

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2024, 7:05 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 7:05 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website. Mayor Anesh stated that pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, "the presiding officer shall limit such discussion to not more than a three-minute duration."

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Bengivenga	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller		X	
Chief Papa	X		

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

Mayor Anesh 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 expressed her excitement that the Green Team achieved their Bronze Certification again, and thanked Councilwoman Mott for her assistance with this. The Mayor's Health Fair will be at the Senior Center on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Flu shots will be offered, and the annual police dog presentation will take place.

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

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

September 16, 2024 – Agenda Meeting  
September 16, 2024 - Public Meeting  
September 16, 2024 – Executive Session  
September 30, 2024 – Special Meeting

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

**Presentation:** Public Celebrations Committee Donation to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department - Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilwoman Faustini who called up the Public Celebrations Committee members present to present a donation check in the amount of \$2,425.00 to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by media present.

**Proclamations** – Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Dyslexia Awareness Month  
Italian Heritage Month

Mayor Anesh read all aforementioned proclamations in full and called Everyone extended a round of applause for all those who accepted the proclamations and photographs were taken by friends and media present.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2327 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 2327 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 5, Administration, of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be amended to add Article VI, “Deputy Borough Clerk” as follows:

Section 5-17 - Office Created; Appointment Authorized.

The office of Deputy Borough Clerk is hereby created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135, and the appointment of such Deputy Borough Clerk is hereby authorized.

Section 5-18 - Appointment; Filling a Vacancy.

The Mayor shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint a Deputy Borough Clerk. Such appointment shall be made at the Borough’s annual reorganization meeting. The Deputy Borough Clerk shall hold office until December 31 of the year of appointment.

Section 5-19 - Powers and Duties.

A. The Deputy Borough Clerk shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Borough Clerk during such times and for such specific periods as the Borough Clerk shall be absent. The Deputy Borough Clerk shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Mayor and Council from time to time.

B. The Deputy Borough Clerk may also hold another appointed position.

Section 5-20 - Compensation.

The compensation of the Deputy Borough Clerk shall be fixed by the annual General Salary Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield.

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

The following ordinance #2328 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 2328

**A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS “INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADES TO BOROUGH FACILITIES AND POLICE VEHICLES” AT A COST OF \$125,500.00, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY** as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by the following sources:

<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$125,500.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$125,500.00</u></b>

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Capital Improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$125,500.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, new firewalls and appliance systems, backup systems and modems.
- B. That the cost for the improvements totaling \$125,500.00 shall be paid from the Capital Improvements Fund.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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

The following ordinance #2329 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for October 21, 2024 at approximately 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2329**  
**AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND**  
**CONTROL OVER PORTIONS OF LEHIGH AVENUE, MIDDLESEX AVENUE,**  
**NEWARK STREET AND UNION STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF**  
**SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, Lehigh Avenue, Middlesex Avenue, Newark Street and Union Street are rights of way depicted in the Borough's current Tax Map; and

**WHEREAS**, the said rights of way are not developed, and exist within property which had been approved for subdivision development and which rights of way do not benefit such development and would constitute an impediment of such development; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears to be in the best interests of the public and of the Borough of South Plainfield that the aforesaid rights of way or portions of such rights of way be vacated as has been requested by the developer of such property; and

**WHEREAS**, vacation of such rights of way or portions of rights of way will allow the development which will provide the Borough with tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has reviewed and approved the descriptions of the rights of way attached hereto as Schedules A through D; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 provides authorization of the Borough to release and extinguish public rights, and the rights of the Borough arising from the dedication of streets;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Lehigh Avenue as described more particularly in the attached Schedule A are hereby extinguished and vacated;
2. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to a portion of Middlesex Avenue as described more particularly in the attached Schedule B are hereby extinguished and vacated;
3. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to Newark Street and a portion of Washington Street as described more particularly in the attached Schedule C are hereby extinguished and vacated; and
4. The rights of the public and the Borough of South Plainfield in and to Union Street and a portion of Murphy Street as described more particularly in the attached Schedule D are hereby extinguished and vacated.

The Borough Clerk shall, within 60 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of Borough to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Middlesex in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 24-312 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED FOR DREAM WOODS INC. FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOCK 54, LOT 1 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bonds for Dream Woods Inc. (1452 Germain Street) for public improvements located at Block 54, Lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$2,100.00; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bonds and release the Performance Bonds held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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

### **RESOLUTION 24-313 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A LEAF VACUUM FOR THE DPW FROM WOODS MACHINERY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,659.90**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a leaf vacuum for the FPW from Woods Machinery in an amount not to exceed \$10,659.90; 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/Engineer

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

**RESOLUTION 24-314**  
**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN**  
**PERTAINING TO 1219 SOUTH 10TH STREET IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, property known as Lot **9.01** in Township Block **136** more commonly known as **1219 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street** in **South Plainfield, NJ** is owned by (**Owner Name Redacted**) and

**WHEREAS**, (**Owner Name Redacted**), who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on **September 11, 2024** as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2024 were generated from the 2023 Assessor's Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2024, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel and refund monies levied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024 in the amount of **\$469.43**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024 in the amount of **\$2,306.52**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2025 in the amount of **\$4,234.59**.

**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) of **\$469.43**, as mentioned above.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-315**  
**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:

3096 - Optiplex 3040  
1758 – Dell 14” monitor  
1441 – Dell P170ST Monitor  
1288 – Dell 1908FTP Monitor  
1446 – Dell 1908FPB monitor  
1445 – Dell 1908FTP Monitor  
1440 – Dell 1908FPt Monitor  
2647 – Precision 5810  
2083 – OptiPlex 760  
2272 – OptiPlex 7010  
1359 – HP Mini  
No number – HP Mini 1000  
2761 – OptiPlex 3040  
1248 – Precision T3400  
1970 – Xplore IX104C2  
1433 – 4217B Audio panel  
1432 – 4217B Audio panel  
No Tag - 4217B Audio panel  
1438 – Dell 1908FPT Monitor  
1442 – Dell 1914FPT Monitor  
No Tag – Dell P1914 SF Monitor  
No Tag – Dell P170ST Monitor  
No Tag - GAVISION – P19BH Monitor  
No Tag – Dell MOBELO – Monitor

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-316**  
**AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE STATE THAT THE**  
**GOVERNING BODY HAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE COMPLETED**  
**2024 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY AS PREPARED BY THE CHIEF**  
**FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2024 PUBLIC MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the State’s Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality’s final 5% allocation of its CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based upon the results of the CY 2024 Best Practices Inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inventory is meant to encourage municipalities to consider and embrace a range of best practices that will help improve financial accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the completed CY2024 inventory form must be made an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting;

**WHEREAS**, all the requirements of the CY2024 Best Practices Inventory process have been met by the Borough of South Plainfield;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to certify to the State Division of Local Government Services that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield have reviewed and discussed the completed CY2024 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at the October 7, 2024 public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

#### **RESOLUTION 24-317**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF 5 SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,527.90**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase of 5 sets of turnout gear for the Fire Department from Skylands Area Fire Equipment and Training LLC in an amount not to exceed \$23,527.90 pursuant to state contract number #17-FLEET-00810; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Joe Abbruzzese, Fire Official

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

**RESOLUTION 24-318**  
**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SARA GARCIA AS FULL-TIME CLERK TYPIST I FOR**  
**THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE ANNUAL SALARY OF \$42,923.52,**  
**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2024**

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

It hereby authorizes the hiring of Sara Garcia as Full-Time Clerk Typist I for the South Plainfield Police Department at the annual salary of \$42,923.52 with an effective date of October 8, 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. Peter Papa, Police Chief
5. Lt. James McConville, Police Department
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

**RESOLUTION 24-19**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANT PROGRAM**  
**FOR 2025 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED**  
**BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC**  
**SAFETY**

**WHEREAS** the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey wishes to apply for a 2025 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program (Grant 25-1222); and

**WHEREAS** the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield has reviewed the application and has approved said request for a total grant of \$45,150.00 under subaward number 25-1222, for the subaward period of 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025 to provide for additional law enforcement personnel to address crime in a focused community-oriented manner; and

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

**RESOLUTION: 24-321**  
**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115.00**  
**PERTAINING TO 2323 PLAINFIELD AVENUE SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 188 Lot 57**  
**2323 Plainfield Ave.**  
**South Plainfield, NJ 07080**  
**\$115.00**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**2323 Plainfield Ave.**  
**South Plainfield, NJ 07080**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:**

- Board of Health Minutes – March 12<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Board of Health Monthly Report – September 2024
- Officer Tyrone Buton – Resignation effective 10/7/2024

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	4-01	559,106.69
Current Fund	3-01	50,006.89
Pool Utility	4-26	13,080.84
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	11,233.16
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	14,375.00
General Capital	C-04	42,268.69
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	45,378.61
Land for Rec & Conv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	38,225.15
Dog Trust	T-12	5,767.20
Treasurers Trust	T-13	4,181.51
Recreation Trust	T-14	8,842.79
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>Total All Funds:</b>		<b>\$792,466.53</b>
<b>Plus wires totaling:</b>		<b>\$5,537,128.52</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$6,329,595.05</b>

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

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – said that pursuant to resolution 24-316 the Best Practices score for this year was pleased to say is 37.5. On another note, he, Chief Papa, and Mr. Miller will attend a virtual safety audit meeting regard the Stelton Road Corridor. Our 2024 road projects are near completion. We have not yet rescheduled another new date for the Putnam Park ribbon cutting.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Chief Papa – thanked all the members who serve as volunteers on the Domestic Violence Team. The Bike with Blue event this past weekend was very well received with 40 children who turned out. Chief Papa thanked the governing body for their support with the capital ordinance this evening.

Councilwoman Mott – congratulated the Green Team on their Bronze status. The Domestic Violence Awareness Walk was on October 1<sup>st</sup> which raised awareness and supports survivors. More members are encouraged to join as they help so many people.

Councilman Smith – thanked Mr. Jim Patty for all his work with Putnam Park and thanked the Police for all they did with the recent Bike with Blue event.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – advised that Recreation Stem, Basketball and Youth Wrestling sign-up are still taking place. The South Plainfield Public Library’s Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm at Willow Park. Eagle Scout Kevin created retro playground games at the park. South Plainfield Cultural Arts will hold a Murder Mystery on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. titled “Until Death Do Us Part”. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. We are still in need of trunks and candy donations.

Councilman White – reported that Coco Bowlz will be opening soon in Golden Acres. Smokin Fried Chicken and Pizza at Hadley are now open as is Bamboo Garden, next to Holiday Inn on Stelton Road. The School of Rock and Skip to My Lou are also now open. There are no updates yet regarding Popeye’s opening.

Council President Bengivenga – wished both Councilwomen Faustine and Mott a very happy birthday.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

## **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 7:37 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk