

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2024, 7:02 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 7:02 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			7:27 p.m.
Council President Bengivenga	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller		X	
Chief Papa	Captain Born	X	

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman White said the invocation.

Mayor Anesh 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 126 663 1990 #. Using the pound button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh announced that the format for the 2024 agenda has been slightly changed, noting that this will be the only public comment section on the agenda, and you can speak to any matter or those on the agenda. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Anesh also awaited virtual hand raises and unmuted all microphones.

Debbie Boyle reminded everyone of the next Mayor's Wellness Webinar in conjunction with Saint Peter's University Hospital will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> on Webex from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm that will pertain to mental health and will be presented by Dr. Michelle Zuckerman. It will be a twenty-minute session with ten minutes of Q&A. Ms. Boyle concluded by saying she hoped all the dads had a Happy Father's Day.

With no further comments from the public in-person and virtual, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

June 3, 2024 – Agenda Meeting  
June 3, 2024 - Public Meeting  
June 3, 2024 – Executive Session

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 late	
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**Presentation:** South Plainfield Women’s Leadership Team Essay Contest Winner. Nina Roher came forward and announced the following winners: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Avery, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ava. All wrote their essay on Jane Austen. Ms. Roher said that this year was the most essays every received. Everyone extended a round of applause, and photos were taken by family, friends, media present.

### **Proclamations:**

**Amateur Radio Week** – Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and called the radio members forward who said that this year marks their tenth anniversary. This week they will be at Spring Lake Park and all are welcome to stop by and learn more about radio communications. Everyone extended a round of applause, and photos were taken by the media present.

### **ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2313 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 2313 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 540, ZONING, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 54, SIGNS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough shall be amended to add the following to Chapter 540, Article VIII:

Section 540-54(D):

(8) Signs shall not be erected on or attached to or hung over any Borough-owned property, any other property owned by a public entity, any park, or any government building except an approved traffic sign or signs erected, attached or hung by a government entity.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

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 Late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2314 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for July 8, 2024 at 7 p.m.

**BOND ORDINANCE #2314**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,750,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$997,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,750,000, including a grant from the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$673,750 for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof (the "County Grant"), and further including the aggregate sum of \$78,750 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments and the County Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$997,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Improvements to various park facilities throughout the Borough, including, but not limited to, Ponytail Park, the South	\$1,550,000 (including a \$673,750 Middlesex County	\$807,500	15 years

Plainfield Baseball Club facility and the South Plainfield Football/Soccer facility, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant)			
b) Improvements to Kenneth Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$200,000		\$190,000	10 years
Total	\$1,750,000		\$997,500	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment and the County Grant for each purpose, as applicable.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 14.04 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$997,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or, if other than the County Grant referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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 late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 24-230 BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

#### **AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF ITEM OF REVENUE FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024 FOR THE DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,262.22**

**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 2024 in the total sum of \$16,262.22 which is now available and is broken down as follows:

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant	\$16,262.22
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$16,262.22</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$16,262.22 is hereby appropriated under the aforementioned Grants;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy 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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak						X late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-231**  
**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF ITEM OF REVENUE FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024 FOR THE  
NEW JERSEY CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,214.95**

**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 2024 in the total sum of \$63,214.95 which is now available and is broken down as follows:

New Jersey Clean Communities Grant	\$63,214.95
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$63,214.95</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$63,214.95 is hereby appropriated under the aforementioned Grants;

**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 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak						X late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mavor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-232**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2024 - 2025 AND  
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ISSUE 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2025:

	License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1	1222-33-003-010	Plenary Retail Consumption	Brick House Tavern Acquisition NJ LLC	Brick House Tavern
2	1222-33-014-003	Plenary Retail Consumption	SGS Associates Inc.	Sal's Spirit Shoppe
3	1222-33-001-009	Plenary Retail Consumption	Thakur Hospitality LLC	Spice Culture
4	1222-31-021-001	Club	Chaumont Post 243 American Legion	American Legion
5	1222-33-018-004	Plenary Retail Consumption	Normans Bar & Grill Inc.	KC's Corner
6	1222-33-008-011	Plenary Retail Consumption	AALB LLC	Southside Clam Bar

7	1222-33-012-013	Plenary Retail Consumption	4701 Restaurant LLC	Inchins Bamboo Garden
8	1222-33-016-013	Plenary Retail Consumption	Madhusudan LLC	Palace of Jaipur
9	1222-32-009-006	Plenary Retail Consumption	SRI Liquors Inc.	SRI Discount Liquors
10	1222-31-024-001	Club	Plainfield Curling Club	Plainfield Curling Club
11	1222-33-013-008	Plenary Retail Consumption	Red Robin International Inc.	Red Robin

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue 2024-2025 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		X				
Councilman Wolak						X late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-233**  
**AUTHORIZING THE RE-HIRING OF CO R. SIKANOWICZ AS PART-TIME**  
**TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICER AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$ \$31.50**  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2024**

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

It hereby authorizes the re-hiring CO R. Sikanowicz as part-Time Telecommunication Officer for the South Plainfield Police Department at the hourly rate of \$31.50 with an effective date of July 4, 2024, 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. Joseph Nappe, Communications Supervisor
5. Peter Papa, Police Chief
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 late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-234**  
**AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL HIRING OF A PART-TIME 2024**  
**SUMMER LEGENDS CAMP GROUP LEADER**

**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 people for seasonal work for the South Plainfield Recreation Department at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance:



Legends Camp Staff - Group Leader

Paeton Harriett-Clay

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				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION #24-235**

**AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A SURETY AND CASH PERFORMANCE BOND FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 283, LOT 14**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a original Surety Bond posted by Martin Gardens LLC in the amount of \$277,722.00 for public improvements located at Block 283, Lot 14 of which T&M Associates has determined that the majority of improvements have been satisfactory completed and has recommended the release of said bond in the amount of \$277,722.00 to Martin Gardens LLC in exchange for a new reduced surety bond from the new owner, Anekant Group LLC, in the amount of \$83,317.00; and

**WHEREAS**, T&M Associates has also determined that the cash portion of the bond that was submitted by Anekant Group LLC be reduced from \$30,858.00 to \$9,257.00, and as such the cash performance bond reduction amount to be returned to Anekant Group LLC is in the amount of \$21,601.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Performance Bond reduction.

**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 reduced surety and cash bonds and release the original Performance Bond back to Martin Gardens LLC in the amount of \$277,722.00 and release the \$21,601.00 cash bond to Anekant Group LLC, and in turn, accept the new surety bond from Anekant Group LLC in the amount of \$83,317.00 that is held for the public improvements located at Block 283, Lot 14.

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 late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-236**

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN McCONVILLE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO 12/31/2025**

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

John McConville is hereby appointed by the Mayor with the Advice and Consent of Council to the Environmental Advisory Committee to fill a term to 12/31/2025; and

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

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Environmental Advisory Committee

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 late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-237**  
**AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND RENEWAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MADHUSUDAN LLC FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM FOR 12.18 RELIEF PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ABC**

**WHEREAS**, application for renewal of Liquor License for Madhusudan LLC 1222-33-016-013 for the term 2023-2024 has been submitted and was approved via resolution 23-225 by the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of ABC required the Borough to rescind resolution 23-225 due to the pending of 12.18 ruling relief and publication for same which was done via resolution 2024-216; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of ABC requires the Borough of South Plainfield to now obtain the applicants affidavit of publication pertaining to the 12.18 relief before authorization can be made to approve the 2023-2024 license term for Madhusudan LLC 1222-33-016-013.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of the Borough of South Plainfield that the applicant has now submitted the affidavit of publication stating “that due to the failure to timely renew they have applied to the Director of ABC for issuance of the license for the 2023-2024 license term pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18 ruling which ran in the local newspaper (The Observer) for two consecutive weeks and as a result no objections were filed, therefore the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield does hereby approve the 2023-2024 license term for:

License #	Type	License Name	Trade Name
1222-33-016-013	Plenary Retail Consumption	Madhusudan LLC	(Former) Palace of Jaipur

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 late	
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Accepted all correspondence:**

- Board of Health Monthly Report – May 2024
- Resignation of CO R. Sikanowicz from the fulltime position of Telecommunications Officer
- Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes – May 8, 2024
- Green Team Diversity Survey Summary
- Request for letter of support – Standard Solar

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	4-01	161,595.95
Current Fund	3-01	0.00
Pool Utility	4-26	15,249.03
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	13,825.80
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	6,688.18
General Capital	C-04	69,312.01
Pool Capital	C-27	13,255.43
Election Account	E-18	600.00
Grant Fund	G-02	6,732.50
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	5,914.50
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	9,965.48
Dog Trust	T-12	298.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	2,003.76
Recreation Trust	T-14	753.39
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>Total All Funds:</b>		<b>\$306,194.83</b>
<b>Plus wires totaling:</b>		<b>\$5,301,447.39</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$5,607,642.22</b>

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 Late	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported that he received communication from Standard Solar who is seeking to have a letter of support from the Council for their project. They advised if he Council is interested, they would put pay for our professionals to review their proposed project. Councilwoman Mott said she has been getting a lot of these types of requests lately. Council President Bengivenga said that before putting forth a letter of support, we would need to know what the project entails. Councilman White said he agrees with Council President Bengivenga adding that he would like to know how the area business owners would feel about it as well. Council President Bengivenga added his concern pertaining to the height restriction for the roof.

Administrator Cullen – gave an update on the status of Putnam Park saying it should be open by July 4<sup>th</sup>. The delay in opening was due to a supply chair issue with parts and supplies. Mr. Cullen thanked Jim Patti for his oversight. Mr. Cullen also thanked all those who attended the recent grand opening for the new turf field. It was well attended, and went on to say that pool registration is up 20% from last year.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides –reported progress.

Chief Papa – was absent this evening, however, Captain Born was present in his stead, and said with the hurricane season upon us that he would like put out reminders and safety tips out to the public as to how to best handle a hurricane.

Councilwoman Mott – welcomed John McConville to the Environmental Advisory Committee and went on to report progress.

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – was late this evening. (arrived at 7:27 pm).

Councilwoman Faustini – congratulated all those who are graduating. Summer recreation programs are beginning next week, please check the website for availability. Summer adult and children’s tennis will be available this year beginning June 29<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. The community pool swim lesson information is posted on the website, there will be special quiet-time swim scheduling for seniors.

Councilman White – congratulated all the 2024 graduates and went on to report progress.

Council President Bengivenga – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress

Mayor Anesh announced at 7:24 p.m. that we will be going into closed session.

*Councilman Wolak arrived at 7:27 p.m.*

Upon return from closed session at 7:47 p.m., Mayor Anesh announced that as a result of this evening’s closed session we will be adding resolution 24-238 to the agenda. Councilman Smith made a motion to add resolution 24-238 to tonight’s agenda, seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The following resolution was added:

**RESOLUTION 24-238  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
AND HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES TO  
ADMINISTER AND PREPARE A NEW COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN  
FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a contract in the form as attached as “Exhibit A” between the Borough of South Plainfield and Heyer, Gruel, & Associates to administer and prepare a new comprehensive master plan for the Borough of South Plainfield.

**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. South Plainfield Planning Board
4. Heyer, Gruel, & 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				
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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 7:49 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk