SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2024, 7:02 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 7:02 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this remote hybrid meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website. Mayor Anesh stated that pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, "the presiding officer shall limit such discussion to not more than a three-minute duration."

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:								
COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late					
Councilwoman Faustini	X							
Councilwoman Mott	X							
Councilman Smith		Х						
Councilman White	X							
Councilman Wolak	X							
Council President Bengivenga	X							
Mayor Anesh	X							
ALSO PRESENT								
Administrator Cullen		X						
Clerk Antonides	VIRTUAL							
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X							
Engineer Miller	X							
Chief Papa	X							

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Boy Scout Troop 309 and Council President Bengivenga 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.

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

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

November 18, 2024 – Agenda Meeting November 18, 2024 - Public Meeting November 18, 2024 – Executive Session

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

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2332 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments from the public, closed the floor. Council President Bengivenga thanked the NJ DOT or the \$1 million grant that will be applied to this ordinance.

BOND ORDINANCE 2332

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND RESURFACING OF OAK TREE AVENUE AND OTHER VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,575,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 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 \$2,575,000, including a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "Grant"), and further including the sum of \$75,000 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 Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,500,000 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 improvements to and resurfacing of Oak Tree Avenue and other various roads, including all work and materials 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 10 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 \$1,500,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$440,000 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 Grant, 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			Х				
Councilwoman Mott			Х				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White		Х	Х				
Councilman Wolak			Х				
Council President Bengivenga	X		Х				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2333 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for December 16, 2024 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2333 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 352 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "SEWERS"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey that the following be and is hereby amended as follows:

Schedule A Annual Sewer Rental - 2025 (Effective for bill periods beginning January 1, 2025)

This Schedule A hereby establishes three (3) sewer user classes under this ordinance as follows:

(1)	Reside	ntial structures
	(1A)	Residential structures\$400.00 per service unit
	(1B)	Residential structures reduced rate:\$200.00 per service unit.

All recipients of the \$250.00 real property tax deduction granted in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 1963, C. 172 (R.S. 54:4-8.41) shall be given a deduction in the sewer rental rate that will result in a net annual rate not exceeding \$200.00.

(2) Commercial users

Minimum annual sewer service unit user charge for any Commercial user connected to the Borough Sanitary Sewer System shall be seven hundred dollars and fifty (\$750.00). The following rates are for actual consumption in 100 cubic feet of water used per information supplied by the water company(ies).

(2A)	Class 1	
(2B)	Class 2	\$10.7130
(2C)	Class 3	\$13.16300
(2D)	Class 4	\$7.52500
(2E)	Class 5	\$7.23800
(2F)	Class 6	
(2G)	Class 7	\$9.24300
(2H)	Class 8	
(2I)	Class 9	
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- (3) Industrial Establishment Users
 - (3A) Monitored Industrial establishments:

Notwithstanding any rates set forth herein to the contrary, in no case shall the charge for Monitored Industrial users be less than the charge for an equal volume of flow as otherwise would be determined utilizing the commercial establishments rate set forth in Commercial User (2C) Class 3 rate \$13.163 or for a minimum annual user charge of seven hundred dollars and fifty (\$750.00), whichever is higher. In addition to the loading and flow charges, the Monitored Industrial User shall pay for the cost of sampling and laboratory testing of the wastewater.

(1)	Flow Million Gallons	\$4,904.92
(2)	BOD per Ton	\$1,136.43
(3)	SS per Ton	\$1,458.63
(4)	Chlorine Demand per CWT	\$121.45

- (3B) Unmonitored Industrial User\$14.599 per 100 cubic feet
- (4) Sample collection fees and laboratory analysis fees paid by the Borough shall be a pass-through cost to the User being monitored and shall be included on the next bill.
- (5) Application for a Certificate of Use for sanitary sewer review shall be through the Borough Building Department. The fee shall be \$100.00 for an application of a change of building use. This fee is in addition to the current Building Department Review Fee.

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				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2333 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for December 16, 2024 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2334

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A NEW ROOF AT THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 90 MAPLE AVENUE, 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 shall be funded by a 2024/2025 Middlesex County CDBG Grant and funding from the Borough of South Plainfield. The funding requirements shall be identified by said asset as follows:

Middlesex County CDBG Capital Improvement Fund	\$127,800.00 50,000.00
Capital Fund Balance	50,000.00
Totals	\$227,800.00

- 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 \$227,800.00.
 - B. That the cost for the Capital Improvements shall be \$127,800 from a CDBG Grant, \$50,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund and \$50,000 from Capital Fund Balance.
 - C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) 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 \$10,000.00.
- Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2^{ND}	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Bengivenga		Х	X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 24-354 AUTHORIZING 2024 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00 FROM THE CURRENT FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below transfers be approved.

CURRENT FUND			
FROM:			AMOUNT
4-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	15,000.00
4-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	5,000.00
4-01-20-165-001-101	Engineering	S&W	12,000.00
4-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	5,000.00
4-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	50,000.00
4-01-26-290-001-101	Public Works Administration	S&W	5,000.00
4-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs & Maintenance	S&W	10,000.00
4-01-26-305-003-101	Recycling	S&W	5,000.00
4-01-26-310-000-204	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-26-315-000-101	Vehicle Maintenance	S&W	5,000.00
4-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	5,000.00
4-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave	O&E	40,000.00
4-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	8,000.00
Total FROM:			175,000.00
TO:			AMOUNT
4-01-20-140-000-204	Computers	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-20-155-000-221	Legal	O&E	8,000.00
4-01-20-165-001-235	Engineering	O&E	2,000.00
4-01-21-185-000-221	Zoning	O&E	5,000.00
4-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	20,000.00
4-01-25-265-001-101	Fire Department	S&W	4,000.00
4-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	15,000.00
4-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E	10,000.00
4-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	50,000.00
4-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	20,000.00
4-01-28-370-002-236	Office on Aging	O&E	3,000.00
4-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	5,000.00
4-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	5,000.00
4-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	8,000.00
Total TO:		,	175,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			Х				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	Х				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White	Х		Х				
Councilman Wolak			Х				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		5	0				
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-355 AUTHORIZING SENIOR CENTER REFUNDS TO VARIOUS SENIORS DUE TO CANCELLED TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the following refund(s) related to the Senior Center pertaining to trip cancellations for Whale Watching on September 11, 2024:

Refund for: 101 Vakerich Place South Plainfield, NJ 07080 \$1,220 - Wildwood September Trip

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Finance Office hereby has approval to release the aforementioned refund(s).

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	X				
Councilman Smith						X	
Councilman White	Х		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-356 - WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION 24-357

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the NJ DOT for improvements to HELEN STREET

COUNCIL	MOTION	2^{ND}	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	X				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White	Х						
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-358

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the NJ DCA for improvements to THE SENIOR CENTER ROOF

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	X				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White	Х						
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-359

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 1205 FOSTER TERRACE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, property known as Lot 64 in Township Block 7 more commonly known as 1205 Foster Terrace in South Plainfield, NJ is owned by Herbert & Jessi Banks, and

WHEREAS, Herbert Banks, 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 **October 8, 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 4th quarter of 2024 in the amount of **\$1,797.68**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2025 in the amount of **\$3,568.48**.

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 **\$1,797.68**, as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			Х				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	Х				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White	Х		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			Х				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-360

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,976.75 PERTAINING TO 1155 FOSTER AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 7, Lot 13.01 1155 FOSTER AVE.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

1155 FOSTER AVE. SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

\$2,976.75

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 in the amount of **\$2,976.75**, as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	X				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White	Х		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-361

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,855.86 PERTAINING TO 1141 SHERMAN AVENUE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 10, Lot 1 1141 SHERMAN AVE.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NEW HERIZON ABSTRACT, INC. ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT 977 STATE ROUTE 33 WEST, STE. 102 MONROE, NJ 08831

\$1,855.86

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 in the amount of **\$1,855.86**, as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		Х	X				
Councilman Smith						Х	
Councilman White	Х		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> - Mayor Anesh Accepted all Correspondence:

• Resignation of Sara Buttita as part-time Communications Operator

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	458,509.65
Current Fund	3-01	0.00
Pool Utility	4-26	0.00
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	14,706.73
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	46,632.78
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	0.00
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	0.00
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	8,138.49
Recreation Trust	T-14	40.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$528,027.65
Plus wires totaling:		\$5,415,066.76
GRAND TOTAL:		\$5,943,095.41

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith							
Councilman White		Х	X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen - was absent this evening.

Engineer Miller – reported on the progress of leaf collection.

<u>Clerk Antonides</u> – reported progress.

<u>Chief Papa</u> – said this past Wednesday he attended the police academy graduation ceremony of which Officer Gamba graduated. We look forward to a great career with him.

<u>Councilwoman Mott</u> – said when she passed by Putnam Park and saw the tree all lit up it looked just great and went on to thank Mr. Miller, Mr. Patti and the DPW for doing that.

Councilman Smith - was absent this evening.

<u>Councilwoman Faustini</u> – reported that travel basketball games are beginning on Thursday, practice for recreation will start on December 14th. We have a new program called Fundamental Fives Basketball which will also start on December 14th. Everyone's patience is appreciated while we obtain coaches. Buddy Basketball is coming soon, which is set to start in January at the PAL. We are looking to do a winter STEM program, so that should be coming soon as well. To conclude a special shout-out to DPW for all their great work, not only at Putnam Park but also with the decorating of Borough Hall for last night's tree lighting event. Everything looks terrific. A special thank you to all the members of Public Celebrations and the other volunteers that were there. It was freezing cold, but everyone kept smiling. Everyone was just full of the holiday spirit. Thank you also to the police and fire departments. It was like a Hallmark card event. A special thanks also goes out to Santa and Mrs. Claus.

<u>Councilman Wolak</u> – echoed Councilwoman Faustini's comments regarding the tree lighting ceremony. It was a grand event, and everything just ran smoothly. Thank you to everyone.

<u>Councilman White</u> – Cocoa Bowls is planning their ribbing cutting at Golden Acres Plaza. They should be open in the next few weeks. Popeyes is very close to opening and Revolving Sushi at Hadley Center is hoping to open in the next few weeks. There will be a new Mexican restaurant coming to 7^{th} Street called Blue Habanero.

Council President Bengivenga - reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – reminded everyone that we are collecting for Toys for Tots. Please give generously if you can.

Mayor Anesh announced at this time, 7:15 pm we will be going into closed session of which not further action will be taken this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Council President Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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