

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 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 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:

September 18, 2023 – Agenda Meeting
September 18, 2023 - Public Meeting
September 18 2023 – Executive Session

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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

6. **Presentation:** Councilwoman Faustini on behalf of the Public Celebrations Committee made a donation presentation to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$2,050.00 from the 2023 Labor Day Parade. Mr. Scott Miller from the Public Celebrations Committee expressed his sincere appreciation.

7. **Proclamation – Italian Heritage Month** – Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and called all members of UNICO that are present forward to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken from the media present.

Hispanic Heritage Month– Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and called all members of the public that are present, such as representatives from the Library forward to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken from the media present.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month– Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full. No one was present this evening to accept this proclamation.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month– Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and called all members of the Domestic Violence Team forward that are present to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken from the media present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2278 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 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 #2278 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 2023-299
ACCEPTING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL AUDIT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transaction, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by Resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

As evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, such Resolution of Certification shall be adopted by the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgation’s of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52-27BB-52 to wit: R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said audit.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-300

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KOSTROWSKI TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL/BUILDING INSPECTOR

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 John Kostrowski to the full-time position of Plumbing Subcode Official/Building Inspector pursuant to salary ordinance 2277 with the effective date of October 3, 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. Dominic Demico, Construction Official
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
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		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-301
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KOSTROWSKI AND MARK McDONOUGH
TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME MECHANICAL INSPECTOR

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 John Kostrowski and Mark McDonough to the part-time position of Mechanical Inspector pursuant to salary ordinance 2277 with the effective date of October 3, 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. Dominic Demico, Construction Official
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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							

RESOLUTION 23-302
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGMENT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,527.54 FOR DURHAM REALTY LLC

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

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey and have received judgments reducing their assessments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following appeals be refunded.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Durham Realty, LLC 1311 Durham Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080	552	3	2022	\$66,721.62
			2021	\$46,805.92

Make check payable to:
 Wolf Vespasiano, Attorney Trust Account

Mail to:
 Wolf Vespasiano
 Attorney Trust Account
 331 Main Street
 Chatham, NJ 07928

Total **\$113,527.54***

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 refund(s) 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				
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-303
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. Lt. 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		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-304
AUTHORIZING THE FULL-TIME HIRING OF ZACHARY CAPPOLA TO THE POSITION
OF HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING MECHANIC LEVEL I
AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$33.95 WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN
A CDL LICENSE WITHING THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT**

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 Zachary Cappola full-time to the position of Heating & Air Conditioning Mechanic Level I at the hourly rate of \$33.95 pursuant to Teamsters Local 469 Contract; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a CDL license is a requirement for this position withing the first year of employment; 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. Carmela Miller, Payroll

5. Anne Daley, Benefits
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		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-305 - TABLED NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 23-306 TABLED NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 23-307

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HANS CASE AS SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO CLASS III) PURSUANT TO CONTRACT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 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 confirms the appointment of Hans Case as Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO III) for a term and hourly rate pursuant to contract effective October 3, 2023.

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. Peter Papa, Chief of Police
4. Sgt. Zachary Melanson
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
6. Carmela Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-308
ESTABLISHING A CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER SESSION FEE**

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 establishment of a Conflict Public Defender fee of \$200.00 per session.

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. Anne Daley, Benefits
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-309
APPOINTING RAQUEL SERRANO TO THE POSITION OF
TAX ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

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

- It hereby appoints Raquel Serrano to the position of Tax Assessor, effective November 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, through July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2028 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148; 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. Raquel Serrano, Successor Tax Assessor

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-310
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF ITEM OF REVENUE FOR BUDGET YEAR 2023 FOR THE
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,765.66**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the total sum of \$29,765.66 which is now available and is broken down as follows:

National Opioid Settlement	\$29,765.66
Total	\$29,765.66

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$29,765.66 is hereby appropriated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and one copy shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 23-311
APPOINTING PAUL ZAWACKI TO THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR OF RECYCLING OPERATIONS AT THE
ANNUAL SALARY OF \$90,000.00**

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 appointment of Paul Zawacki to the position of Supervisor of Recycling Operations at the annual salary of \$90,000.00 pursuant to salary ordinance #2278 and terms of hire as per attachment to this resolution with an effective date of October 10, 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. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll
5. Anne Daley, Benefits
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		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NJ PEOSH Report Status – Closed Out

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	552,608.64
Current Fund	2-01	60,104.83
Pool Utility	3-26	157.20
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	10,379.92
Sewer Utility	2-07	11,900.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	16,383.61
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00

Grant Fund	G-02	22,554.99
Land for Rec & Conserv.	T-10	1,347.98
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	211.42
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	14,674.04
Recreation Trust	T-14	400.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$690,722.63

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – thanked Mr. Miller and Chief Papa for their assistance with the PEOSH report, as well as other for helping to clean-up our basement. It’s never looked this good. The state has approved it. Our 2022 municipal audit has been completed and as a result there are no audit comments this year. Mr. Cullen thanked all the Department Heads for this. Mr. Cullen congratulated Paul Zawacki on his promotion. Mr. Cullen reported that Putnam Park is now temporarily closed for refurbishments. A lot of construction work will occur and it’s best to close it to the public until completion. December 15th is the tentative installation date for the new turf field and the fencing will also soon be replaced.

Engineer Miller – advised that the Norwood Avenue project paving is completed and the final road project for 2023 will begin shortly.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress

Chief Papa – reported that at the last meeting he looked into the concerns regarding Wexler Place as well as Shadyside Park. A traffic study is being conducted and we are working on both long and short term solutions for the park.

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked everyone on behalf of the Environmental Commission for coming out to participate in the fall litter clean-up day this past Saturday. Everything looks great. Councilwoman Mott thanked Mr. Miller and DPW for picking everything up very quickly.

Councilwoman Faustini – reported that flu shots will be available for Seniors at the Senior Center on October 14th. Regarding recreation, basketball and wrestling registration is still open. Stem is also still available. Soccer is in full swing. There will be a new adult aerobics that will be coming soon.

Councilman White – presented an update pertaining to Popeyes. It is a two phase plan. The building has to be retrofitted and subdivided. The retrofitting of the space has begun. The plans are presently pending in the building department right now. Atlantic Health’s multi-specialty urgent care is going into the former Rite Aid location have had their building permits administered, so they will begin the internal work soon.

Council President Bengivenga – reported that over the past 5-6 months we have had individuals here and online pertaining to their opposition to a power plant located in Woodbridge. Council President Bengivenga said he addressed this back in July and would like to add to that. He expressed his appreciation for what this group is doing on behalf of their organization and their passion. Council President Bengivenga commended them for their efforts but noted that the County has not adopted a resolution opposing the power plant. Council President Bengivenga pointed out that when you look at the municipal land use law throughout the state it is all about home turf/home rule and said that he is hesitant to adopt a resolution against another neighboring town. If our town would like to do

something that we think is positive for our town-will every town now petition us opposing what we want to do. Councilman Bengivenga said that as a Governing Body he doesn't feel that we should be adopting resolutions that go against neighboring towns. Councilman Bengivenga said what needs to be done is for groups who wish to oppose something that another town has approved to go to that town and petition that town. Petition the DEP and the Governor's Office directly. This governing body does not wish to have something in the future whereby we wish to build something, for example, and because a neighboring town doesn't like it, they will start to have petitions against us and what we wish to do collectively. Council President Bengivenga concluded by saying he appreciates what this group is advocating but his position will remain firm as Council President.

Mayor Anesh – said he concurs with Council President Bengivenga and went on to remind everyone of the Mayor's Wellness Fair on October 14th at the Senior Center. Other health screenings will also be available that day.

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.

Audrey Schuetz of 1309 Yurgel Drive reiterated her comments from the prior council meeting about Shadyside Park and asked again why there is a national park sign pertaining to the Nike Missile Site posted. Council President Bengivenga said that he has been working with the Chief and Administrator to see what enhancements, such as security and more patrol etc. that we can make to the Shadyside Park. Further we are looking into doing a title search to see where that property stands as far as the national registry goes.

Sandra Zaluska of 1305 Yurgel Drive said her house was once robbed years ago as a result of what she believes to be unwanted activity at Shadyside Park. In summary, Ms. Zaluska said she wants to get rid of the basketball courts and wants police to be at the park at all times.

Prinita of 103 Princeton Ave., Rahway NJ, expressed her concerns pertaining to the effects of microns and greenhouse gasses omitted from the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant and went on to sing the lyrics of a song by Pete Seeger "Which Side You On Now".

Ester Barken of Edison NJ, expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant

Susan McKidens of Atlantic Highlands NJ expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet reiterated that the Mayor's Wellness Fair is on October 14th at the Senior Center. Covid and Flu shots will be available. On October 21st at 6pm at the Senior Center there will be an interactive Speak Easy themed event.

Mr. Scott Miller of 19 Babes Drive thanked the DPW for all their help with the Labor Day Parade and also thanked the Music Boosters for their marching band. The annual Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 28th at 12:30-4pm at Veteran's Park. Google registration will be required to attend. Candy donations for it are taking place in various locations in town. Please sign-up if you're interested in decorating a trunk for this event.

James Dabrowski, secretary for the Perth Amboy branch of the NAACP, thanked the governing body for denouncing the hate group that attended the Labor Day Parade last year and went on to expressing his concerns pertaining to the environmental injustice proposed by the Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Sid from Piscataway NJ expressed his concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Dan Hiden from Metuchen NJ expressed his concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Maureen Carson of Edison NJ expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Holly of Montvale NJ expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Chris Noelle of Fort Lee NJ expressed his concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Leon Paul of Plattsville NJ expressed his concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Celeste from Colonia NJ expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Brian Russo of North Haledon NJ expressed his concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Tina Whitehouse of Highland Park NJ expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Audra Saver of Metuchen NJ expressed her concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

Keith, member of the NAACP, expressed his concerns pertaining to the proposed Woodbridge power plant and is asking South Plainfield for a resolution opposing this power plant.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. Mayor Anesh advised that at this time, 8:35 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 8:59 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk