

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2024, 7:06 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

***This meeting was also transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Wolak 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 again thanked the governing body for opening and leading the Christmas in July celebration this past weekend. Ms. Boyle asked what Ordinance 2316 is for. Mr. Rizzo Esq. explained that it provides a general provision penalty for any violation within our code. Ms. Boyle inquired about resolution 24-262 asking if there is a provision if there are not enough vehicles. Mr. Rizzo said it is an extension of the existing contract and that nothing has changed. All services will remain as is.

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

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

July 8, 2024 – Agenda Meeting
June 8, 2024 - Public Meeting
June 8, 2024 – 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	X				
Council President Bengivenga					X		
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2315 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 2315 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 187 of the Code of the Borough titled “Vehicles and Traffic” be amended as follows:

Article II. Parking, Stopping and Standing.

Section 187-10. No Parking Certain Sections of Roadway.

Revise to read Subsection (A)(35) Plainfield Avenue - both sides Risoli Terrace to Maple Avenue.

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

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							

The following ordinance #2316 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 2316 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS

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 be amended as follows:

Chapter 1, General Provisions shall be amended to add Article II. Violations and Penalties.

Section 1-15. Violations and Penalties.

A. Except as hereinafter provided, whenever in this Code or in any other ordinance or resolution of the Borough, or in any rule, regulation or order promulgated pursuant to such Code or other ordinance of the Borough,

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

The following ordinance #2318 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for August 12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2318
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 84 SECTION 16 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield has requested that the Code of the Borough be amended to reflect the rate of \$85.00 (\$75.00 for non-profit) per hour for all security/non-traffic related details, and \$90.00 per hour for all traffic related details, while performing private or quasi-public functions when off duty in accordance with the current PBA contract now in effect, plus ten (\$10.00) dollars administrative fee for all entities, except non-profit groups (including, but not limited to churches) in which the administrative fee will remain at \$2.00. For all requests an additional fee of \$25.00 will be added to the hourly rate charged when a patrol vehicle is required. A late notification fee of \$5.00 per hour shall be applied within two (2) hours of requested detail. All sums shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough of South Plainfield and shall become part of its general funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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, Chapter 84 entitled "Police Department" shall be and is hereby amended to delete Section 84-16 "Rate of Payment for Service" and be replaced as follows:

The party requesting the service of a member of the Police Department as stated in Section 84-14 hereof shall be charged to pay for each service per hour at the rate for of \$85.00 per hour for security/non-traffic related details, \$75.00 for non-profit security details and \$90.00 per hour for all "traffic" related details while performing private or quasi-public functions when off duty in accordance with the current PBA contract now in effect, plus ten (\$10.00) dollars administrative fee for all entities, except non-profit groups (including, but not limited to churches) in which the administrative fee will be \$2.00. For all requests an additional fee of \$25.00 will be added to the hourly rate charged when a patrol vehicle is required. All requests must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the beginning of the detail. For any request granted less than two (2) hours prior to the beginning of the detail, a late notification fee of \$5.00 per hour shall be applied. All sums shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough of South Plainfield and shall become part of its general funds.

This Ordinance shall take effect on August 1, 2024.

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							

The following ordinance #2319 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for August 12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

BOND ORDINANCE #2319

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
NEW FUELING STATION IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH
PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY,

APPROPRIATING \$1,600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$550,000 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 improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,600,000, including a \$1,000,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "State Grant") and further including the sum of \$50,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now 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 improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment and the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$550,000 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. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the construction of a new fueling station, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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 improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 25 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 \$550,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$225,000 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 purpose or improvement.

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 described in Section 3(a) 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 purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or, if other than the State 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 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							

The following ordinance #2320 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for August 12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION BY SUMMARY ORDINANCE 2320

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2304 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2028 FOR NON-UNION PROFESSIONALS & GOVERNING BODY

Ordinance #2320 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 July 22, 2024. In summary, this ordinance amends Ordinance 2304 that provides for the compensation of employees of the Borough of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the years 2024 through 2028 for non-union professionals & Governing Body. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on August 12, 2024, 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		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 24-251 AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR 2024 VARIOUS RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$131,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Najarian Associates for design and construction administration for various 2024 recreational improvements associated with lighting and paving at Pitt Street Park, the sports fields on Kenneth Avenue, and the roadway of Kenneth Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$131,000.00.

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 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							

RESOLUTION 24-252 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 24-178 THAT AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF A SHED FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER FROM STOLTZFUS STRUCTURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,170.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby rescinds in its entirety Resolution 24-178 that authorized the purchase of a shed for the Recycling Center from Stoltzfus Structures in an amount not to exceed \$7,170.00 of which will be paid by the 2024 Municipal Recycling Enhancement Grant; 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. Kristina Nieradka, Recycling Coordinator

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							

RESOLUTION 24-253
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SHED FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER FROM STOLTZFUS
STRUCTURES
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,325.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a shed for the Recycling Center from Stoltzfus Structures in an amount not to exceed \$12,325.00 of which will be offset by the 2024 Municipal Recycling Enhancement Grant; 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. Kristina Nieradka, Recycling Coordinator

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							

RESOLUTION 24-254
AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF CONSTRUCTION WORKING HOURS FOR
STRUCTURE TONE’S WAREHOUSE PROJECT ON THE CORNER OF CRAGWOOD & HADLEY
ROADS IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, the contractor for the Structure Tone warehouse project (Permit #24-0228), located at the corner of Cragwood & Hadley Roads has requested a temporary waiver of our local ordinance that applies to the hours in which construction projects can take place; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested that on August 7th, 9th, 14th, and 16th work begin at 2:00 a.m. so that concrete may be poured and put in place before the peak heat of the day to allow adequate time for finishing the slabs necessary for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, do hereby authorize the temporary waiver of work hours for the aforementioned construction project to begin at 2:00 a.m. on August 7th, 9th, 14th and 16th.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO/Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Dominic Demico, Construction Official
4. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent/Engineer
5. Mark McCabe, Structure Tone Contractor

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							

RESOLUTION 24-255
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM ATLANTIC UNIFORM COMPANY
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,373.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of body armor for the Police Department from Atlantic Uniform Company in an amount not to exceed \$10,373.00 pursuant to state contract number 17-Fleet-00763: 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. Captain Daniel Hoppe, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 24-256
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS
USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED,
OR HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE

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

3139 – Optiplex 3050
2652 – Precision 5810
2853 – Precision 5810
No Tag – XploreIX104
3349 – OptiPlex 3010
2292 – Dell Latitude E5430
1855 – Xplore IX104
2345 – Optiplex 3010

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

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

RESOLUTION 24-257
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding in the amount of \$16,683.20 for fund enhancements to the juvenile stationhouse programs between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Middlesex County Office of Human Services; 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. Peter Papa, Police Chief
4. Lt. Christopher Colucci, Police Department
5. Middlesex County Office of Human Services

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							

RESOLUTION 24-258
AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF EMIN GOLEV TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR BUILDING
MAINTENANCE LEVEL I FOR THE DPW
AT THE SALARY PURSUANT TO THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469 AGREEMENT

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 promotion of Emin Golev to the position of Senior Building Maintenance Level I for the DPW at the salary pursuant to the Teamsters Local 469 agreement; 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. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

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

RESOLUTION 24-259

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JABARI OSONDUAGWUIKE-OLUMBE AS FIREFIGHTER FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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:

JABARI OSONDUAGWUIKE-OLUMBE

As Firefighter for the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department as recommended by Fire Chief Campbell.

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. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Jason Campbell, Fire Chief
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

RESOLUTION 24-260

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM EAGLE POINT GUN/T.J. MORRIS & SON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,224.50

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of ammunition for the Police Department from Eagle Point Gun/T.J. Morris & Son in an amount not to exceed \$11,224.50 pursuant to state contract number #17-FLEET-0721, T#T0106, Line#3; 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. Captain Daniel Hoppe, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION: 24-261

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS PERTAINING VARIOUS TO RECREATION PROGRAMS

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 various recreation programs for the 2024 summer season as follows:

Legends Camp

Family ID: 1434541

1x Week Summer Camp (\$260.00)

Family ID: 1632948

5 x Remaining Weeks of Summer Camp – Medical Excuse (\$1400.00)

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 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							

RESOLUTION 24-262

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RWJBH EMS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to execute a memorandum of understanding with the RWJBH EMS for emergency medical services, through April 30, 2026, and further authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute said agreement; 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. Andy Ibanez, RWJBH EMS
4. James Smith, Vice President Mobile Health RWJBH

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							

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Accepted all correspondence:

- Board of Health Monthly Report – June 2024

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	169,852.83
Current Fund	3-01	0.00
Pool Utility	4-26	7,579.97
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	2,118.11
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	170,903.26
Pool Capital	C-27	6,710.20
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	2,047.15
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	1,919.06
Dog Trust	T-12	5,696.40
Treasurers Trust	T-13	12,230.46
Recreation Trust	T-14	0.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$379,057.44
Plus wires totaling:		\$553,322.28
GRAND TOTAL:		\$932,379.72

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				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that the truck route was temporarily shut down due to milling on New Market Avenue. The job is expected to be completed in August. We are working with the vendor to assure that notices will go out to affected property owners. Mr. Cullen congratulated both Emin Golev for his promotion, and Jabari for his appointment tonight. Our 2024 road resurfacing program is still on-going. Mr. Cullen concluded by announcing that Putnam Park will be reopening this Friday. Mr. Patti has done an excellent job supervising this project.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides –reported progress.

Chief Papa – noted that resolution 24-257 this evening pertains to a grant from the County Office of Human Services for \$16,000 for enhancements to our Juvenile programs. Chief Papa thanked OEM Coordinator and Captain Wendell Born for putting together a Hurricane Awareness exercise in August which looks like it will be well attended. Councilman White expressed his appreciation for Captain Born putting this event together.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – congratulated our new Firefighter appointment, Jabari Osonduagwuike-Olumbe and also thanked Debbie Boyle for all her hard work with the Christmas in July event and went on to report progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – with temperatures continuing to soar, so are our pool numbers which are up by 26% and just shy of \$100k over from this time last year. The pool is having a banner year. If you are a pool member there is a very popular pool carnival with this year's theme being the Olympics which will take place on August 8th. The summer parks program is concluding this week with a wet down at Veteran's Park. Councilwoman Faustini thanked Mr. Patti for all his hard work and supervision over the Putnam Park project.

Councilman White – reported progress.

Council President Bengivenga – said that he was happy for the beautiful weather yesterday for the Christmas in July event and would have attended, however, he had a special prearranged father-son day and then went on to report progress.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress

Mayor Anesh announced at 7:20 p.m. that we will be going into closed session and no action is anticipated to be taken.

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 7:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk