fuschetti
Hope	Hall
Sofia	Hassan
Mo	Jadallah
Emily	Kloza
Ava	Kurilew
Noemi	Lopez
Jack	Masset
Madison	Matusz
Haley	Mejias
Paityn	Moniz-D'Souza
Amber	Olsen
Reo	Payne
Andrew	Rachwal
Jaylene	Ramirez
David	Rapelye
Jailah	seay
Victoria	Solomon
Madison	Tivald
Jaleena	Valle
Molly	Wilson

Lifeguard - Tier 1 (Pending Certification)

Jacob	AIELLO
Isabelle	Barbara
SAMANTHA	CULVER
Michael	Esposito
Hope	Hall
Mo	Jadallah
Ava	Kurilew
Noemi	Lopez
Amber	Olsen
Jailah	seay

Lifeguard - Tier 1

Margaret (Maggie)	Batshaw
Riley	Billian
Avery	Cassio
Rocco	Lippi

Matthew Robertson

Lifeguard - Tier 2

Timson Nguyen
 Gabriella Vitabile
 Nicole Zubieta

Lifeguard - Tier 3

Isabella Arieno
 Trevor Barry
 Joseph Cassio
 Jessica Conti
 Emily Cortes
 Abby Di Giorgio
 Dominic Faustini
 Olivia Glynn
 Ryan Lamberson
 Jack Mackenzie
 Lesly Mayta
 Adrianna Nazarko
 Dylan Page
 Amanda Piña
 Nick Robertson
 Allison Schwarz
 Kristina Shaw
 Imagen Walters
 Keenan Walters

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 22-202
 AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY LIGHTING
 & EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION FOR PATROL VEHICLES
 FROM EAST COAST LIGHTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,401.67**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of emergency lighting & equipment installation for patrol vehicles from East Coast Lighting in an amount not to exceed \$51,401.67 pursuant to state contract number #17-Fleet-00761; and

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

- a. Glenn Cullen, CFO
- b. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- c. 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				
Council President Faustini		x	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – April 2022
- Zoning Board Minutes – November 17, 2020 – July 6, 2021
- Environmental Commission Minutes – March 9, 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							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	1-01	0.00
Current Fund	2-01	468,534.59
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	300.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	2-07	148,792.60
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	1,229.04
Pool Capital	C-27	159.51
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	2,281.32
Dog Trust	T-12	94.20
Treasurers Trust	T-13	3,683.53
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,115.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$626,189.79

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – Mr. Cullen thanked Mr. Miller and his DPW staff for all their assistance the past couple of months in helping to prepare for the community pool opening. They did a really great job.

Engineer Miller – advised that the contractors were paving Manning and are near completion. The final punch-list items will be taken care of next.

Clerk Antonides – reported that the rabies clinic this past Saturday was a great success and we’re very fortunate that the weather wasn’t too bad. On another note, Clerk Antonides reminded everyone that the Primary Election is June 7th and all polls are open from 6am to 8pm. All voters are to report to their respective election district at their normal voting location, much like we did prior to Covid-19.

Councilman Smith – thanked the Board of Health for a well-run rabies clinic and the South Plainfield High School Green Team for their help in improving the quality of life in the Borough.

Councilwoman Mott – congratulated Paul Melillo on his new appointment to the DPW as well as the summer part-time hires; Aidan Taber, Tim Figueiredo and Nicholas Loniewski.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga –reported progress.

Council President Faustini – reported that the pool membership is up by 9% and overall revenues are up by 14%. This is a very good position to be in for the start-up to the season. The memorial buy-a-brick program at Putnam Park will cut-off by May 23rd for the initial phase. There is still a little time to purchase a brick for those interested. On another note, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office in conjunction with the South Plainfield Police will be holding a fraud and scam education event at the Senior Center on May 20th. To conclude, the Day of Service Charity Softball game with South Plainfield School District vs. South Plainfield 1st Responders will be held on May 25th at Jost Field at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman White – thanked the Rhodes family who took a lot of time and care in the placement of the flags for the Field of Honor Event.

Mayor Anesh –reminded everyone that Bag-Up NJ is in full effect, and it seems to be doing well so far.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Holly Laferrera of Summerset Avenue thanked all the volunteers that are present this evening.

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, 7:42 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 8:35 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Mott and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk