

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 11, 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	Virtual		
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 Councilwoman Faustini 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 20, 2022 – Agenda Meeting
- June 20, 2022 - Public Meeting
- June 20, 2022 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**Proclamations:** Mayor Anesh read the following proclamations in full:

American with Disabilities Act which was accepted by Dr. Jackee Jackson who explained this year is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

South Plainfield Day of Service which was accepted by Dr. Tansey, and school board members were in the audience. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

**POLICE RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilman White who read a bio for each officer being sworn in this evening. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family, friends, and media present. Each governing body member spoke a few words of welcome, congratulations and encouragement to the newly appointed officers. Upon conclusion, Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess at 7:25 pm, and called the meeting back to order at 7:35 pm.

**RESOLUTION 22-251  
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PAUL CANO IV AS A CLASS H POLICE OFFICER AT THE ANNUAL SALARY STARTING AT \$64,949.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the hiring of Paul Cano IV as a Class H Police Officer effective July 14, 2022, with a salary pursuant to the police contract and salary ordinance beginning at \$64,949.00; 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
3. James Parker, Chief of Police
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-253  
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MICHAEL SIMONE AND NICHOLAS POLIZZANO AS POLICE OFFICER RECRUITS AT THE STARTING SALARY OF 40,644.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the hiring of Michael Simone and Nicholas Polizzano as Police Officer Recruits effective July 14, 2022 with a salary pursuant to the police contract and salary ordinance beginning at \$40,644.00; 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
3. James Parker, Chief of Police
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2232 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 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2233 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 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2234 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 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2235 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 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2236 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.

**ADOPTION 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 SEVERABILITY 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2237 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 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:

<b>Capital Surplus</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Recreation Trust Fund</b>	<b>67,542.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$72,542.00</u></b>

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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott		x	X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

The following ordinance #2238 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2238**

**AN ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF SEASONAL SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:

**SECTION 1.**

The rates of compensation for each seasonal special law enforcement officer of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective upon hiring:

EMPLOYEE TYPE	RATE PER HOUR
Seasonal Special Law Enforcement Officers	\$35.00 - \$45.00

**SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY** – All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective and operative twenty days after publication thereof after final passage.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 22-236**

**AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF JENNIFER ABALO AND TODD RICHTER TO THE POSITION OF GROUNDSKEEPER AT THE HOURLY RATE PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Jennifer Abalo and Todd Richter to the position of part-time Groundskeeper at the hourly rate pursuant to Ordinance effective July 12, 2022, and

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

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1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Alice Tempel, Environmentalist
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-237  
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A NEW SNOW BLOWER  
FOR THE DPW FROM POWER PLACE  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,087.36**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ state contract purchase of a new snow blower for the DPW from Power Place in an amount not to exceed \$18,087.36 pursuant to state contract number ESCNJ #65 MCESCCPS-18/19-25; 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2022-238  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2018 AND 2021 TAX APPEALS FILED BY SO-OAK PARK OWNER  
LLC/WP REALTY AND SO-OAK PARK COMMONS LLC FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARK AND OAK TREE  
AVENUES AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 222, LOT 1 ON THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TAX  
ASSESSMENT MAPS**

**WHEREAS**, So-Oak Park Owner LLC/WP Realty and So-Oak Park Commons LLC (hereinafter referred to as “Taxpayer”) are the owners of the property known as Park and Oak Tree Avenues and identified as Block 222, Lot 1, on the Borough of South Plainfield’s Tax Assessment Maps (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the assessed value of the Property was set at \$12,052,800 for 2018 and 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayer filed appeals of its 2018 and 2021 tax assessments in the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey under docket numbers 007493-2018 and 007462-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed settlement of the aforesaid tax appeals was negotiated between Taxpayers and the Borough Tax Assessor and Borough Tax Attorney as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Appraiser, Russ Sterling, MAI, recommended that the settlement be approved and therefore, this proposed settlement is reasonable and reflects the correct market value for the Property which was over assessed for the years under appeal; and

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto, the aforesaid tax appeals are to be resolved as follows:

- The 2018 Tax Court Complaint shall be withdrawn and the 2018 total tax assessment in the amount of \$12,052,800 shall remain unchanged;
- The 2021 original tax assessment in the amount of \$12,052,800 shall be reduced to \$10,721,750 and the Borough of South Plainfield shall provide Taxpayer with a corresponding tax refund for 2021;
- Taxpayer agrees to waive statutory interest provided the subject refund is paid within sixty (60) days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment;
- Any refunds regarding overpayment shall be made payable to “So-Oak Park Commons LLC and Peter Davidson, Esq., attorney for plaintiff” and mailed to The Davidson Legal Group, LLC, 154 South Livingston Avenue, Suite 207, Livingston, NJ 07039 within sixty (60) days of entry of the Tax Court Judgment;
- The provisions of the Freeze Act (N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8) shall not apply.
- Any and all Counterclaims filed with regard to the 2018 and 2021 tax appeals shall be withdrawn as part of the settlement.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessor agrees that it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the aforesaid tax appeals pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above and in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto based on market conditions as well as the uncertainty and costs associated with continued litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid settlement is based on the specific and identifiable facts and circumstances pertaining to the Property and has no general application to other properties within the Borough of South Plainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield having reviewed and considered the pending tax appeals and the proposed settlement thereof agree and confirm it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the tax appeals as set forth herein and in the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council make this settlement with the Taxpayer without prejudice to its dealing with any other South Plainfield taxpayer’s request for tax assessment reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council leave the allocation between land and improvements of the aforesaid tax assessment reduction to the Borough Tax Assessor’s discretion with the direction that same be set so as to be most beneficial to the Borough.

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

1. The Borough Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$10,721,750 total tax assessment for the 2021 tax year for Block 222, Lot 1 which is most beneficial to the Borough and advise the Borough Attorney of that allocation.
2. The Borough Attorney is authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield the attached Stipulation of Settlement pertaining to the tax appeals filed by So-Oak Park Owner LLC/WP Realty and So-Oak Park Commons LLC under Docket Nos.: 007493-2018 and 007462-2021 for the property known as Park and Oak Tree Avenues and identified as Block 222, Lot 1 on the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessment Maps which withdraws the 2018 Tax Court Complaint; which reduces the 2021 total tax assessment on the Property from \$12,052,800 to \$10,721,750; which provides that Taxpayer agrees to waive statutory interest on any refund or overpayment due provided the refund is paid within sixty (60) days of entry of the Tax Court Judgment; which provides that any refunds shall be made payable to “So-Oak Park Commons LLC and Peter Davidson, Esq., attorney for plaintiff” and mailed to The Davidson Legal Group, LLC, 154 South Livingston Avenue, Suite 207, Livingston, NJ 07039 within sixty (60) days of entry of the Tax Court Judgment; which provides that the provisions of the Freeze Act (N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8) shall not apply; and which provides that any and all Counterclaims filed with regard to the 2018 and 2021 tax appeals shall be withdrawn as part of the settlement.
3. This settlement shall be without prejudice to the Borough’s dealings with any other taxpayer’s request or appeal for a tax assessment reduction.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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:			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION: 22-239**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ABANDONED UNCLAIMED VEHICLE(S)**

WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Police Department in accordance with R.S. 39:10A-1, are in possession of abandoned vehicles due to the failure of the owners claiming such and are now desirous of conducting a public auction on Friday, July 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey for the following abandoned vehicles:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	STATUS	MIN. BID
2006	Volkswagon	Jetta	3VW5G71K26M771396	Fair	\$500.00
2008	Nissan	Altima	1N4AL24EX8C201028	Fair	\$1,400.00

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the South Plainfield Police Department are hereby authorized to publicly advertise and auction the aforementioned vehicles deemed to be abandoned by their owner(s).

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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:			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-240**

**AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE SAME.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that they hereby authorize the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Board of Education for School Resource Officers (SROs) with a term of September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, pursuant to NJ Shared Contract provisions;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Shared Service Agreement and that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn F. Cullen, JR., CFO/Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. James Parker, Chief of Police
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Alex Benanti, BOE Business Administrator

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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:			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-241**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP**  
**FOR A NETWORK UPGRADE**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,106.16**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group for a network upgrade for the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$36,106.16 pursuant to state contract number 19-TELE-00656 & 89968, and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-242**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION AND**  
**INSPECTION SERVICES FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW MARKET AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO**  
**EXCEED \$59,750.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for Najarian Associates to perform engineering administration and inspection services for road improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield to New Market Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$59,750.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Najarian Associates

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2022-243**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF**  
**MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT A REFERENDUM TO ESTABLISH AN**  
**ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR A MUNICIPAL**  
**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION TRUST FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey statutes, N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 authorize the governing body of any New Jersey municipality to submit to the voters of the municipality in a general election a referendum question authorizing imposition of an annual

levy for an amount or at a rate deemed appropriate for the acquisition, development, and/or maintenance of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield have determined that it would be in the public interest to place a non-binding question on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot for the purpose of assessing voter preference with regard to the question as to whether the Borough of South Plainfield shall create a municipal open space recreation trust fund for improving recreational facilities, protecting water quality in rivers and streams, historic preservation, conservation of natural areas, and developing, maintaining and acquiring lands for recreation and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed funds would be dedicated from an annual tax levy not to exceed .02 per \$100.00 of assessed real property value;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey the following referendum question be placed on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot:

Shall the Borough of South Plainfield establish an open space and recreation fund through an annual levy of .02 per \$100.00 of assessed real property value for the purposes of improving recreational facilities; protecting water quality in rivers and streams; historic preservation; conservation of natural areas; and developing, maintaining and acquiring lands for recreation and conservation in the Borough of South Plainfield only?

**To vote upon the public question printed:**

**Press the button “Yes” -if you are in favor**

**Press the button “No” -if you are opposed**

**Interpretive statement:**

The purpose of this question is to give the elected officials of the Borough of South Plainfield the sentiment of the voters of South Plainfield concerning the establishment of an “open space and recreation trust fund” to be used exclusively for the improvement of recreational facilities; protection of water quality in rivers and streams; historic preservation; conservation of natural areas; and developing, maintaining and acquiring lands for recreation and conservation. A “Yes” vote will permit the Borough of South Plainfield to establish the fund with an annual levy of .02 per \$100.00 of assessed real property value. The average owner would pay approximately \$25.00 per year, which is equal to \$2.08 per month. The funds can only be used for the purposes of development, maintenance and acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as well as historic preservation in the Borough. There would be full public disclosure of all spending, and every year there would be a public audit of all expenditures. The fund would enable the Borough of South Plainfield to leverage matching grants from Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-244**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CARGO EXPRESS MATE TRAILER**  
**FROM MIDDLETOWN TRAILER SUPPLY**  
**FOR THE DPW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,590.00**

**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 purchase a cargo express mate trailer for the DPW from Middletown Trailer Supply in an amount not to exceed \$8,590.00.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-245**  
**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	1222-31-023-001	Club	Italian American Progressive League	Italian American Progressive League

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-246**  
**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL 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
<b>Assistant Manager - Tier 1</b>		
Resolution 22-232	Hura	Blaine
	*Amended typo of first name	
Resolution 22-232	Kristina	Negri

## Pool Employees 2022

Position	First Name	Last Name
<b>Assistant Pool Manager -Tier 1</b>		
<b>Effective 7/12/2022</b>		
Resolution 22-246	Dominic	Faustini

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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
			4	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 2022-247**  
**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF ITEM OF REVENUE FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022 FOR THE  
NEW JERSEY ALCOHOL EDUCATION REHAB FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,527.63**

**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 \$5,527.63 which is now available and is broken down as follows:

New Jersey Alcohol Education Rehab Grant	\$5,527.63
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$5,527.63</b>

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$5,527.63 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 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-248**

**AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF LUKE MELICK AS CLEAN COMMUNITY PROGRAM AIDE AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$15.00 WITH NO BENEFITS**

**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 Luke Melick on a part-time basis without benefits to the position of Clean Community Program Aide, effective July 12, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$15.00; 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
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Alice Tempel, Recycling/Environmental Specialist
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. Carmella Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-249**

**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the following capital improvement authorization balances remain unexpended:

Ordinance Number	Description	AMOUNT
2164	Various Road Improvements	365,895.57
Total		365,895.57
	<b>Grants Receivable</b>	<b>365,895.57</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>365,895.57</b>

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to surplus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the above listed unexpended balances be cancelled.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-250  
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH PARILLO  
FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE EFFECTIVE JULY 22, 2022**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Joseph Parillo from the Tax Assessor’s Office effective July 22, 2022; 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. Mary Frances Hildebrandt, Tax Assessor
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Miller, Payroll
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

*Resolutions 22-251 and 22-253 were authorized earlier in the meeting under the heading “Police Resolutions” above.*

**RESOLUTION 22-252  
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF NICHOLAS POLIZZANO  
FROM THE DPW**

**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 accepts the resignation of Nicholas Polizzano from the DPW; 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
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3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Miller, Payroll
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-254  
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF PINTO BROTHERS DISPOSAL  
FOR PUBLIC LITTER CAN REMOVAL FOR A ONE YEAR TERM  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,840.00**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11 any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires the advertisement for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

**WHEREAS**, a need has been determined to provide public litter can removal services; and

**WHEREAS**, since it was anticipated the contractual amount for said services to be under \$17,500 RFP’s were solicited instead of formal bids to trash haulers. There was only one provider that submitted a proposal by the deadline. The following one RFP was submitted:

- Pinto Brother Disposal                      \$6,840.00 (\$570.00/month)

**WHEREAS**, the RFP’s have been reviewed by the Borough Recycling Coordinator, and it is their recommendation that the RFP of Pinto Brother Disposal for public litter can removal service for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed \$6,840.00 be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

**WHEREAS** funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the 2022 current budget charged to the Clean Communities Grant G-02-41-709-001-301;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award a contract for public litter can removal services for a period of a one-year term from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$6,840.00 be awarded to Pinto Brother Disposal.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement if applicable with Pinto Brother Disposal, the lowest responsible contractor for the services described.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
			5	0			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 22-255  
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP  
FOR A SONIC WALL SUBSCRIPTION  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,603.16**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group for a sonic wall subscription in an amount not to exceed \$7,603.16 pursuant to state contract number 19-TELE-00656 & 89968, and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Board of Health Monthly Report
- BEDAG Committee Minutes – 1/5/2022, 3/2/2022 and 5/18/2022
- Environmental Commission Minutes – May 11, 2022
- South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club – Thank You Letter

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	1-01	1,675.40
Current Fund	2-01	560,560.45
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	13,776.97
Sewer Utility	1-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	2-07	10,984.48
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	169,060.85
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	2,121.03
Dog Trust	T-12	143.40
Treasurers Trust	T-13	9,262.93
Recreation Trust	T-14	7,318.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>Total All Funds:</b>		<b>\$774,903.51</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that Ordinance 2237 on this evening’s meeting will largely be paid for by a Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Cullen congratulated the new police hires and went on to report progress.

Engineer Miller – reported progress.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – congratulated all the newly hired police officers and went on to report progress.

Councilman Smith – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported progress.

Council President Faustini – advised that the South Plainfield Community Pool membership is up by 9 ½% for family memberships and up by 2% for other memberships. The pool facility is serving the community well. The Police Department is running another Junior Police Academy for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders to begin in August. Council President Faustini reported some happy news that last week the state budget passed and with the help of the Board of Education members and many others, especially Mr. Tom Cassio, we have been approved to be the recipient of \$525,000 for a new turf field.

Councilman White – announced that July 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> is Restaurant Week and that L.A. Fitness is anticipating an opening by September. They have begun accepting enrollments. On another note, Popeye’s Kitchen is coming to South Plainfield which will be located in Oak Park Commons.

Mayor Anesh –thanked Dr. Tansey and Dr. Jackson for accepting the proclamations this evening and went on to report progress.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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

Mr. Steve Danyo of 323 Wadsworth Ave., asked if the South Plainfield rescue squad had been completely eliminated. Mayor Anesh said we still have a squad that is 24/7 through Robert Wood Johnson. Mr. Danyo asked how many volunteers are there. Mayor Anesh said the numbers vary depending on who hold EMT status and who’s still in training, etc. Mr. Danyo said he is concerned with seniors making a decision to take a person in a car to the hospital rather than calling for an ambulance because they are afraid they will be billed. Mr. Danyo asked if he council’s decision to get rid of the South Plainfield EMS was based upon the Islin Bridge accident. Mayor Anesh said it was a contributing factor but not the only factor. Mr. Danyo said he sees on tonight’s agenda \$59,000 authorized for improvements to New Market Avenet and asked what improvements will be done. Mr. Cullen explained it will be resurfacing through a NJDOT grant. Mr. Danyo asked for an explanation as to what the referendum that’s on the agenda tonight is for. Mayor Anesh said it is for residents to decide if they wish to have money put aside for park improvements. It will also aid us in receiving grant funding. Mr. Danyo concluded by asking if there is any way of getting trucks off Hamilton Blvd. because of how fast they drive. Mayor Anesh said no, however the police can enforce that area.

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, 8:07 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 White made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk