

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 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: Council President Faustini called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Council President Faustini read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	X		
Mayor Anesh		X	
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Council President Faustini and Council President Faustini said the invocation.

Council President Faustini 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: Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Council President Faustini also awaited virtual hand raises; he then un-muted all microphones. With no comments from the public in-person and virtual, Council President Faustini closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- October 3, 2022 – Agenda Meeting
- October 3, 2022 - Public Meeting
- October 3, 2022 – Executive Session

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

Public Auction – Two Ambulances (*successful highest bidder must provide full contact information prior to leaving*)

- 2019 Ambulance – minimum bid of \$90,000.00 (As Is)
- 2005 Ambulance – minimum bid of \$10,000.00 (As Is)

Council President Faustini opened the floor both virtually and live for the minimum bid of \$90,000.00 for a 2019 as-is ambulance. Mr. Vito Cimilluca from Woodbridge Township raised his hand to bid \$90,000.00. Council President Faustini called for any bids higher than \$90,000.00 both virtually and live. On our Webex virtual system, it appeared that “Joe” was maybe trying to speak. Council President Faustini asked “Joe” to unmute himself. Council President Faustini also attempted to unmute all virtual microphones with our IT professional sitting behind her. Again, it appeared “Joe” was trying to speak but to no avail Council President Faustini typed a message to “Joe” in the chat box to unmute himself or, if interested, to place his bid in the chat box. After multiple attempts to reach the virtual audience there were no further bids. There were no further bids from the live audience, therefore Council President Faustini closed the floor. Mr. Vito Cimilluca, apparent highest bidder, presented his contact information as well as a down payment in the form of a check.

Council President Faustini opened the floor both virtually and live for the minimum bid of \$10,000.00 for a 2005 as-is ambulance. There were no bids presented, therefore Council President Faustini closed the floor.

Proclamations:

Halloween - was read in full by Council President Faustini who further wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2244 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

**ORDINANCE 2244
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO
ESTABLISH A REGISTRY FOR BUSINESS AND RENTAL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted a new statute which requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies and register certificates of insurance demonstrating compliance with such statute with the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to register a certificate of insurance shall be effective as of January 15, 2023, 90 days following enactment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that pursuant to New Jersey statute, all business owners and rental unit owners shall register a certificate of insurance as required by statute, on an annual basis, in the office of the Borough Clerk for all residential rental units, and in the office of the Fire Official for all commercial establishments, of which offices shall maintain a registry of certificates of insurance filed with it.

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

The following ordinance #2245 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

ORDINANCE 2245
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY
OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Personnel Policy of the Borough shall be amended as follows:

Section 15, Paragraph 2, Sick Leave Policy as follows:

Delete the fifth paragraph: “At the time of retirement, the employee shall be compensated for up to six calendar months (180 days) or any portion thereof which has been certified by the Payroll Clerk at the prevailing rate of pay”.

Add: For employees defined as senior employees as set forth in New Jersey statute, N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.1 and N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.2, and hired after June 8, 2007 , and all employees hired after May 21, 2010, at the time of retirement, as defined by said statute, the employee shall be compensated for up to 180 days or any portion thereof which has been certified by the Payroll Clerk at the prevailing rate of pay, up to a maximum amount of \$15,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.1. Pursuant to such statute, no amount beyond \$15,000.00 may be paid to any such employee for accrued sick leave.

For all senior employees hired on or before June 8, 2007 and all other employees, hired on or prior to May 21, 2010, at the time of retirement as defined by said statutes, the employee shall be compensated for up to six calendar months (180 days) or any portion thereof which has been certified by the Payroll Clerk at the prevailing rate of pay.

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

The following ordinance #2246 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The council had no comments.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY SUMMARY
ORDINANCE 2246

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2150 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023 FOR AFSCME UNION EMPLOYEES TO NOW INCLUDE THE POSITION OF RECYCLING CENTER LABORER

The ordinance #2246 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 October 3, 2022. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinance 2150 that provides for the compensation of employees of the Borough of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the years 2019 through 2023 for AFSCME union employees to now include the position of Recycling Center Laborer. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on October 17, 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		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2247 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Council President Faustini set the public hearing for November 10, 2022 at approximately 7 pm.

ORDINANCE 2247

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF WEST END AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, West End Avenue is a right-of-way depicted on the Borough's current Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, West End Avenue terminates as a dead end at the point it meets Interstate Route 287; and

WHEREAS, a portion of West End Avenue at its terminus is between three lots, Lot 2, Block 237, and Lots 2 and 3, Block 536, which lots are owned by different corporate entities, but said entities are wholly owned by the same individual; and

WHEREAS, the portion of West End Avenue at its terminus abutting the referenced lots is not utilized or developed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe there is no public benefit to continuing the remainder of West End Avenue as a right-of-way and that the Borough has no need for such; and

WHEREAS, vacation of said section will allow development of the properties abutting said section which will provide the Borough with tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the ownership of the referenced lots for the Borough to vacate its authority and control over the section of West End Avenue described in the attached Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 provides authorization of the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough, arising from the dedication of the 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 West End 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	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 22-310

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS FROM THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO THE BOROUGH OPERATING ACCOUNT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that based upon the recommendation of the Municipal Court Administrator that the following unclaimed funds from the municipal court account(s) shall be transferred to the Borough’s operating account:

Check	Date	Payee	Amount	Summons
1141	4/15/2021	Jonathan Aponte-Gonzalez	\$2.00	SC-2017-14863
1147	5/14/2021	Shailesh Patel	\$12.00	S-20220-372

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Yolanda Diaz, Court Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 22-311

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY
970 DUMAS AVENUE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 14, LOT 40
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,732.43**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from 970 Dumas Avenue for public improvements located at Block 14, Lot 40; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$10,732.43; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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

**RESOLUTION 22-312
ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN DANIEL NOONAN
FROM THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023**

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

It hereby accepts the retirement of Captain Daniel Noonan from the South Plainfield Police Department effective April 1, 2023; 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. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. James Parker, Chief of Police
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 22-313
AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY ADOLPH HORBOTOWICZ**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield holds a Mortgage to secure obligations of Adolph Horbotowicz, the owner of premises at 26 Allison Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080; and

WHEREAS, Adolph Horbotowicz has passed away; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was executed pursuant to the South Plainfield Home Improvement Program to provide monetary assistance for repairs to certain homes, and a Mortgage was issued to secure a loan originally in the amount of \$17,550.00, which was increased to \$19,350.00 for repairs to the residence of Adolph Horbotowicz; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Note executed by Adolph Horbotowicz provides that repayment is to be made to the Borough and will be prorated depending on the number of years the loan is in existence and provides that if the loan is active for eight (8) years, as is the case with Adolph Horbotowicz, 50% of the amount loaned is to be repaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor, Clerk and Attorney are hereby authorized to execute such documents as will permit the discharge of the Mortgage to Adolph Horbotowicz, now deceased, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Middlesex County on October 27, 2014 in Mortgage Book 15806, Page 663, and was subsequently modified to increase the amount of the loan, which {A1298313.1 }

modification was recorded in the Office of the Middlesex County Clerk on November 6, 2014 in Mortgage Book 214 at Page 677 in consideration of payment by the estate of Adolph Horbotowicz in the amount of \$9,675.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-314
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS DONE AT
SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR RESIDENCE LOCATED AT
101 MORRIS AVENUE TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,925.17 WHICH REPRESENT
VARIOUS BUILDING PROJECT RELATED REPAIRS**

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

It hereby authorizes the release of funds for improvements done at the South Plainfield Senior Residence located at 101 Morris Avenue in South Plainfield to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ located at 3 Manhattan Drive in Burlington, NJ 08016 in the amount of \$50,925.17 which represent various building project related repairs; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION: 22-315

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, October 28, 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
1986	Great Dane	Trailer	1GRAA9626GS016701	Fair	\$1,000.00
2012	Chevrolet	Impala	2G1WG5E34C1244917	Fair	\$1,400.00

NOW

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

**RESOLUTION 22-316
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING
SOFTWARE FROM ALPINE SOFTWARE
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,645.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of national fire incident reporting software from Alpine Software in an amount not to exceed \$17,645.00; 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. Joe Abbruzzese, Fire Official

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

**RESOLUTION 22-317
AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES OF JEN ELECTRIC INC. TO REPAIR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT FRONT
STREET & SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the emergent services of Jen Electric Inc. to repair a traffic light at Front Street and South Plainfield Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$24,070.76; 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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-318
AUTHORIZING THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES OF SONNENFELD & TROCCHIA ARCHITECTS FOR
REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF SYSTEMS AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$15,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the architectural services of Sonnenfeld & Trocchia Architects for replacement of the roof systems at the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; 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. Joe Abbruzzese, Fire Official

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

RESOLUTION 22-19
AUTHORIZING
THE
DESIGNATION OF
OPEN SPACE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that:

the following parcels of property shall be designated to remain as open space for such uses as provided by law:

<u>Tax Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>
12	49.01	Morton Ave.
13	5.01	Baker & Melrose
19	1	Tompkins Ave.
260	10	Church St.
275	9.01	Lowden & Lewiston
315	23	Anthony Ave.
315	32	Burns St.
333	4.01	William Pl.
333	5	Kenneth Ave.
341	5	Kosciusco Ave.
341	7.01	Kosciusco Ave.
345	16	Tremont Ave.
315	4	Moose Ave.
352	1	Jackson Ave.
352	3	Jackson Ave.
352	4	Jackson Ave.

353	3.05	Smith& Gans
353	8.01	Mercer St.
353	9	Mercer St.
354	7	Jackson Ave.
354	8	Gans Pl.
354	9.01	Mercer & Gans
354	11	Mercer St.
354	12	Mercer St.
365	24	Garfield & Kosciusco
378	6	Kenneth Ave.
379	6	Spicer Ave.
399	6	Tremont Ave.
401	7	Herbert Pl.
402	9.01	Herbert Pl.
402	11	Herbert Pl.
402	12	Herbert Pl.
403	7.01	Hillside & Beatrice
403	8	Beatrice Pl.
404.04	1	Garfield,Tremont,Kosciusco
405	6	Garfield Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that Resolution 08-358 is hereby rescinded and replaced by this resolution which shall take effect upon adoption.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-320
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE STATE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS
REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE COMPLETED 2022 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY
AS PREPARED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AT THE OCTOBER 17, 2022 PUBLIC MEETING**

WHEREAS, the State’s Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality’s final 5% allocation of its CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based upon the results of the CY 2022 Best Practices Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Inventory is meant to encourage municipalities to consider and embrace a range of best practices that will help improve financial accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the completed CY2022 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

WHEREAS, all the requirements of the CY2022 Best Practices Inventory process have been met by the Borough of South Plainfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to certify to the State Division of Local Government Services that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield have reviewed and discussed the completed CY2022 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the October 17, 2022 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 22-321

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER ABALO TO THE FULLTIME POSITION OF RECYCLING CENTER LABORER I AT THE SALARY OF \$39,403.00

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 authorizes the Borough to appoint Jennifer Abalo to the fulltime position of Recycling Center laborer I at the salary of \$39,403.00; 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. Alice Tempel, Recycling Coordinator
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. Carmella Miller, Payroll
7. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

RESOLUTION 22-322

AUTHORIZING THE BID AWARD TO VARIOUS CONTRACTORS FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the South Plainfield DPW is in need of a assistance with snow removal; and

WHEREAS Bids were solicited by the Borough Engineer/Superintendent of DPW and opened on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the Borough Hall and the following Bids were received and for a one (1) year contract:

Fimiani Construction Inc.

1 Year Bid

Vehicles	Type	Unit Price
2 each	Class 3 through Class 5 Trucks	\$165.00/hr.
4 each	Class 6 and above Trucks	\$195.00/hr.

Nicoletti Snow Removal LLC

1st Year Bid

Vehicles	Type	Unit Price
14 each	Class 3 through Class 5 Trucks	\$210.00/hr.

WHEREAS, the Bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer/DPW Superintendent and the Borough Attorney who have verified said quotations for service and recommend the Borough award unit price contracts for as-needed snow removal services at the aforementioned rates above to Fimiani Construction Inc. and Nicoletti Snow Removal, LLC for a one-year contract. The Borough will utilize vehicles from the low bidder (Fimiani) first and any additional vehicles needed from the second low bidder (Nicoletti).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Borough Attorney may draft contracts and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said contracts for snow removal services.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – September 2022
- Thank you note to DPW
- Environmental Commission Minutes – August 10, 2022

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	1-01	0.00
Current Fund	2-01	194,046.95
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	1,200.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	0.00
Sewer Utility	2-07	34,958.83
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	15,280.14
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	2,878.19
Dog Trust	T-12	4,031.40
Treasurers Trust	T-13	4,867.80
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,602.53
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$258,865.84

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Councilman Wolak	X		X				
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Presentation – Open Space: Putnam Park Revitalization Project

Mr. Cullen gave a presentation on the proposed revitalization of Putnam Park. Mr. Cullen said we are fortunate to not have any environmental restrictions here. For some time, we have been looking to see how we can revitalize this park and bring it up to today’s standards as a lot of changes have taken place in the community over the years. In the spirit of keeping up with the times, we are proposing to incorporate into the revitalization project pickle ball, tennis, walking paths that will reflect a full .25 miles with mile markers, benches, exercise stations, volleyball courts, and extra parking. We believe this proposal will appeal to all ages. The rough estimated cost is \$900,000 of which we intend to apply for a county grant. Council President Faustini said she is very excited for this project saying that it will appeal to most age groups. Councilman Bengivenga said that Putnam Park is the most used park in the community and will be a real asset to the northern part of town. This is a project we can all be proud of which is why this year’s referendum is so important.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – advised that he met recently with the EPA who will begin the next phase of the environmental restoration of Bound Brook which is estimated to take about three years and begin near the end of December. At the next meeting we hope to have a resolution to authorizing fencing at the nature preserve.

Engineer Miller – reported that leaf bag distribution is taking place and we will begin leaf collection soon.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked Mr. Cullen for taking the lead on the deer fence for the nature preserve. On another note, when the archaeological work was done at Colonia Oaks, they did find some items and thanked Senator Diegan for his support. This may be slated as a national historic place. The artifacts will eventually be available to the Borough of South Plainfield to view. Councilman Smith thanked Captain Noonan for his service and wished him well and then thanked all the first responders and DPW for their work.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked Captain Noonan for all his years of service.

Councilman Bengivenga – wished both of our Councilwoman a happy birthday as they both have birthdays this month.

Council President Faustini – advised that trunk or treat will be on October 30th at Veterans Park and sign-ups will take place on Community Pass, which will be a free registration. This Saturday will be the Covid Memorial dedication at Putnam Park.

Councilman White – reported that the Dollar Tree/Family Dollar will hold their grand opening this Thursday and the ribbon cutting soon after. Councilman White concluded by thanking Captain Noonan for all his years of service to our community.

Mayor Anesh –was absent this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Council President Faustini opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned remote directions for making remote public comment.

Scott Miller of 19 Babes Drive said the trunk or treat entrees are very exciting this year and encouraged anyone who is interested in having a car at the event to please sign-up. The more cars the better. Mr. Miller said the conceptional plan of Putnam Park is very interesting.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked the fellow members of the Green Team for achieving bronze status for the third time and thanked Councilman Smith for his support.

Without further comment from the public, Council President Faustini closed the floor from the public and advised that we will be going into Closed Session at this time, 7:42 p.m., and everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Council President Faustini called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 9:58 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk