

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2023 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
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Bengivenga			7:16 arrived
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 Council President Bengivenga 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:

May 1, 2023 – Agenda Meeting
May 1, 2023 - Public Meeting

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Proclamations – Mayor Anesh read the Mental Health Awareness proclamation in full. Councilwoman Mott accepted it. Photographs were taken and everyone extended a round of applause.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2268 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE # 2268
CALENDAR YEAR 2023
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$962,134.41 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$962,134.41, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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

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

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	X		X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2269 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 5, 2023 at approximately 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2269
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2138, SECTIONS 230-8 AND 230-24 PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 230 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TITLED “FIRE PREVENTION”

WHEREAS, the Borough Fire Prevention Official/Marshall has requested revisions to Chapter 230 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed such request and has approved same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 230, Fire Prevention be amended as follows:

All referenced sections shall be deleted as existing and shall be replaced with the language provided herein.

§ 230-2: Agency Designation.

The local enforcing agency shall be the Office of the Fire Marshall/Bureau of Fire Prevention.

§ 230-4: Life Hazard and Local Uses.

The local enforcing agency established by Section 230-2 of this Article shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard and local uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

§ 230-5: Organization.

The local enforcement agency established by Section 230-2 of this Article shall be under the control of the Fire Official/Fire Marshall and shall report to the Mayor and Council.

§ 230-8: Additional Required Inspections and Fees.

Use	Description	Amount of Fee	
B1	Business use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$108.00	\$115.00
B2	Business use 4,001 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$144.00	\$155.00
B3	Business use 8,001 sq. ft. - 12,000 sq. ft.	\$180.00	\$195.00
B4	Business use 12,001 sq. ft. - 16,000 sq. ft.	\$360.00	\$390.00
B5	Business use 16,001 sq. ft. - 20,000 sq. ft.	\$432.00	\$465.00
B6	Business use 21,001 sq. ft. - 23,999 sq. ft.	\$504.00	\$535.00
E1	Eating use 1 person - 25 persons	\$180.00	\$190.00
E2	Eating use 26 persons - 49 persons	\$216.00	\$230.00
F1	Factory use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$360.00	\$375.00
F2	Factory use 4,001 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$432.00	\$465.00
F3	Factory use 8,001 sq. ft. - 11,999 sq. ft.	\$504.00	\$540.00
M1	Mercantile use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$145.00	\$150.00
M2	Mercantile use 4,001 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$216.00	\$230.00
M3	Mercantile use 8,001 sq. ft. - 11,999 sq. ft.	\$287.00	\$305.00
S1	Storage Use 1 sq. ft. - 4,000 sq. ft.	\$287.00	\$300.00
S2	Storage Use 4,000 sq. ft. - 8,000 sq. ft.	\$360.00	\$390.00
S3	Storage Use 8,001 sq. ft. - 11,999 sq. ft.	\$432.00	\$465.00
O	Other Use	\$90.00	\$ 95.00
	Landlord		\$ 95.00
	Photographs CD Copies	\$	100.00 for each CD

§ 230-9: Permit Fees.

Permit Type	Fee
Type 1	\$54.00
Type 2	\$212.00

Type 3	\$427.00
Type 4	\$641.00

§ 230-21. Events Requiring Permits.

When Fire Official/Fire Marshall determines that an on-site fire inspector or fire-fighting personnel or equipment are required for fire watch as a result of any of the following listed below, the owner of occupant responsible shall obtain a permit for the use or event.

- A. Fire protection system failures and/or deficiencies, including both suppression and detection systems required by the NJ International Fire and Building Codes.
- B. Emergency warning and fire detection systems required by the NJ International Fire and Building Codes.
- C. Fire safety at any occupancy or event within the Borough of South Plainfield to ensure the safety of the public or emergency responders or any other event in which a crowd of potentially 500 persons or more is to assemble.
- D. Standby coverage at fire investigation scenes. (Specific to firefighters only.)

§ 230-22. Required Personnel; Hours on Duty.

- A. The Fire Official/Fire Marshall shall determine the number of inspectors and/or fire fighting personnel required.
- B. The Fire Official/Fire Marshall shall determine the hours that the fire inspector(s) and/or fire-equipment and personnel will be on duty.

§ 230-24. Fees for Services.

- A. Compensation for inspector(s) for non-working hours for “for profit” groups or entities will be at ~~\$54.00~~ \$55.00 per hour with \$2.00 per hour being directed to the Borough. For such hours for not for profit groups or entities, compensation shall be \$40.50 per hour with \$2.00 directed to the Borough.
- B. Compensation for all certified firefighters (firefighter 1) required by the Fire Official/ Fire Marshall as part of a standby shall be \$27.00 per hour with \$2.00 per hour directed to the Borough. Firefighters will be compensated \$25.00 per hour.
- C. The rate for use of vehicles shall be as follows when requested under orders from the Bureau of Fire Prevention. All fees for apparatus will be placed in the care of the Borough of South Plainfield.
 - (1) Engine: \$50.00 per hour
 - (2) Truck: \$100.00 per hour
 - (3) Rescue: \$50.00 per hour
 - (4) All others: \$25.00 per hour

§ 230-25. Right of Access.

The Fire Official/Fire Marshall or their designee(s) shall have right of access to the premises and areas surrounding it without interference from the property owner.

§ 230-26. Permit Fees; Penalties for Failure to Secure Permit.

Failure to secure a permit prior to commencing the operation, process or activity for which a permit is required shall be punishable by a penalty of no more than double the amount of the applicable permit fee (N.J.S.A. 5:70-2.12(b)7).

Type of Permit	Permit Fee	Maximum Penalty
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Type 1 Permit	\$54.00	\$108.00
Type 2 Permit	\$212.00	\$428.00
Type 3 Permit	\$427.00	\$854.00
Type 5 Permit	\$641.00	\$1,281.00

§ 230-28. Hiring of Police Officers; Fees.

The hiring of fire inspectors or firefighters shall not be allowed in place of the need for sworn police officers; decisions decision of the Fire Official/Fire Marshall will be required. Fees for police officers hired for actions consistent with fire standby duties shall be at their rate of pay and not the pay schedule for fire Inspector/fighters.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION: 23-178

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, May 26, 2023 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
2003	Hyundai	Elantra	KMHDN45DX3U607974	Fair	\$500.00

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
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-179

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SARAH BUTTITTA AS PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR AT THE PER DIEM TRAINING RATE OF \$23.00/HOUR AND UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING TO BE PAID AT THE HOURLY PER DIEM RATE OF \$31.50

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Sarah Buttitta as part-time Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the per diem training rate of \$23.00 and upon completion of training to be paid at the hourly per diem rate of \$31.50, 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. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department
5. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-180
AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF SERVICES FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES WITH DMS SYSTEMS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN HOURLY RATE OF \$26.00**

WHEREAS, a need has been determined for School Crossing Guard services for the 2023 – 2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids for School Crossing Guard Services were received and publicly opened on April 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., of which two bids were received; and

WHEREAS, DMS Systems, Inc., 27 Washington Avenue, Box 274, Milltown, New Jersey 08850 was determined to be the lowest qualified bidder, in the amount of \$22.00 per guard per hour for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-15, said agreement may be extended for two (2) one-year terms (2023-2024 and 2024-2025); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined to extend the contract for the 2023-2024 term in the amount of \$26.00 per guard per hour to expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough reserves the right to adjust locations and/or personnel as needed; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose will be made available in the CY 2023 and CY 2024 budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby granted to award Crossing Guard Services for the Borough of South Plainfield to DMS Systems, Inc., at an hourly rate of \$26.00 per guard per hour for the period August 15, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-181
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, OR HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes John Abbruzzese, IT Officer, to dispose of the following items deemed to have outlived its useful life and/or is permanently damaged, and/or that holds no monetary value:

BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield’s asset inventory; and

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- No Inventory Tag**

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 Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-182
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL 3RD QUARTER ESTIMATED BILLS

WHEREAS, the 2023 budgets for the Borough of South Plainfield have not yet been adopted and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to send out final 2023 bills by the statutory date of June 14th due to the lack of a tax rate certified by the Borough of South Plainfield

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield to send out estimated bills for the third quarter, 2023 based on an estimated tax levy of **\$100,179,652.08** and an estimated tax rate of **6.825** per \$100 of assessed value to be reconciled through the fourth quarter, 2023 billing to be mailed upon receipt of a certified tax rate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is to prepare and mail estimated 3rd quarter, 2023 tax bills, and,

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

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

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-183
AUTHORIZING A 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$2,000,000.00
IN THE CURRENT FUND AND \$59,000.00 IN THE POOL UTILITY**

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

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2023 Budget, and

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

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

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
3-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	40,000.00
3-01-20-110-000-101	Executive	S&W	20,000.00
3-01-20-140-000-204	Computer	O&E	15,000.00
3-01-20-145-000-101	Tax Collection	S&W	10,000.00
3-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	40,000.00
3-01-20-155-000-221	Legal	O&E	30,000.00
3-01-20-165-001-235	Engineering	O&E	10,000.00
3-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	25,000.00
3-01-23-210-000-661	Other Insurance	O&E	20,000.00
3-01-23-220-000-601	Health Benefits	O&E	800,000.00
3-01-23-220-000-621	Health Benefits	O&E	200,000.00
3-01-25-240-001-102	Police	S&W	100,000.00
3-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	75,000.00
3-01-25-252-000-325	OEM	O&E	5,000.00
3-01-25-265-001-325	Fire Department	O&E	20,000.00
3-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	100,000.00
3-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	50,000.00
3-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	75,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	50,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-235	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	1,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-402	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	2,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-404	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	2,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-415	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-441	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	2,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-445	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	5,000.00
3-01-26-310-000-491	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	3,000.00
3-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	50,000.00
3-01-26-315-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance	O&E	20,000.00
3-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental Commission	S&W	10,000.00
3-01-27-345-001-101	Public Assistance	S&W	5,000.00
3-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	25,000.00
3-01-28-370-001-525	Recreation	S&W	5,000.00
3-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	20,000.00
3-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave	S&W	10,000.00
3-01-30-420-000-235	Public Celebrations	O&E	15,000.00
3-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	10,000.00
3-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	15,000.00
3-01-31-465-001-565	Gas	O&E	25,000.00
3-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	50,000.00
3-01-38-481-000-225	Tax Appeals	O&E	10,000.00
3-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	25,000.00
Total CURRENT FUND			2,000,000.00
POOL UTILITY			AMOUNT
3-26-55-520-000-101	Pool Salaries	S&W	50,000.00
3-26-55-520-000-321	Pool O&E	O&E	9,000.00
Total POOL UTILITY			59,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-184
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORIZATION BALANCES**

WHEREAS, the following capital improvement authorization balances remain unexpended:

Ordinance Number	Description	AMOUNT
2164	D.O.T. Road Improvements	227,719.17
2184	Equipment & Facilities - CARES Act	49,313.62
Total		277,032.79
	Grants Receivable	277,032.79
	Total	277,032.79

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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-185
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF 5 SEMI-TRAILERS LOCATED AT THE DPW THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE
OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, OR HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes Len Miller, DPW Superintendent, to dispose of 5 semi-trailers located at the DPW that are deemed to have outlived their useful life and/or is permanently damaged, and/or holds no monetary value:

BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield’s asset inventory;

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
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-186
ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN (JAY) McNERNEY
FROM THE DPW EFFECTIVE 02/01/2024**

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

It hereby accepts the retirement of John (Jay) McNerney from the DPW effective 02/01/2024; 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Resolution 23-187 – was moved to the end of the meeting, after the closed session.

**RESOLUTION 23-188
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SHERLYN COURTNEY
AS PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATOR AT THE PER DIEM TRAINING RATE
OF \$23.00/HOUR AND UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING
TO BE PAID AT THE HOURLY PER DIEM RATE OF \$31.50**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Sherlyn Courtney as part-time Telecommunicator for the South Plainfield Police Department at the per diem training rate of \$23.00 and upon completion of training to be paid at the hourly per diem rate of \$31.50, 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. Sgt. James McConville, Police Department
5. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-189
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL 2023 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 additional people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance 2228:

Pool Employees 2023		
Assistant Manager - Tier 1		
	Christopher	Chismar
	Jessica	Romero
	Samantha	Wick
Pool Attendant		
	Michael	Esposito
	Samuel	Strassburger
	Josephine	Symister
Lifeguard - Tier 1		
	Olivia	Dodge
	Maiti	O'Connor
	Matthew	Sauls
	Silvana	Valdeiglesias
Lifeguard - Tier 3		
	Joseph	Cassio
	Abby	Di Giorgio
	Olivia	Glynn
	Ryan	Lamberson
	Jack	Mackenzie
	Lesly	Mayta
	Adrianna	Nazarko
	Amanda	Piña
	Nick	Robertson
	Gabriella	Vitabile
	Imagen	Walters
	Keenan	Walters
	Nicole	Zubieta

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-190
AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME HIRING OF DOMINICK AULETTO AND JEYDAN ROLON TO THE POSITION OF GROUNDKEEPER AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$14.13

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Dominick Auletto and Jeydan Rolon to the position of part-time Groundskeeper at the hourly rate of \$14.13 pursuant to Ordinance, and contingent upon the successful completion of all drug screening tests, effective May 16, 2023, 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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-191
AUTHORIZING A 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$191,000.00
IN THE CURRENT FUND AND \$100,000.00 IN THE SEWER UTILITY

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

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2023 Budget, and

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

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

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
3-01-23-210-000-661	Other Insurance	O&E	65,000.00
3-01-22-195-001-661	Code Enforcement	O&E	16,500.00
3-01-22-195-001-651	Code Enforcement	O&E	19,000.00
3-01-25-250-000-661	911	O&E	20,000.00
3-01-25-250-000-651	911	O&E	20,000.00
3-01-25-265-002-661	Fire Official	O&E	10,000.00
3-01-25-265-002-651	Fire Official	O&E	10,500.00
3-01-43-490-000-661	Court	O&E	11,000.00
3-01-43-490-000-651	Court	O&E	19,000.00
Total CURRENT FUND			191,000.00
SEWER UTILITY			AMOUNT
3-07-55-515-002-661	Sewer Insurance	O&E	15,000.00
3-07-55-515-002-651	Sewer Insurance	O&E	85,000.00
Total SEWER UTILITY			100,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – April, 2023
- DCA Letter of Grant Award for PAL Turf Field
- Environmental Commission Minutes – March 8, 2023
- County Authorization for Reval Extension to November 1, 2024

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	3-01	182,395.54
Current Fund	2-01	24,293.26
Pool Utility	3-26	5,520.43
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	19,468.79
Sewer Utility	2-07	839.14
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	1,610.00
General Capital	C-04	196,433.58
Pool Capital	C-27	18,535.32
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	604.03
Dog Trust	T-12	69.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	26,080.59
Recreation Trust	T-14	5,041.95
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
	T-11	9.45
Total All Funds:		\$480,901.08

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga						X	
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – explained the status of resolution 23-184 and went on to advise that the Putnam Park and Turf Field projects will begin soon. The community pool is being filled now and our summer pool registrations are up by about 4%. All summer camp spots are also nearly at capacity.

Engineer Miller – reported that the work on the road project and drains have begun on Smith Street. The project is moving along well so far. The Norwood Avenue bid opening will be soon and we plan on completing that before schools are back in service in the Fall.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – Congratulated Councilwoman Faustini on becoming a new grandmother and then thanked her for remembering former Councilman Salerno in our prayers this evening.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked all emergency workers for coming to her assistance with a recent carbon monoxide scare at her house. Councilwoman Mott concluded by reminding everyone of the Mental Health Awareness event at the library on May 17th from 6pm to 8pm. It will be held both in-person and virtually. The purpose of this event is to discuss how to navigate the mental health care system.

Council President Bengivenga – said he is sorry for arriving a little late this evening and went on to report progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – advised that the community pool is filling up. The opening day will be May 27th which is the start of the Memorial Day weekend. The Public Celebrations Committee is still actively seeking nominations for Grand Marshall. Please make sure to send the nominations in by June 2nd. On another note, the South Plainfield Drama Workshop will be partnering with the South Plainfield Recreation Department. The same type of programs/events will be offered.

Councilman White – wished all the mothers a happy Mother's Day and thanked the Mayor and Council for the mental health awareness proclamation saying that it is something his mother struggled with. It is ok to not be ok, but it is not ok to not get help.

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 congratulated Councilwoman Faustini on the birth of her first grandchild and thanked the Council for the Mental Health Awareness proclamation and asked for continued prayers for Franky Salerno's recovery. The Cultural Arts Commission will be a Juneteenth event on June 17th at the Senior Center from 12 to 2pm. It will pertain to the history of sole stepping.

Nancy Grennier thanked all who attended the recent Junior Journalist program. It just goes to show that the cream really does rise to the top.

With no further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor to the public. At 7:22 p.m., Mayor Anesh advised that we are now going into Executive Session. Everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

Upon return from Executive Session at 7:50 pm, it was determined that action needs to be taken on Resolution 23-187. Mayor Anesh opened the floor to the public and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

RESOLUTION 23-187 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY YATES TO THE POSITION OF EXTERMINATOR LEVEL I AT THE RATE OF \$25.91 PER HOUR

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 Gregory Yates to the position of Exterminator Level I at the rate of \$25.91 per

hour and furthermore he shall maintain valid licensure and certification as a Commercial/Pesticide Applicator issued by the NJDEP; 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. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
5. Anne Daley, Benefits

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith							X
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			5	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

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 7:52 p.m., seconded by Council President Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk