

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2013, 7:10 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Barletta	x		
Councilman Bengivenga	x		
Councilman Diana	x		
Councilman McConville	x		
Councilman White	x		
Council President Rusnak	x		
Mayor Anesh	x		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	x		
Clerk Antonides	x		
Attorney Rizzo	x		
Engineer Miller	x		

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Diana led the invocation.

Proclamation – Mayor Anesh read a Proclamation in full honoring Catholic Schools Week.

Approve Council Minutes: December 17, 2012 - Agenda
December 17, 2012 – Public
December 17, 2012 – Executive Session

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta	x		x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana							x
Councilman McConville			x				
Councilman White		x	x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	5	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Public Comment For Agenda Items Only:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.
With no comments made from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE – The Public Hearing was set for February 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 1977

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2014

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

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown, except if otherwise noted.

<u>Position</u>		<u>2010</u>		<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>
Account Clerk	-	\$17.63	-	\$17.63	-	\$17.96	-	\$18.31	-	\$18.65

Clerk	\$14.22	\$14.22	\$14.49	\$14.77	\$15.05
Public Safety Telecommunicator	\$17.05	\$17.05	\$17.37	\$17.70	\$18.04
Clerk Typist	\$11.81	\$11.81	\$12.03	\$12.26	\$12.50
Finance Clerk	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.23	\$12.46	\$12.70
Groundskeeper	\$11.37	\$11.37	\$11.59	\$11.81	\$12.03
Groundskeeper	\$12.28	\$12.28	\$12.51	\$12.75	\$12.99
DPW Summer Help	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.87	\$12.10	\$12.33
Recreation Attendant I	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$11.87	\$12.10	\$12.33
Recreation Attendant II	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$13.52	\$13.78	\$14.04
Recreation Attendant III	\$14.87	\$14.87	\$15.15	\$15.44	\$15.73
Recreation Attendant IV	\$15.92	\$15.92	\$16.22	\$16.53	\$16.84
Recreation Leader- Handicapped	\$23.65	\$23.65	\$23.65	\$24.10	\$24.56
Assistant Recreation Leader- Handicapped	\$11.85	\$11.85	\$11.85	\$12.08	\$12.30
Motor Vehicle Operator Elderly & Handicapped	\$15.09	\$15.09	\$15.09	\$15.38	\$15.67
Summer Laborer I (0-24 Months)	\$11.81	\$11.81	\$11.81	\$12.03	\$12.26
Summer Laborer II (25 Months or more)	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$13.27	\$13.52	\$13.78
Food I	\$8.33	\$8.33	\$8.33	\$8.49	\$8.65
Food II	\$8.57	\$8.57	\$8.57	\$8.73	\$8.90
Food III	\$8.74	\$8.74	\$8.74	\$8.91	\$9.08
Cashier I	\$10.33	\$10.33	\$10.33	\$10.53	\$10.73
Cashier II	\$10.86	\$10.86	\$10.86	\$11.07	\$11.28
Lifeguard I	\$9.64	\$9.64	\$9.64	\$9.82	\$10.01
Lifeguard II	\$9.93	\$9.93	\$9.93	\$10.12	\$10.31
Lifeguard III	\$10.63	\$10.63	\$10.63	\$10.83	\$11.04
Lifeguard IV	\$11.21	\$11.21	\$11.21	\$11.42	\$11.64
Head Tennis Instructor	\$14.97	\$14.97	\$14.97	\$15.25	\$15.54
Assistant Tennis Instructor	\$10.81	\$10.81	\$10.81	\$11.02	\$11.22
Swimming Lesson Instructor	\$12.22	\$12.22	\$12.22	\$12.45	\$12.69
Junior Counselor I- Parks	\$8.02	\$8.02	\$8.02	\$8.17	\$8.33
Junior Counselor II- Parks	\$8.41	\$8.41	\$8.41	\$8.57	\$8.73
Junior Counselor III- Parks	\$8.97	\$8.97	\$8.97	\$9.14	\$9.31
Senior Counselor I- Parks	\$10.09	\$10.09	\$10.09	\$10.28	\$10.48
Senior Counselor II- Parks	\$12.34	\$12.34	\$12.34	\$12.57	\$12.81
Head Counselor (Teaching Certification Required)	\$22.43	\$22.43	\$22.43	\$22.86	\$23.29

<u>Positions Paid Per Season</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Swim Coach	\$4,661.00	\$4,661.00	\$4,661.00	\$4,749.56	\$4,839.80
Assistant Swim Coach	\$2,367.00	\$2,367.00	\$2,367.00	\$2,411.97	\$2,457.80
Diving Coach	\$3,846.00	\$3,846.00	\$3,846.00	\$3,919.07	\$3,993.54
Assistant Diving Coach	\$2,367.00	\$2,367.00	\$2,367.00	\$2,411.97	\$2,457.80
Recreation Leader / Aquatic (1)	\$11,217.00	\$11,217.00	\$11,217.00	\$11,430.12	\$11,647.30
Assistant Recreation Leader / Aquatic	\$5,814.00	\$5,814.00	\$5,814.00	\$5,924.47	\$6,037.03
Concession Manager	\$5,708.00	\$5,708.00	\$5,708.00	\$5,816.45	\$5,926.96

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY- All ordinance or parts inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE – This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

Introduction of Ordinance #1977: January 14, 2013

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga	x		x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville		x	x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ORDINANCE 1978

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2015.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

Position	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
PBA 100 Superior Officers	-	1.90%	1.90%	1.90%	1.90%
Sergeant	\$112,325	\$114,459	\$116,634	\$118,850	\$121,108
Lieutenant	\$125,804	\$128,194	\$130,630	\$133,112	\$135,641
Captain	\$140,900	\$143,577	\$146,305	\$149,085	\$151,917
Chief	\$157,825	\$160,824	\$163,879	\$166,993	\$170,166

Introduction of Ordinance #1978: January 14, 2013

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana							x
Councilman McConville							x
Councilman White		x	x				
Council President Rusnak	x		x				
		VOTE:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2013-33.....TABLED!!!!!! – Refer to Agenda Minutes

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,188.94

RESOLUTION 2013-34

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID TO ATLANTIC SALES AND SALVAGE INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE USED GARBAGE TRUCK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR SAME

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11 any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires the solicitation of bid proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined for the acquisition of one used garbage truck to be used by the Dept. of Public Works for a variety of projects including, but not limited to, town wide yard and bulky waste pickup; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Thursday, January 10, 2013 and the following picked up bid packages and submitted bids:

Atlantic Sales & Salvage of Delran, NJ \$50,000.00

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer, Attorney and DPW Superintendent and it is their recommendation that the bid of Atlantic Sales & Salvage of Delran, NJ in the amount of \$50,000.00 be accepted and a contract be awarded; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in Bond Ordinance # 1974.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to award a contract for the purchase of one used garbage trucks for the Dept. of Public Works,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement with Atlantic Sales & Salvage of Delran, NJ, the lowest responsible bidder.

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. T&M Associates
4. DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville	x		x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak		x	x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2013-35

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION 13-31 TO AMEND THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP REFLECTING THAT THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT IS \$52,500.00 AND NOT \$54,500.00

WHEREAS, Birdsall Services Group, Inc. (“BSG”) and the Borough of South Plainfield entered into a Settlement Agreement on or about January 4, 2013 to resolve the claim of BSG for services rendered regarding a project known as New Market Road Extension Project as evidenced by Resolution 2013-31; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement contained an error as to the settlement payment, stating two different figures as payment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants previously agreed, the parties amend said Agreement as follows:

1. “Settlement Payment” is hereby amended to reflect that the Borough has agreed to pay BSG a final payment in the amount of Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$52,500.00) Dollars as final and complete payment of the project.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2013-36

AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES TO STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, ATLANTIC POWER SYSTEMS OF LODI, NJ FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR AT THE DPW

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

Authorization is hereby given to waive all Permit Fee for State Contract Vendor, Atlantic Power Systems of Lodi, NJ for the installation of a generator at the DPW.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 13-37

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.88 FOR SABET & KHADIGA YOUNES OF 116 LAFAYETTE PLACE

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayer and/or their agent have overpaid their taxes and have requested a refund:

Block: 416 Lot: 5
 Sabet & Khadiga Younes
 116 Lafayette Place
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$1,200.88

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
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 13-38

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS TO VARIOUS SENIORS DUE TO CANCELLATIONS OF SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS BETWEEN \$10.00 TO \$136.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that, as the Senior Citizen Trip(s) pursuant to the below list were cancelled by the applicant(s) there arises a necessity to hereby refund the submitted payment for said trips to the following individuals:

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder - \$136 refund for Doolans on 12/11
 1159 Meister St.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Lucy Maas - \$10 Senior Christmas Lunch
 209 Sterling Dr.
 Piscataway, NJ 08854

Chris Roseman \$10 Senior Christmas Lunch
 712 Tompkins Ave.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Bill Fetchina Taj Mahol
 190 Murial Ave. North
 Piscataway, NJ 08854
 \$20

Chris Roseman Senior Christmas Lunch
 712 Tompkins Ave.
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$10.00

Lucy Maas Senior Christmas Lunch
 209 Sterling Dr.
 Piscataway, NJ 08854
 \$10.00

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 refunds.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION No. 2013-39
 AUTHORIZING MAJESTIC TOWING TO BE THE OFFICIAL POLICE TOWING OPERATOR FOR THE 2013
 CALENDAR YEAR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 434-11
 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 434-11 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, the Police Department has sought proposals from all eight of the following official police towers for the police vehicle towing for the 2013 calendar year:

Butrico Auto Body	Majestic Towing
Gemini Towing	Matthew's Service Center
J & L Auto Body	R & C Auto Body
George Logan Towing	Sullivan's Auto Body

WHEREAS, only two of the aforementioned operators of towing/wrecking establishments in the Borough of South Plainfield have made application in accordance with Chapter 434-11 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield for renewal of the license to operate on the rotation towing/wrecker list for the year 2013; and

WHEREAS, after proper review of the renewal application and inspection of the facilities by the South Plainfield Police Department it was deemed that the proposal that had the lowest towing fees and that also met the requirements of the Code is:

Majestic Towing
 Towing- \$55.00 plus \$3.00 per mile after five miles
 Tire Changes, Jump Starts, Lock-Outs - \$55.00
 Tire Repairs - \$15.00 plus service fee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the official towing operator for the South Plainfield Police Department be and hereby issued to Majestic Towing for the year 2013.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION: 13-40

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF SEWER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$861.50 FOR ERIC & SHELLY MORRIS OF 135 GARDEN DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayer and/or their agent have overpaid their sewer and have requested a refund:

Block: 916 Lot: 45
 Eric & Shelly Morris
 135 Garden Drive
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 \$861.50

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
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION No. 2013-41

AUTHORIZING 2012 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 FOR 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, 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 following transfers be approved in

CURRENT FUND

FROM:

			<u>AMOUNT</u>
2-01-20-120-000-101	Borough Clerk	S&W	3,000.00
2-01-20-120-000-215	Borough Clerk	O&E	4,000.00
2-01-20-130-000-101	Financial Administration	S&W	3,000.00
2-01-20-150-000-101	Assessment	S&W	3,000.00
2-01-20-150-000-225	Assessment	O&E	3,000.00
2-01-23-210-000-655	Other Insurance	O&E	15,000.00
2-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	4,000.00
2-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	5,000.00
2-01-26-290-002-435	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E	15,000.00
2-01-26-310-000-102	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	3,000.00

2-01-26-310-000-445	Public Buildings & Grounds	O&E	3,000.00
2-01-37-330-001-235	Board of Health	O&E	3,000.00
2-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	6,000.00

Total FROM:

70,000.00

TO:

AMOUNT

2-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	12,000.00
2-01-25-240-001-204	Police	O&E	12,000.00
2-01-20-135-000-236	Audit	O&E	10,000.00
2-01-20-135-000-237	Compensated Absence	O&E	10,000.00
2-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	11,000.00
2-01-23-220-000-611	Group Insurance	O&E	15,000.00

Total TO:

70,000.00

OUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 2013-42

AUTHORIZING A 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$389,420.80 IN THE CURRENT FUND AND \$450,800.00 IN THE SEWER FUND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2013 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year's budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

**Borough of South Plainfield
Temporary Budget Amendment
CALENDAR YEAR 2013
CURRENT FUND**

			AMOUNT
3-01-20-140-000-204	Computers	O&E	5,000.00
3-01-25-250-000-204	911	O&E	4,600.00
3-01-27-335-002-265	Greenbrook Flood	O&E	400.00
3-01-45-920-000-801	Bond Principal	Debt	355,000.00
3-01-45-930-000-802	Bond Interest	Debt	13,750.00
3-01-45-940-000-225	Green Trust	Debt	

10,670.80

**Total CURRENT FUND
SEWER**

389,420.80

AMOUNT

3-07-55-910-000-801	Principal	Debt	440,000.00
3-07-55-911-000-802	Interest	Debt	10,800.00

Total SEWER UTILITY 450,800.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2013-43
AUTHORIZING T&M ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PROVIDE AND ADMINISTER
BIDS FOR
A 3RD PARTY ELECTRIC PROVIDER FOR SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates to provide and administer bids for a 3rd Party Electric Provider for the Borough of South Plainfield and is also hereby authorized to publish a solicitation for said bid accordingly;

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

- Municipal Clerk
- Chief Financial Officer
- T&M Associates

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			X				
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilman Diana			X				
Councilman McConville	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Council President Rusnak		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 2013-44
AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF RESCUE SQUAD RADIOS FROM TACTICAL PUBLIC
SAFETY OF WEST BERLIN, NJ
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,698.75**

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities without a QPA to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that the purchase of Rescue Squad Radios for the Rescue Squad is necessary; and

WHEREAS quotations/proposals were solicited and the following submitted quotations/proposals as follows:

Tactical Public Safety, West Berlin NJ (State Contract #A53753)	\$27,698.75
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WHEREAS, the proposals have been reviewed by the Rescue Squad Captain who has verified that the lowest qualified proposal is through a State Contract with Tactical Public Safety, West Berlin, NJ in the amount of \$27,698.75 and has recommended that this proposal be accepted to purchase; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available to pay for said Rescue Squad Radios in the budget: C-04-55-929-000-901 \$25,000.00 and C-04-55-929-000-907 \$2,698.75;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract, if applicable, for the State Contract purchase of Rescue Squad Radios for the Rescue Squad from Tactical Public Safety of West Berlin, NJ. in an amount not to exceed \$27,698.75.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Frank			x				
Councilman McConville	x		x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak		x	x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 13-45
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LINDA SANDRO AS FULL TIME ASSESSING CLERK**

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 hiring of Linda Sandro as Assessing Clerk at a starting salary of \$27,000 with an effective date of January 15, 2013.

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

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Marie Dudek, Payroll
3. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
4. Mary Frances Hildebrandt, CTA

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville	x		x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak		x	x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Resolution 13-46 was an addition added on to this evening’s agenda as it was not ready for placement on the agenda earlier and thus delaying the matter is not in the best interest of the public or the overall operations of the municipality whereby adding this item at this time is deemed to be in the best interest of the public and the overall municipal operations. A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Council President Rusnak and unanimously carried by an all in favor to add this item to this evening’s agenda.

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
RESOLUTION 2013-46**

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF 2013 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE WITH EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,194.00

WHEREAS, the Tax and Finance office utilizes Edmunds & Associates to maintain the software for the Tax and Finance Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s maintenance contract with Edmunds & Associates expires on Dec. 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of tax, utility and finance data for the Borough of South Plainfield is a vital part of the day to day operations, and

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and Tax and Utility Collector to renew the maintenance contract to Edmunds & Associates for CY2013 at a cost not to exceed \$22,194.00; and

WHEREAS funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the CY2013 Budget, accounts #3-01-20-140-000-331 and #3-07-55-515-002-235:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to renew a maintenance agreement for the aforementioned 2013 software maintenance with Edmunds & Associates at a cost not to exceed \$22,194.00 for the period January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville	x		x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak		x	x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Resolution 13-47 was an addition added on to this evening’s agenda as it was not ready for placement on the agenda earlier and thus delaying the matter is not in the best interest of the public or the overall operations of the municipality whereby adding this item at this time is deemed to be in the best interest of the public and the overall municipal operations. A motion was made by Councilman Barletta, seconded by Councilman McConville and unanimously carried by an all in favor to add this item to this evening’s agenda.

RESOLUTION 13-47

AUTHORIZING JEFFREY BURKE PLUMBING & HEATING FOR PLUMBING WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON GENERATORS AT DPW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves of Jeffrey Burke Plumbing & Heating for plumbing work to be performed on generators at DPW in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- DPW

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta	X		x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville		X	x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE BE AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND AUTHORIZATION IS HEREBY GIVEN TO FILE ALL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Minutes – October 24, 2012
- Recreation Commission Minutes – October 9, 2012 & November 13, 2012
- Code Enforcement Monthly Report – December, 2012
- Environmental Commission Minutes – November 14, 2012
- PARSA Minutes – December 6, 2012
- Resignation of David Joshi and Melissa Carryl from Cultural Arts Commission
- Letter to Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano regarding Open Space Funds

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta			x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville		x	x				
Councilman White	x		x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified and submitted a consolidated bill list for the payment of claims; and

WHEREAS, all vouchers listed herewith have been encumbered and sufficient funds are available for payment; and

WHEREAS, the required signatures of the Department Head or the and/or the Finance Chairperson, the Vendor, and the Chief Financial Officer, have all been obtained on each voucher on the attached list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield Borough that the voucher list submitted is hereby approved for payment in the total amount of **\$708,331.89**

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

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Glenn Cullen, Chief Financial Officer
3. Dotty Paradiso, Supervisor of Accounts

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Barletta	x		x				
Councilman Bengivenga			x				
Councilman Diana			x				
Councilman McConville		x	x				
Councilman White			x				
Council President Rusnak			x				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo, Esq. – had no report for this evening.

Administrator Cullen – said he would like to acknowledge all the Boy Scouts in attendance tonight and give everyone a copy of the before and after pictures of what William Walsh this past Summer did his Eagle Scout Project on; the painting of the interior of our community hall. It was a great project for him that took a couple of weeks to complete. It was a great job that was done and we really appreciate it. Council President Rusnak agreed.

Engineer Miller – briefed the Council on the status of the road improvement projects. T&M has resubmitted work for the DEP pertaining to the Hollywood Avenue Truck By-Pass Route a while back concerning an alternate route. We have followed up with them to obtain a response and they said we should be receiving one soon so we will know better where we stand and how to move forward. On another note, we are looking to close out the Sampton Avenue Road Improvement Project. The core samples have been done. There are some minor items that the Contractor needs to take care of.

Clerk Antonides – had no report for this evening.

Councilman Diana – noted that on a number of occasions since November residents on the south side of town have brought up concerns with the truck noise. Mr. Diana said he knows Chief Parker is doing his job as well as all the other guys in the Police Department. Mr. Diana said he wonders if the problem is more of a question of signage and if there is something that we can do to let the truck drivers know they are not supposed to go past a certain point. Mr. Diana said he knows we have an electronic sign that perhaps that can be utilized and would like to have that looked into. On another note, Councilman Diana said he was aware that the Fire Department had its ball this past weekend and unfortunately he was not able to attend it and hopes to be able to attend it next year.

Councilman Barletta – advised that he was able to attend the Firemen’s dinner this past Saturday evening and it was so nice to see the firemen out with their wives and/or girlfriends enjoying themselves because they work so hard throughout the year and spend so much time away from their families. It was so nice to see everyone enjoy themselves and have a good time. Councilman Barletta thanked them all again for all that they do.

Councilman Bengivenga – concurred with what Councilman Barletta said. It was a pleasure and honor to be there at the firemen’s dinner. Being the Fire Commissioner the past few years it has been a real pleasure to work with these men as well as all of our emergency service personnel. We are looking forward to a lot of things this year. We have a new fire truck coming in the Spring. Councilman Bengivenga said in regard to Councilman Diana’s remarks this evening regarding signage, he will be happy to bring the matter up once again in the Traffic Safety Committee. Mr. Bengivenga said he believe we have some five signs already posted leading up from 287. Mayor Anesh interjected that it has been brought up that the real area of concern is the lack of proper GPS updates.

Mayor Anesh said that he believes there is a decent amount of signs already out there, not saying that more may be a bad idea, but just suspects that proper GPS updating is a key factor. Mayor Anesh suggested that someone reach out to the major GPS companies out there who install such updates.

Councilman McConville – reported that he too attended the firemen’s dinner on Saturday night and noted that there were 3 current and/or former Mayor’s in attendance which was a pleasure to see. Councilman McConville thanked the Governing Body this evening for their support of the DPW. The generator will truly be an asset to the DPW and help them out tremendously during these power outages. Other than that, Councilman McConville reported progress.

Councilman White – congratulated the South Plainfield wrestling team on the first time that they won this particular tournament, which marks a mile stone for them. Councilman White reminded everyone that Aristacare will be having a program focusing on Alzheimer’s which will be held right at Artistacare at 9:00 a.m. on January 22nd. It is open to the public to attend. Councilman White concluded by advising that it has been brought to his attention that NJ American Water is doing some maintenance between now and some time in February. For those who have NJ American Water they may encounter a brief chlorine type of smell, but it will be only temporary.

Council President Rusnak – advised that he recently saw some correspondence authored by the Mayor to our Board of Freeholders pertaining to Open Space Grant Funding and noted that over the past three years South Plainfield residents have paid some \$3,221,153.75 in open space funds to Middlesex County and to his knowledge, over these past three years we have received nothing back in return. That is a lot of money for our residents to be paying out to not see something in return. I also saw attached to the Mayor’s correspondence to the Board of Freeholders at least eleven letters to the County in this regard and yet for them to not respond back to us is very disturbing. It is a matter we definitely need to look into. Council President Rusnak said he would like to see the Mayor’s letter posted on our website for all our residents to see. On another note, Council President Rusnak said a little over a month ago this Governing Body passed a resolution seeking that the County and Schools pay their fair share of the tax appeal refunds. We had sent a copy of our resolution over to Edison seeking their support, and Edison has responded by passing the same resolution. Also, in yesterday’s Star Ledger there was a list posted of all the property taxes by County throughout the State. Out of 25 towns in Middlesex County, South Plainfield has the 5th best tax rate in the County. However, 18 municipalities in Middlesex County have a better County tax rate than we do. Between this and our residents not seeing any benefit from paying out so much in Open Space Funds to the County, this is something we really will need to look into this year to see if there is anything we can do about it.

Mayor Anesh – thanked Council President Rusnak for his report this evening. Mayor Anesh pointed out some variables as it relates to the Statewide average for taxes. On another note, Mayor Anesh advised that during 2012 we have received \$5,700 in wedding fees in which \$2,000 of that is State mandated to go toward the New Jersey Domestic Violence Program. Typically the balance of that goes toward a local South Plainfield charity. We are in the process of reaching out to all the couples that were married and aside from wishing them well, are asking for their input as to what charity we should donate the balance to. To conclude, Mayor Anesh discussed the Hollywood Avenue Extension Project saying that when the Lt. Governor was here recently she asked how we were doing with the project and said that the State is well aware of it. We will continue to forge on with it and hope to see results in the near future.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor. At this time, 7:41 p.m., Mayor Anesh advised that the Council will be going into Executive Session and everyone is welcome to stay for their return back into public session.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Barletta made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Councilman McConville and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC - Municipal Clerk