

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 7:00 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 7:00 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. Mayor Anesh stated that pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, “the presiding officer shall limit such discussion to not more than a three-minute duration.”

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		
Chief Papa	X		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman Mott 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:

- September 5, 2023 – Agenda Meeting
- September 5, 2023 - Public Meeting
- September 5, 2023 – Executive Session

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				
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2276 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from either the public or the council, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2276

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2270 THAT PROVIDES 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 NO. 469

Ordinance #2276 was 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 September 5, 2023. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinances 2270 that provides for the compensation of employees of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the year 2023 to now add Heating & Air Conditioning Mechanic Levels 1, 2, 3 with a salary range of \$33.95-37.56 for 2023. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on September 18, 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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ORDINANCE 2277 – WAS WITHDRAWN AND REPLACED WITH ORDINANCE #2278 SHOWN BELOW AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS ORDINANCE 2129 AND 2160 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2023 FOR NON-UNION PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNING BODY

The following ordinance #2278 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2278

AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS ORDINANCE 2129 AND 2160 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2023 FOR NON-UNION PROFESSIONALS AND GOVERNING BODY

Ordinance #2277 was 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 September 18, 2023. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinances 2129 and 2160 that provides for the compensation of employees of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the year 2023 to now add titles for 2023. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on October 2, 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 ND	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							

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 23-288
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR
430 KOSCIUSKO AVENUE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 399, LOT 3 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,092.50**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond for 430 Kosciusko Avenue for public improvements located at Block 399, Lot 3; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$2,092.50; 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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION: 23-289
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, September 29, 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
2000	FORD	ESCONOLINE	1FTNE24L4YHB19352	FAIR	\$ 3,500.00
2002	CHEVROLET	AVALANCHE	3GNEK13T82G286892	FAIR	\$ 2,000.00
2004	CHEVROLET	COLORADO	1GCDT196848177036	FAIR	\$ 1,700.00
2009	HONDA	CIVIC	2HGFA16889H518944	FAIR	\$ 3,700.00
2014	NISSAN	VERSA	3N1CN7AP4EL822994	GOOD	\$ 3,500.00
2016	HONDA	ACCORD	1HGCR2F57GA066181	FAIR	\$ 8,250.00
2019	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	1GNSCHKC4KR184225	GOOD	\$21,000.00

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				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-290
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF PINTO BROTHERS DISPOSAL
FOR PUBLIC LITTER CAN REMOVAL FOR A ONE YEAR TERM
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,860.00

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

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

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

- Pinto Brother Disposal \$7,860.00 (\$655.00/month)

WHEREAS, the RFP’s have been reviewed by the Borough Recycling Coordinator, and it is their recommendation that the RFP of Pinto Brother Disposal for public litter can removal service for a one-year term in an amount not to exceed \$7,860.00 be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the 2023 current budget charged to the Clean Communities Grant G-02-41-709-001-301;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award a contract for public litter can removal services for a period of a one-year term from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$7,860.00 be awarded to Pinto Brother Disposal.

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-291
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENTS OF
“CLERK TYPIST I” FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OFFICES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that at it hereby authorizes the appointment of the following four individuals to the position of “Clerk Typist I” at the annual salary of \$41,774.72 pursuant to the salary ordinance for same, with an effective date of September 18, 2023;

- Janette Bonnell – Municipal Clerk’s Office
- Rachel Voelkel – Municipal Clerk’s Office
- Andrea Jeronimo – Tax Assessor’s Office
- Stephanie Merola – Planning / Zoning Board

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits

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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-292
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN 8’ FENCE FOR THE PAL BUILDING FROM KEITH’S FENCE IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,887.50**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that at it hereby authorizes the purchase of an 8’ fence for the Pal Building from Keith’s Fence in an amount not to exceed \$17,887.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-293
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR
TFJ SOUTH PLAINFIELD LLC FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 495, LOT 2 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,693.68 AND \$5,260.80 FOR THE SANITARY SEWER**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bonds for TFJ South Plainfield LLC for public improvements located at Block 495, Lot 2; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$9,693.68 and \$5,260.80 for the sanitary sewer; 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 Bonds and release the Performance Bonds held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-294

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF T&M ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE TURF FIELD PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,800.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates to perform engineering administration and inspection services for the Turf Field Project in the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$33,800.00; and

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. T&M Associates
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-295

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A NEW RADIO AND PORTABLE FOR THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE FROM MOTOROLA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,728.44

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of a new radio and portable for the new Fire Department engine from Motorola in an amount not to exceed \$17,728.44 pursuant to state contract number #83909; 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. Fire Chief Tom Scalera

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

RESOLUTION 23-296

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF 6 SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,889.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of 6 sets of turnout gear for the Fire Department from Skylands Area Fire Equipment and Training LLC in an amount not to exceed \$26,889.00 pursuant to state contract number #17-FLEET-00810; 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				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 23-297

**AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS PERTAINING TO
LEGENDS CAMP COUNSELORS IN TRAINING THAT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR
VOLUNTEERING FOR THE LEGENDS CAMP**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director confirms that the below refunds are necessary based upon Ordinance 2257 that states Legends Camp Counselors in training that successfully complete their volunteering for the Legends Camp are to be refunded for the 2023 summer season as follows:

Total Refunds Due: \$6,450.00

- Family ID: 625490: 5 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$250.00) (e-check)
- Family ID: 625449: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1415236: 9 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$450.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1833251: 6 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$300.00) (paid cash – check refund)
- Family ID: 2003649: 6 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$300.00) (check)
- Family ID: 1644426: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1447028: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1582753: 6 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$300.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 2397609: 5 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$250.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 632135: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 321711: 2 participants: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$400.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 2322563: 5 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$250.00) (check)
- Family ID: 2391078: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (check)
- Family ID: 624574: 2 participants: 7 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$700.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 2393796: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (check)
- Family ID: 2390966: 5 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$250.00) (check)
- Family ID: 625176: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1407407: 5 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$250.00) (check)
- Family ID: 653695: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1407416: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 2392372: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (check)
- Family ID: 638586: 5 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$250.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1423807: 4 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$200.00) (credit card)
- Family ID: 1869044: 6 weeks of CIT for Legends Camp @ \$50.00/each (\$300.00) (check)

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 refunds in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – August 2023
- Environmental Commission Minutes – July 12, 2023
- Thank You Email Regarding Extra Pool Days

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				
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	3-01	93,732.93
Current Fund	2-01	1,4101.72
Pool Utility	3-26	7,270.25
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	17,369.92
Sewer Utility	2-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	49,484.76
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	3,479.72
Land for Rec & Conserv.	T-10	2,486.69
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	3,390.99
Dog Trust	T-12	5,597.93
Treasurers Trust	T-13	26,545.84
Recreation Trust	T-14	2,804.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$213,564.74

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that on September 11th, he, Mr. Miller, Council President Bengivenga, Councilman Smith and Traffic Safety met regarding the work around Kennedy School. The outcome they advised that they are happy with how things already are. On another note, the 2022 audit has been distributed to the Council and there are no comments or recommendations as a result.
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Captain Wendell Born will be holding a storm preparedness seminar at the Senior Center on September 26th. To conclude the DCA has sent us a notice announcing we will be the recipient of a \$1 million grant for fueling station improvements.

Engineer Miller – advised that the Norwood Avenue contractor will be out tomorrow finalizing the paving job. The last road project of the year will have pre-construction meeting tomorrow and hopefully the job will begin soon after.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress

Chief Papa – reported progress

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Council President Bengivenga – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – reported progress.

Councilman White – reported progress.

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 and reiterated the three-minute time allotment for public comments pursuant to our By-Laws.

Mr. Francis Fusaro of Leeds Drive expressed his confusion as to why he was not hired back this year as a SLEO officer and would like to know the reason why. He said he is upset he was let go and ignored. Mr. Fusaro went on to compliment the DPW on their storm drain clean-up and commented on having the water tower painted.

Audrey Schuetz of 1309 Yurgel Drive briefed the governing body regarding a recent accident that occurred on Yurgel Drive with a car hitting her neighbor's tree. Ms. Schuetz expressed her many concerns pertaining to traffic and activity occurring in the Shadyside Park after hours. Ms. Schuetz asked the police to be aware of this and enforce the park closure and other activities taking place in the area. Ms. Schuetz questioned Mr. Cullen pertaining to a sign hung about eight years ago at Shadyside Park that mentions it's the historic site of a Nike Missile Launch Site saying that it's not the correct location for this sign.

Mr. Norman Skolnick of 714 Wexler Place complained about a recent event that took place in the jurisdiction of Plainfield, saying how very loud the music was all day and night. Council President Bengivenga said he is aware of it and a lot of calls came in about it. Mr. Skolnick said that he presented a petition to Traffic Safety in June requesting speed bumps be put in on Wexler Place, but it has not been done yet. Mr. Skolnick said the residents of Wexler Place need help. Mayor Anesh said he will have Traffic Safety look into it. Mr. Miller said that parts of it are County related. Mayor said maybe we can have the County do something about it.

Annette Valazquez of Hendricks Blvd. advised that she is the neighbor who had the car from the recent accident hit her tree and concurred with the concerns expressed by Audrey Schuetz. Ms. Valazquez also asked to have more police enforcement in the area.

Ms. Shifa Mapkar of 1300 Yurgel Drive expressed her concerns that there is no place for kids to cross the street and boundary lines are needed. Ms. Mapkar said she is also concerned regarding all the after-hour activities taking place at Shadyside Park and would like to see enforcement taking place. Ms. Mapkar said she feels unsafe in her area and is equally concerned for the safety of her daughter.

Mayor Anesh said he is certain the Chief will step-up the patrol in the Shadyside Park area. Chief Papa said yes, he will do that.

Ms. Schuetz reiterated her concerns again as she watched the park being built and it's concerning to see how it is today. Ms. Schuetz suggested accountability and for everyone to work together. Ms. Schuetz told Mr. Cullen she would like to find out more about the Nike Missile Launch site history.

Chris of 24100 Lynwood Avenue, Fort Lee in summary spoke out in support of a resolution opposing the Woodbridge power plant asking for South Plainfield to support this opposing resolution.

Dr. Shibon Gibbons of North Brunswick in summary spoke out in support of a resolution opposing the Woodbridge power plant asking for South Plainfield to support this opposing resolution.

Mr. Charlie Kratovil from headquarters in New Brunswick said how much he loves Middlesex County and what a great community we have, and he would like to see it kept that way and then voiced various statistical information pertaining to the Woodbridge Power Plant and asked the Council to please join other Middlesex County towns in doing a resolution opposing this project.

Rebecca of Rumson NJ in summary spoke out in support of a resolution opposing the Woodbridge power plant asking for South Plainfield to support this opposing resolution.

Mr. Norman Skolnick of 714 Wexler Place asked if there is an ordinance to allow police to patrol in shopping centers. Mr. Rizzo Esq. said yes, its enforceable by the Police.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh advised that at this time, 7:58 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 8:34 p.m., seconded by Council President Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk