

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2024, 7:04 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 7:045 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:

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

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Smith 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 thanked all who attended the Mayor's recent health fair, thanked the Chief for the K9 presentation and thanked the PBA for sponsoring the flu shots. Ms. Boyle wished Councilwoman Mott a happy birthday. November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Taste of South Plainfield at Saint Stevens Church.

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

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

October 7, 2024 – Agenda Meeting  
October 7, 2024 - Public 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							

**Proclamations** – 2024 Mischief Night & Halloween  
Love Your Lawyer Day  
Pancreatic Cancer Month

Mayor Anesh read all aforementioned proclamations in full. Mr. Rizzo Esq. accepted the Love Your Lawyer Day proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause.

**ORDINANCES:**

The following ordinance #2329 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 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							

The following ordinance #2330 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for November 4, 2024 at approximately 7 p.m.

#### **ORDINANCE 2330**

**A SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE “ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO HADLEY ROAD SEWER LINE PROJECT” AT A COST OF \$25,000.00, 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 Sewer Capital, Capital Improvement Fund.

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund      **\$25,000.00**

**Totals**      **\$25,000.00**

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 \$25,000.00.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid by the Borough’s Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund \$25,000.00.
- 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 \$25,000.00.
- 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				
Councilwoman Mott		X	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2331 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for November 4, 2024 at approximately 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2331**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY**  
**KNOWN AS LOT 2 IN BLOCK 85 NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of Lot 2 in Block 85 on the Borough Tax Map (referred to hereinafter as the “Property”), which is located along Carol Place in the Borough and is a 25 foot by 100 foot tract of vacant land; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in an R-7.5 zone which requires a 7,500 square foot minimum lot size and a 75 a foot minimum lot width and, therefore, the property is less than the minimum size and width required for development and has no capital improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is not needed by the Borough for any purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., allows the sale of municipally owned property at a private sale, instead of an auction, and in certain circumstances, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) providing in part as follows:

A sale to the owners of the real property contiguous to the real property being sold; provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon; except that where there is more than one owner with real property contiguous thereto, said property shall be sold to the highest bidder from among all such owners. Any sale shall be for not less than the fair market value of said real property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) are present, namely: the Property is less than the minimum size required for development in its zone district and without any capital improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has had an appraisal performed by Sterling DiSanto & Associates which has valued the Property at \$28,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there are four (4) owners of real property contiguous to the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that the sale of the Property is beneficial to the welfare of the residents of the Borough as the Property is not useful to the Borough and requires expenditure of public resources for maintenance and does not generate any real estate tax revenue;

**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 Mayor and Council hereby authorize the sale of the Property identified on Exhibit A attached hereto, such sale to be by auction among the contiguous property owners for a minimum price of \$28,000.00.

2. The contiguous property owners shall be notified that the Borough is authorizing the sale of the Property at the minimum price of \$28,000.00, and such contiguous property owners shall be invited to make offers for the purchase of the Property.

3. The Property shall be sold to the highest bidding contiguous property owner for a price of no less than \$28,000.00.

4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b), the Borough Clerk shall advertise the sale of the Property in the official newspapers of the Borough within five (5) days following enactment of the Ordinance.

5. The Borough Clerk shall transmit, via certified mail, a copy of this Ordinance to each owner of the contiguous properties who shall then have a period of 20 calendar days following the advertisement herein required to advise the Borough of their intention to purchase the Property.

6. In the event more than one contiguous property owner notifies the Borough of their interest in purchasing the Property, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney are authorized to conduct an auction among the contiguous property owners at a time and date to be set by the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney and upon such terms as may be established by the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

7. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the necessary closing documents to convey the Property to the highest bidding contiguous property owner.

8. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all necessary closing documents for the sale of the Property.

This Ordinance shall take effect and publication in accordance with New Jersey 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				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga		X	X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

## **APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER**

### **RESOLUTION 24-322A AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NICHOLAS GAMBA AS POLICE OFFICER WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$42,827.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby confirms the following hiring pursuant to the salary ordinance and/or PBA Contract:

- Nicholas Gamba – as Police Officer - \$42,827.00 effective October 22, 2024

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- Peter Papa, Chief of Police

4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Carmela Miller, Payroll
6. John Abbruzzese, IT

Council President Bengivenga read a brief bio about Officer Gamba. Mayor Anesh swore in Officer Gamba with his family present to hold the Bible. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family, friends and media present. Mayor Anesh and each governing body member extended their best wishes to Officer Gamba.

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							

## **APPOINTMENT OF OEM COORDINATOR & DEPUTIES**

### **RESOLUTION 24-322B AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OEM COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY OEM COORDINATORS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to OEM Directive 102, Mayor Matthew P. Anesh of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby acknowledges OEM Coordinator **Wendell Born's resignation** effective November 1, 2024, and as such, hereby appoints **Lieutenant Lloyd McNelly**, as OEM Coordinator for a term effective November 2, 2024 to November 2, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the requirement of the OEM Coordinator to appoint Deputy Coordinator(s) and/or member(s), and as such, it is hereby the desire of the South Plainfield OEM Coordinator, **Lieutenant McNelly**, with the consent and approval of Mayor Matthew P. Anesh, to appoint the following OEM Deputy Coordinators for a term from November 2, 2024 to November 2, 2027:

- SRO Anthony Louise – Deputy OEM Coordinator
- Joseph Abbruzzese – Alternate Deputy OEM Coordinator

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, that with the consent and approval of Mayor Matthew P. Anesh, and at the recommendation of the OEM Coordinator, Lieutenant McNelly, the aforementioned appointments are hereby granted.

Mayor Anesh swore in OEM Coordinator Lt. McNelly and his Deputies. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family, friends and media present. Mayor Anesh and each governing body member extended their best wishes to Lt. McNelly and his newly appointed Deputies.

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

At 7:25 p.m. Mayor Anesh called for a brief recess.

At 7:30 p.m. Maor Anesh called the meeting back to order.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 24-323 APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A PERSON-TO-PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR LICENSE NO. 1222-32-009-006, SRI LIQUORS INC.**

**WHEREAS**, an Application was filed by Stelton Liquor LLC for a Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer of plenary retail consumption license with Broad Package Privilege 1222-32-009-006 issued to SRI Liquors INC trading as SRI Discount Liquors for premises heretofore located at 6001-B1 Hadley Road, South Plainfield NJ 07080; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term and there being no objection to the person-to-person transfer having been filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and investigated by the South Plainfield Detective Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinance and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed, and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the South Plainfield Borough Governing Body does hereby approve, effective this date of October 21, 2024 the Person-to Person Transfer to Stelton Liquor LLC., and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Licensee and to the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation.

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

### **RESOLUTION 24-324 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SEWER SERVICE BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Piscataway (“Township”) and the Borough of South Plainfield (“Borough”) entered into an Agreement for Sewer Service dated November 22, 2021 (“Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of said Agreement allows the Borough to make new connections to the Township’s existing sanitary sewer system, provided that a subject property is located within the Geographic Areas of Services as set forth by the Agreement and provided that the Township approves the same by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of property known as 4527 Stelton Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey, also known as Block 473, Lot 1, on the Tax Map of the Borough has requested that the Agreement be amended to include such property to Geographic Area of Service B of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of the property has obtained preliminary and final site plan approval with variance relief and applicable waivers from the Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment for 4527 Stelton Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and the Township are willing to amend the Agreement as requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Amendment, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and approves execution of same;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the amendment to agreement for sewer service dated November 22, 2021 in the form attached as Exhibit A.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-325**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF PINTO BROTHERS DISPOSAL FOR PUBLIC LITTER CAN**  
**REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED**  
**\$8,253.00 PER YEAR, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield sought proposals (RFP’s) for service of the Borough’s public litter cans of which the submittal was due on September 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield received two proposals as follows:

Pinto Brothers Disposal	1 <sup>st</sup> Year:	\$8,253.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year:	\$8,253.00
	Total:	\$16,506.00

Grand Sanitation Services	1 <sup>st</sup> Year:	\$14,000.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year:	\$14,500.00
	Total:	\$26,500.00

**WHEREAS**, upon review by the Borough’s DPW Superintendent/Engineer, and the Borough Attorney, it was determined that the lowest apparent proposal belongs to Pinto Brothers Disposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Pinto Brothers Disposal for public litter can removal services for the Borough of South Plainfield for \$8,253.00 per year for a two-year term totaling \$16,506.00.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO



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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 24-328**  
**AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-146 THAT AUTHORIZED THE SERVICES OF**  
**NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND BID PERTAINING TO THE**  
**2024 ROAD PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000.00**  
**TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,500.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby amends Resolution 24-146 that authorized the services of Najarian Associates for a conceptual design and bid pertaining to the 2024 road program in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$139,500.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-329**  
**AUTHORIZING THE BID AWARD**  
**FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES TO FIMIANI CONSTRUCTION INC.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, a need has been determined that the South Plainfield DPW is in need of a assistance with snow removal; and

**WHEREAS** Bids were solicited by the Borough Engineer/Superintendent of DPW and opened on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at the Borough Hall and the following Bids were received and for a one (1) year contract:

**Fimiani Construction Inc.**

Year 1 2024-2025 Snow Season

Vehicles	Type	Unit Price
2 each	Class 3 through Class 5 Trucks	\$165.00/hr.
4 each	Class 6 and above Trucks	\$195.00/hr.

Year 2 2025-2026 Snow Season

Vehicles	Type	Unit Price
2 each	Class 3 through Class 5 Trucks	\$170.00/hr.
4 each	Class 6 and above Trucks	\$200.00/hr.

Year 3 2026-2027 Snow Season

Vehicles	Type	Unit Price
2 each	Class 3 through Class 5 Trucks	\$165.00/hr.
4 each	Class 6 and above Trucks	\$195.00/hr.

**WHEREAS**, the Bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer/DPW Superintendent and the Borough Attorney who have verified said quotations for service and recommend the Borough award unit price contracts for as-needed snow removal services at the aforementioned rates above to Fimiani Construction Inc. for a one-year contract with the option to award for the 2025-2026 and/or the 2026-2027 snow seasons. The contract award is also contingent upon receipt of the executed Public Works Contract Registration Act Form.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Borough Attorney may draft contracts and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said contracts for snow removal services if applicable.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-330  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**AUTHORIZING INSERTION OF ITEM OF REVENUE FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024 FOR THE  
STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,683.20**

**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 \$16,683.20 which is now available and is broken down as follows:

Station House Adjustment Programming Grant	\$16,683.20
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$16,683.20</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$16,683.20 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	X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

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

- Board of Health Minutes – September 10, 2024
- Code Enforcer Lien Report
- Resignation of Wendell Born from OEM Coordinator effective 11/1/2024

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Current Fund	4-01	217,508.43
Current Fund	3-01	0.00
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	5,405.80
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	295,512.13
General Capital	C-04	437,373.37
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,876.81
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	18.90
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	12,025.05
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,146.09
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>Total All Funds:</b>		<b>\$970,866.58</b>
<b>Plus wires totaling:</b>		<b>\$482,653.68</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$1,453,520.26</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 – noted that we will show an increase to our ratable base and went on to congratulate Wendell Born on his retirement and extended well wishes to Lt. McNelly and his Deputies on their OEM appointments this evening.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that November 5<sup>th</sup> is the General Election and all normal polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and went on to report progress.

Chief Papa – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Mott – Congratulated Officer Gamba and our OEM Coordinator and his Deputies on their appointment this evening.

Councilman Smith – reported progress.

Councilman Wolak – congratulated Officer Gamba and the new OEM Coordinator and Deputies, and wished outgoing OEM Coordinator Wendell Born a nice retirement. Councilman Wolak thanked the Police Department for having the K9 dog presentation at the Mayor’s Wellness Fair, saying it was excellent.

Councilwoman Faustini – A late fee will begin tomorrow for recreation basketball. Registration is open for wrestling and basketball. The buddy ball soccer program is up and running and going very well. Buddy ball basketball registration will be available soon. As a reminder the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee is hosting the annual Trunk or Treat event this Saturday at Veterans Park from 12:45 – 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend on council to come by and say hello. Thank you to all those community members who sent in their very generous donations for the Trunk or Treat event. The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Committee hosted an awesome murder mystery on the 19<sup>th</sup> titled “Until Death Do Us Part”. A great time was had by everyone. Councilwoman Faustini concluded by congratulating our new officer and OEM Coordinator and Deputies. Happy and safe Halloween to all.

Councilman White – echoed all the sentiments regarding tonight’s appointments to Officer Gamba and for OEM. Councilman White congratulated a Culton, a sixth grader at Grant School, who has the feature flavor this month at Skip to My Lou. It is called Culton’s Caramel Cookie. Culton had a great question for the owner; “how old do you have to be to work here”. The owner responded by saying 15. We also had a great time at Smokin Fried Chicken and Pizza over the weekend. Very good food and encourage everyone to check them out. There is still no update on the opening of Popeye’s.

Council President Bengivenga – congratulated Officer Gamba and to our OEM Coordinator and Deputies. Thank you for keeping us safe.

Mayor Anesh – reported that he and Councilwoman Faustini were one of two winning tables at the murder mystery event this past weekend. It turned out to be Brian Bythell who was our murderer. On another note, the new round of COAH is out. Mayor Anesh thanked everyone who came out to attend the Mayor’s Wellness Fair. Thank you to our Police Department for their help and thank you to Aristacare.

Mayor Anesh announced at 7:37 p.m. that with no further business this evening we will be going into closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wolak made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Council President Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk