

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 19, 2023 7:03 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 7:03 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	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Smith 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 5, 2023 – Agenda Meeting  
June 5, 2023 - Public Meeting

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

**Presentation** –Certificate of Appreciation Award for Patrick J. Mcauley

Mayor Anesh called Chief Parker and Sgt. McNelly forward to present Mr. Mcauley with the certificate of award. Sgt. McNelly read a prepared statement pertaining to "Bravery" citing that it is something that cannot be sought. Chief Parker then presented Mr. Mcauley with a Chief of Police Challenge Coin saying that he is the second person to ever receive one from him. The Mayor and Council expressed their heartfelt words of appreciation to Mr. Mcauley for stepping up to help save a life. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family, friends and media present.

## **ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2270 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 2270**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2267 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2023 FOR DPW, TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 469**

Ordinance #2270 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 5, 2023. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinance 2267 that provides for the compensation of employees of the Borough of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the year 2023 for the DPW, Teamsters Local Union 469. The public hearing where further consideration will be made on June 19, 2023, 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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	x		X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2271 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 2271**

**ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS ORDINANCES 2260 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2023 TO ADD ACTING BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

The ordinance #2271 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 5, 2023. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinances 2260 provides for the compensation of employees of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the years 2020 through 2023 to now add Acting Building Subcode Official with a salary of \$7,638 for 2023. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on June 19, 2023, 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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	x		X				
Councilman White		x	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **RESOLUTION: 23-210**

#### **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, June 30, 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
1995	Mercedes	C28	WDBHA28E0SF189338	Fair	\$ 500.00
2007	Infiniti	FX3	JNRAS08W97X202487	Fair	\$2,000.00
2010	Honda	CRV	5J6RE4H38AL055143	Fair	\$5,000.00
2017	Chevrolet	Malibu	1G1ZE5ST0HF225825	Crash	\$ 500.00
2019	Nissan	Sentra	3N1AB7AP0KY457602	Crash	\$ 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

### **RESOLUTION 23-211**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER BRANDON LIENHARD FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A MEMBER OF THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER RIDE-A-LONG PROGRAM**

**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 appointment of:

Brandon Lienhard  
233 Ledden Terrace  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter and a member of the Junior Firefighter Ride-A-Long Program as recommended by Fire Chief Scalera.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Carmela Miller, Payroll
3. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
5. Fire Chief Scalera

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

**RESOLUTION 23-212****AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2023 - 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-33-001-008	Plenary Retail Consumption	Thakur Hospitality LLC	Spice Culture
2	1222-44-004-007	Plenary Retail Distribution	Wittys Liquors at SP LLC	Wittys Discount Wines & Liquors
3	1222-31-022-002	Club License	SP Lodge 2298 BPOE of America	South Plainfield Elks 2298
4	1222-33-018-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Normans Bar & Grill	KCS Korner
5	1222-32-009-006	Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad C	SRI Liquors Inc.	SRI Discount Liquors
6	1222-33-012-012	Plenary Retail Consumption	Ember Mexican Cantina LLC	El Toro Loco
7	1222-33-013-008	Plenary Retail Consumption	Red Robin Int'l Inc.	Red Robin

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2023-2024 liquor licenses to the above-named licensees.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	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							

**RESOLUTION 23-213****ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DAWN HUTCHISON FROM THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2023**

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

It hereby accepts the resignation of Dawn Hutchison from the position of Assistant Tax Collector effective June 30, 2023, 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. Kim Clifford, Tax Collector
5. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 23-214**  
**AUTHORIZING A TITLE 39 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF**  
**SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND 52 CRAGWOOD, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, 52 Cragwood, LLC (hereinafter “Cragwood”) is the owner of real property within the Borough known as Block 528.01, Lot 45.02 (formerly known as Lots 45.02 and 45.03), and commonly known as 52 Cragwood Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Cragwood had applied to the Board of Adjustment of the Borough for approval to consolidate Lots 45.02 and 45.03, construct a warehouse therein and other necessary relief, which application was approved with conditions, one of which requires Cragwood to grant the Borough rights to enforce motor vehicle and traffic on its property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that they hereby authorize the Mayor to execute a Title 39 Agreement policing streets and property otherwise deemed private in the form attached hereto.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-215**  
**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 \$40,167.27 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 \$40,167.27 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-216**  
**RECINDING RESOLUTIONS 22-207 AND 23-194 THAT AUTHORIZED THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF THE LIQUOR**  
**LICENSE FOR 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024 FOR AALB LLC, TRADING AS SOUTH SIDE CLAM BAR, PURSUANT TO THE**  
**DIRECTOR OF ABC'S REQUEST FOR A 12.39 RULING**

**WHEREAS**, applications for the renewal of Liquor Licenses for the license terms of 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 have been submitted via resolutions 22-207 and 23-194; and

{A1298313.1 }

**WHEREAS**, AALB LLC, trading as South Side Clam Bar, License #1222-33-008-011, has recently notified us that they have ceased operations effective March 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ State Division of ABC has requested that the renewal for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 years be rescinded for AALB LLC, and they seek 12.39 relief for the approval by the Director of ABC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that resolutions 22-207 and 23-194 be rescinded pertaining to the approval of the following liquor license for the license terms of 2022-2023 and 2023-2024:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
	1222-33-008-011	Plenary Retail Consumption	AALB, LLC	South Side Clam Bar

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield shall await the direction of the Director of ABC based upon the ruling of the 12.39 Relief and act accordingly.

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

**RESOLUTION: 23-217**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,830.42 PERTAINING TO  
“REDACTED” IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**REDACTED**

**William Bori & Rylie Campagna**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**William Bori**

**REDACTED**

**South Plainfield, N.J. 08752**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-218**  
**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ROBERT PRAML TO THE POSITION OF**  
**TREE MAINTENANCE WORKER I AT THE RATE OF \$35.87 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 hire Robert Praml to the position of Tree Maintenance Worker I at the rate of \$35.87 per hour; 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
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION: 23-219**  
**AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS PERTAINING TO**  
**LEGENDS CAMP AND THE COMMUNITY POOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Director confirms that the below refunds are necessary based upon the request for a refund from Community Pass ID holders that pertain to Legends Camp and the Community Pool for the 2023 summer season as follows:

Family ID: **2306997**  
6 Weeks of Legends Camp  
Total Paid: \$1,700.00 (minus Registration Fee and \$50 Deposit for Week)  
**Refund Amount: \$1,350.00**

Community Pool:  
Family ID: **1706537**  
1x Swim Lesson (Resident – Non-Member)  
Paid: \$90.00 (minus \$10 processing fee)  
**Refund Amount: \$80.00**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-220**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP**  
**TO PROVIDE 3 DELL POWER EDGE VIRTUAL SERVERS**  
**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,447.52**

**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 to provide 3 Dell Power Edge Virtual Servers in an amount not to exceed \$9,447.52 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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-221**  
**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA EGGERT TO THE POSITION OF KEYBOARDING CLERK TYPIST**  
**FOR THE TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENT AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$41,774.72 EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2023**

**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 Lisa Eggert to the position of Keyboarding Clerk Typist for the Tax Collection Department at an annual rate of \$41,774.72 effective June 26, 2023; 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. Kim Clifford, Tax Collector
5. Lisa Eggert – Police Chief Secretary
6. Anne Daley, Benefits
7. John Abbruzzese, IT

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-222**  
**AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON 6/15/2023**  
**FOR THE PUTNAM PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO**  
**N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(A) CITING THAT THE LOWEST BID SUBSTANTIALLY**  
**EXCEEDS THE COST ESTIMATES FOR GOODS OR SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2023, two bids were received for the Putnam Park Revitalization Project as follows;

Shore Top Construction Corp	\$1,294,355.00
{A1298313.1 }	



Stilo Excavation Inc.

\$1,392,623.75

**WHEREAS**, upon review by the Borough Engineer and Borough Administrator/CFO it is their recommendation that the bid(s) be rejected for the Putnam Park Revitalization Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (a) citing that the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for goods or services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby reject all bid(s) and authorize the Borough Clerk to return all bid bonds to the bidder(s); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Engineer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to take all necessary action to rebid the Putnam Park Revitalization Project; 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. John Freeman, Najarian Associates

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-223**  
**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL PART-TIME**  
**2023 SUMMER RECREATION 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 for the South Plainfield Recreation Department at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance:

SUMMER PART-TIME RECREATION PERSONNEL:

Summar Parks:

Camp Counselor I

Kevin Cassaliggi

Jacob Billian

Felipe Giraldo

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		x	X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 3122 Woodland Avenue Code Enforcement Lien

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

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	3-01	209,913.60
Current Fund	2-01	0.00
Pool Utility	3-26	9,306.93
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	2,510.21
Sewer Utility	2-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	16,561.50
General Capital	C-04	45,970.52
Pool Capital	C-27	320.00
Election Account	E-18	600.00
Grant Fund	G-02	570.00
Dog Trust	T-12	6,156.67
Treasurers Trust	T-13	3,077.58
Recreation Trust	T-14	0.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
	T-11	1,782.93
Total All Funds:		\$296,666.47

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

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – explained the rejection of bids in resolution 23-222 for the Putnam Park Project saying that they came in substantially higher than the cost estimates were for the project. We will probably need to amend our bond ordinance for the funding of this project. We will also be rebidding this project.

Engineer Miller – reported progress

Clerk Antonides – reported progress

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Councilman Smith – thanked the governing body and Mr. Cullen for making sure the deer fence was installed at the Highland Reserve.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Council President Bengivenga – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – thanked those who participated with the recent Juneteenth celebration this past Saturday it was a very good event and went on to wish all those who are graduating this week a happy graduation.

Councilman White – congratulated Patrick Mcauley for his heroism saying God Bless you and your family.

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 expressed her condolences to Mayor Anesh and his wife pertaining to the passing of his father-in-law and went on to say how amazing it was for Patrick Mcauley to have stepped up to save a life the way he did, and without any prior training.

Mr. Norman Skolnick of 714 Wexler Place said he is a lifetime resident and has grown concerned with a potential traffic disaster with the traffic light near his home along with the disrepair of the roads. They need to be upgraded. Mr. Wexler said he and his neighbors signed a petition seeking speed bumps for their street, and handed the petition over to the Borough Clerk who will forward it to Traffic Safety for consideration.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh advised that at this time, 7:29 p.m., we will be going into Executive Session and everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Mott and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk