

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2022 7:02 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 7:02 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	Virtual		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	Virtual		
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 White said 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:

- June 6, 2022 – Agenda Meeting
- June 6, 2022 - Public Meeting
- June 6, 2022 – Executive Session

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

Proclamations: Mayor Anesh read the following proclamations in full:

Amateur Radio Week which was accepted by Mr. William Carlson and some fellow members of the Radio Club. Mr. Carlson said a few words about their event they will hold this month at the park. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

ORDINANCE:

The following ordinance #2230 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

**ORDINANCE 2230
AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING THE COMMON SEAL
OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.**

WHEREAS, the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey approved a Legislative Act on March 10, 1926 declaring a portion of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, contained within certain designated limits to be constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate in fact and in law by the name of “the Borough of South Plainfield” which Act was signed into law by Governor A. Harry Moore on that date; and

WHEREAS, the Act stated that it took effect immediately, but would not operate to effect the incorporation of the territory as a borough until its provisions had been submitted to and accepted by a majority vote of qualified voters residing in the described territory, a special election to be held within 30 days after approval of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it appears from records searched that a referendum was passed on April 6, 1926 accepting the Act; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275 was adopted on April 25, 1957 creating a Common Seal for the Borough of South Plainfield which provided in part that the words “Incorporated: March 12, 1926” would be included on such Seal; and

WHEREAS, after extensive research, it appears that there is no significance to the date of March 12, 1926 and that the proper date of incorporation should be March 10, 1926, the date the Legislative Act was approved and signed into law, and ultimately ratified by the voters of the Borough of South Plainfield;

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 Common Seal for the Borough of South Plainfield shall be corrected to state “Incorporated: March 10, 1926”. All other provisions of Ordinance No. 275 adopted April 25, 1957 regarding the creation of the Common Seal for the Borough of South Plainfield shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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							

The following ordinance #2231 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

**ORDINANCE 2231
A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
CULVERT & PUTNAM PARK COVID MEMORIAL” AT A COST OF \$23,000.00, 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 Recreation Trust Fund:

Capital Surplus	\$16,500.00
Recreation Trust Fund	6,500.00
Totals	<u>\$23,000.00</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 \$23,000.00.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid by the Borough’s Capital Surplus \$16,500.00 from moneys paid by the Borough by the South Plainfield Library and \$6,500.00 from the Recreation Trust Fund.
- 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.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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							

The following ordinance #2232 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 11, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2232

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181,
CHARITABLE CLOTHING BINS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough, Chapter 181, Charitable Clothing Bins, shall be amended as follows:

Section 181-1 - Definitions shall be amended to add the following after the definition of clothing bin:

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

An organization, association or corporation formed exclusively for religious purposes, including religious worship, utilizing property owned by such entity exclusively for religious purposes and which is not otherwise used for purposes other than the religious purposes for which the entity was organized.

Section 181-2(A) shall be amended to add the following after the second sentence of said paragraph:

For any religious institution seeking to place, use or employ more than one donation clothing bin for placement on property owned by such institution, one permit shall be obtained for all such clothing bins.

Section 181-2(7) add at the end of said paragraph add the following:

This provision and limitation shall also not apply to any religious institution applying to place clothing bins on property owned by said institution, but such institution shall be limited to having three clothing bins on such property.

Section 181-5(E) shall be deleted.

ADD Section 181-5(E):

There may be no more than three lots within any one zone upon which clothing bins may be placed, and the clothing bins may not be placed upon any lot within 1,000 feet of a lot upon which one or more clothing bins exist. This limitation shall not apply to clothing bins being placed on property which is owned by any religious institution;

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

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							

The following ordinance #2233 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 11, 2022.

**ORDINANCE 2233
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION,
ARTICLE IX, CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts Commission currently consists of 13 members; and

WHEREAS, there are currently three vacancies on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the purposes of the Commission can be better performed with 11 members;

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 Code of the Borough, Chapter 5, Administration, Article IX, Cultural Arts Commission, Section

5-35(A) shall be amended to provide that the Cultural Arts Commission shall consist of 11 members. All other provisions of Article IX shall remain in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the position which is currently vacant for a term that will expire as of December 31, 2023, and one of the two positions which are currently vacant that will expire as of December 31, 2024 shall be eliminated.

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

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

The following ordinance #2234 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 11, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2234
AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF NEWARK STREET BETWEEN SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE AND ROOSEVELT AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, Newark Street is a right-of-way depicted on the Borough's current Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes there is no benefit to continuing the portion of Newark Street between South Clinton Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue as a right-of-way due to the presence of a water course and freshwater wetlands, and there is no need for such; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the Borough to vacate its authority and control over the portion of Newark Street between South Clinton Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights and the rights of the Borough, arising from the vacation of a street;

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 rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to Newark Street between South Clinton Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue as described more particularly in the attached Schedule A are hereby extinguished and vacated;
2. The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the Seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

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

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							

The following ordinance #2235 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 11, 2022.

**ORDINANCE 2235
AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH’S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF PARKER STREET BETWEEN JERSEY STREET AND NEWARK STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, Parker Street is a right-of-way depicted on the Borough’s current Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes there is no benefit to continuing the portion of Parker Street between Jersey Street and Newark Street as a right-of-way due to the presence of a water course and freshwater wetlands, and there is no need for such; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the Borough to vacate its authority and control over the portion of Parker Street between Jersey Street and Newark Street; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 authorizes the Borough to release and extinguish public rights and the rights of the Borough, arising from the vacation of a street;

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 rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to Parker Street between Jersey Street and Newark Street as described more particularly in the attached Schedule A are hereby extinguished and vacated;
2. The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the Seal of the Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

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

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							

The following ordinance #2236 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 11, 2022.

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION BY SUMMARY
ORDINANCE 2236**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 247 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION SECTION 247-1 THROUGH 247-18; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 247 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT, SECTION 247-1 THROUGH 247-16; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SERVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The ordinance #2236 read by title upon first reading herewith has been introduced at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on June 20, 2022. In summary, this ordinance repeals Chapter 247 Flood Damage Prevention Section 247-1 through 247-18; to adopt a new Chapter 247 Flood Plain Management, Section 247-1 through 247-16; to adopt flood maps, to designate a Floodplain Administrator, and provide for severability and effective date. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on July 11, 2022, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ. A full complete copy of this ordinance shall be provided, free of charge prior to adoption, to all those who request said copy at the Borough Clerk’s office during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or emailed upon request. A copy is also located on the municipal website and may be freely viewed and printed.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
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							

The following ordinance #2237 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 11, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2237

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS” TO WALNUT STREET PARK AT A COST OF \$72,542.00, 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 A Middlesex County Community Development Block Grant and General Capital Fund Surplus:

Capital Surplus	\$5,000.00
Recreation Trust Fund	67,542.00
Totals	<u>\$72,542.00</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 \$72,542.00.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid by a Middlesex County Grant totaling \$67,542.00 and an additional \$5,000.00 from the Borough’s Capital Surplus Fund.
- 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 \$3,500.00.

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

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

MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing of the 2022 Municipal Budget – Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Mr. Cullen who explained that the budget for adoption is as it was introduced. No changes have been made to it. The negative drivers for this years budget are still the aftermath of Tropical Storm Ida, health claims and some emergencies. We are hoping to see FEMA reimbursements later this year. This is a cash-based budget. The utilities are not doing down. We are however, about \$200,000 below cap. The tax increase this year is approximately \$142.00 for the average home. On the bright side, the community pool is operating at a profit this year. Though it is a difficult year, we do have some positives. We are still feeling some effects from Covid. The court revenues and hotel taxes are still down. Councilman White asked if the FEMA reimbursement will be added to this year’s budget. Mr. Cullen said no, it will be applied to next year’s budget. Councilman Wolak asked how much is expected from FEMA. Mr. Cullen said about half a million to ¾ of a million. With no further comments from Mr. Cullen, Mayor Anesh opened the public hearing. Mrs. Nancy Grennier verified that the tax increase is \$142.00 per average home. Mr. Cullen said yes. With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**RESOLUTION 22-221
AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves and confirms the adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget pursuant to the attached budget document.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 22-222

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

- The Borough Council does hereby authorize acceptance of a strategic plan for the South Plainfield Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$11,578
Cash Match	\$ 2,894.50
In-Kind	\$ 8,683.50
- The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-223
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DYLAN O’CONNOR
FROM THE DPW
EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2022**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Dylan O’Connor from the DPW effective June 16, 2022, and

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

- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- Carmela Miller, Payroll
- Anne Daley, Benefits
- Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
- John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 22-224
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2022 - 2023 AND AUTHORIZING
THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2022-2023 LIQUOR LICENSES TO ALL LICENSEES THAT HAVE MET ALL
STATE AND BOROUGH REQUIREMENTS
AND HAVE PAID ALL APPROPRIATE FEES.**

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the year 2022-2023 have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, no objections to said renewals have been filed; and

WHEREAS, the proper Borough fees have been paid by all applicants 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 licensees be granted renewals of their liquor licenses for the year commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2023:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-32-009-006	Plenary Retail Consumption w/Broad Package Privilege	SRI Liquors Inc.	SRI Liquors
2	1222-33-020-002	Plenary Retail Consumption	Primos Romero LLC	Casa Romero Mexican Grill
3	1222-33-014-003	Plenary Retail Consumption	SGS Associates Inc.	Sal's Spirit Shoppe

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2022-2023 liquor licenses to the above-named licensees.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-225
ACCEPTING THE ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT OF KAREN PLASSE
FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

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

It hereby accepts the ordinary disability retirement of Karen Plasse from the Police Department effective January 1, 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. James Parker, Police Chief
5. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 22-226
AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-211 THAT AUTHORIZED THE INCREASE
OF THE BID AND QUOTE THRESHOLD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 TO
FURTHER DEFINE THE BOROUGH'S PURCHASE POLICY**

WHEREAS On July 13, 2020 the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield authorized Resolution 20-211 which authorized the increase of the bid and quote threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 which permits the Governor to authorize an adjustment to the bid and quote thresholds for contracting units subject to the Local Public Contracts Law which allows local contracting units with an appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent to increase their bid threshold to a maximum of \$44,000.00 and their quote threshold to a maximum of \$6,600.00; and

WHEREAS Kelly Cupid possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq; and

WHEREAS, based upon the aforementioned purchase thresholds, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield desire to clarify its purchasing policy in that any purchases between \$3,000.00 to \$6,600.00 will require authorization from the Borough Administrator prior to purchase, and any purchase over the \$6,600.00 quotation threshold will require more than one quote and authorization by the Borough Council in the form of a resolution prior to purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey hereby amends Resolution 20-211 to clarify that all Borough purchases between \$3,000.00 to \$6,600.00 will require the approval of the Borough Administrator prior to purchase, and all purchases over the quotation threshold of \$6,600.00 will require more than one quotation and authorization from the Borough Council in the form of a resolution prior to purchase; 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. Kelly Cupid, QPA

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

RESOLUTION # 22-227
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT ROOFTOP AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR
BOROUGH HALL
FROM EDISON HEATING & COOLING
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,460.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the emergency purchase of a replacement rooftop air conditioning unit for Borough Hall from Edison Heating & Cooling in an amount not to exceed \$28,460.00; 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				
Councilwoman Mott	x		X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2022-228
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF ITEM OF REVENUE FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022 FOR THE
NEW JERSEY CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,621.17**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the total sum of \$49,621.17 which is now available and is broken down as follows:

New Jersey Clean Communities Grant	\$49,621.17
Total Grants	\$49,621.17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$49,621.17 is hereby appropriated under the aforementioned Grants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and one copy shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-229
AUTHORIZING A SENIOR CENTER REFUND FOR A LUNCH AND SHOW**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refund(s) for a 2022 LiGreci’s Lunch and Show:

Gerri and Don Diegnan
25 Gray Drive
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

\$200.00
July 14, 2022, Event

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

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

RESOLUTION 22-230

NJDOT GRANT SUBMITTAL TO STATE FOR NORWOOD AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION: 22-231

AUTHORIZING VARIOUS COMMUNITY POOL RELATED REFUNDS TO APPLICANTS

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director confirms that the following refunds are necessary based upon the request by the applicants as follows:

George (1712447)

607 Oak Tree Ave
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
908-510-0110
Registrant: Michael George
Program: Parent & Child Swim Lesson (session 1: 10am)
Fee: \$45.00

Velez (1674709)

1888 2nd pl
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
Registrant: Ramona Velez
Membership: Senior Resident
Fee: \$85.00
(received request 5/23 – prior to pool opening)

Motamed (1626563)

20 King Street
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
Registrant: Motamed Family
Membership: Non-Resident Family
Program: Swim Team (Talia Levy)
Fee: \$795.00

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

RESOLUTION 22-232

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
Assistant Manager - Tier 1		
	Hura	Blaine
	Katherine	Negri

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

RESOLUTION 22-233

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF 2022 SUMMER PARKS 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 parks at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance:

SUMMER PARKS PERSONNEL:

Position	First Name	Last Name
Camp Counselor I		
	Amberleigh	Bustos
	Joseph	Padovano
	Catherine	Pfeiffer
	Demarcus	Shepard
	Adnan	Yonathan

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

**RESOLUTION 22-234
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM DeNITZIO
FROM THE RECREATION COMMISSION
EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2022**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of William DeNitzio as a member of the Recreation Commission effective June 15, 2022, and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Code Enforcer’s Lien Report

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							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	1-01	6,970.50
Current Fund	2-01	134,349.59
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	14,599.87
Sewer Utility	1-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	2-07	20,211.78
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	21,842.54
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	21,435.00
Grant Fund	G-02	9,124.81
Dog Trust	T-12	1,375.40
Treasurers Trust	T-13	52,735.98
Recreation Trust	T-14	4,949.59
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$287,595.06

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	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 we will be receiving grant funding for dispatch refurbishments in the coming days and went on to thank Captain Papa for all his effort in putting this grant together successfully. On another note, Middlesex Water is back online now but it will be a while before the water tables come down. The water should now be a bit softer. Mr. Cullen continued his report by advising that the new owner of Paul’s Stationary offered the town the circa 1940’s telephone booth in which the DPW did a great job with fixing it up. It is for appearance only, and the phone is not operational.

Engineer Miller – thanked the governing body for their support of the grant application this evening for the Norwood Avenue Road Improvement Project.

Clerk Antonides – Clerk Antonides commended all the poll workers for the wonderful job they all did during the Primary Election, especially all the new poll workers who worked an election for the very first time.

Councilman Wolak – thanked the police department for all their work on the successful grant application and went on to express his appreciation for the phone booth.

Councilman Smith – congratulated the South Plainfield High School Green Team for finishing in second place with the state. Councilman Smith thanked Mr. Cullen for handling the Middlesex Water issues and went on to say Mr. DeNitzio will be missed from the Recreation Commission.

Councilwoman Mott – congratulated the South Plainfield High School class of 2022 and wished all the students the best of luck with their future endeavors.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Council President Faustini – advised that the pool membership seems to have leveled off. There is a grand total of 953 memberships for 2022 which is a 5.4% increase from last year. Residential family memberships are up by 14.60%. So overall the pool is operating very well. The library will now be offering social service hours on Monday evenings from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Walk-ins are accepted. The library however will not be arranging for appointments. Those interested will need to contact Ms. Barry for an appointment. Council President Faustini concluded by thanking Mr. Cullen for all his work with the budget.

Councilman White – announced that the Aldi’s former location has a new tenant. Family Dollar recently signed a lease for that location.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

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 wished everyone a happy Juneteenth and thanked Queen Noir for all her real-life stories. Mrs. Boyle thanked Evolution, the dance team. Mrs. Boyle asked what the Cultural Arts Ordinance on this evening’s agenda is for. Council President Faustini said it is only to reduce the membership from 13 to 11. Mrs. Boyle reminded everyone of the Elks clothing drive. They will also be collecting food and children’s books. The Christmas in July event is scheduled for July 23rd from 4pm to 8pm and a

Santa is still needed. Shoprite food truck will be donating food. There will be games and desserts available also. The Fire Department will be bringing the smoke house also. The restaurant week event is still be worked on. Cultural Arts will also be doing window painting again this year.

Mrs. Nance Grennier said the lights on the municipal building look nice.

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, 7:41 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 Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk