

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2013, 6:45 P.M.**

**SPECIAL HEARING – 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 6:45 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:

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

**SPECIAL HEARING – 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Councilman Bengivenga. Councilman Bengivenga explained that we do a special hearing every year. Last evening Mr. Bengivenga said he met with the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the potential projects to include in this year's application for grant funding for the Borough Council to consider. Historically we used to receive approximately \$80,000 each year, but in 2011 it was cut to \$67,462 and in 2012 it was cut again to \$61,323. The government has not yet allocated what the funding will be for 2013 and Mr. Bengivenga said he doesn't think he will find that out until his meeting in March. Despite that fact, part of the process required by the County is a resolution indicating our proposed 2013 projects – though we may have additional funding or less funding. The use of this grant funding can only be used for certain types of projects. We do have some funding and projects left over from last year and/or years past that we are working to have done. For 2013 the Housing and Community Development Committee has recommended the following proposed projects for consideration:

Senior Center Coordinator Salary -	\$12,500
Senior Center Generator -	\$25,000
Library ADA Entrance -	\$23,823
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$61,323</b>

Mayor Anesh thanked Councilman Bengivenga and asked the Council if they have any questions or comments. Council President Rusnak questioned what will happen or be considered if the grant allocation is either less or more than the aforementioned proposed total for 2013. Councilman Bengivenga explained possible solutions if that were to happen. Councilman Diana asked if the ADA entrance for the Library is for the existing Library structure or a modified one. Councilman Bengivenga said it would be for a modified one.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments.

Darlene Cullen, 1457 Fox Place, thanked the Council for any consideration they make for the library utilizing the community development block grant funding. Mrs. Cullen advised the Council that the Library Trustees did vote recently to move forward with working with the engineer and architect for a draft design to refurbish the existing library structure.

With no further public comments made, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from public comments.

Mayor Anesh advised that a resolution will be on the regularly scheduled Council meeting for further consideration of the CDBG projects for 2013.

**ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING:** With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the CDBG special hearing. Councilman McConville made a motion to adjourn from the meeting at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried by an all in favor.

Mayor Anesh advised that our regularly scheduled Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC