

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2013, 7:05 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Anesh read the sunshine statement and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this 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 White led the invocation.

Proclamation – Mayor Anesh advised that the Proclamation pertaining to Autism Awareness Month will read at the next Council meeting. Mayor Anesh then presented a proclamation entitled “National Library Week” to Linda Hansen, Library Director and Darlene Cullen, Library Board President. A round of applause was extended and photographs were taken by the media.

Approve Council Minutes:

March 18, 2013 - Agenda
March 18, 2013 – Public

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

Public Comment For Agenda Items Only:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2013-116

AUTHORIZING T&M ASSOCIATES TO REVISE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND ADDRESS ANY REMAINING ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED TRUCK-BY-PASS ROUTE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NJDEP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,700.00

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted for T&M Associates to revise the engineering design and address any remaining items pertaining to the proposed truck-by-pass route for submittal to the NJDEP in an amount not to exceed \$28,700.00.

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

Original vote by Council was as follows for resolution 2013-116:

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

Councilman Diana then asked to reconsider resolution 2013-116 thus the vote to reconsider resolution 2013-116 is as follows:

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

The Council then voted again on adopting resolution 2013-116 as follows:

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Barletta | x | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Bengivenga | | x | X | | | | |
| Councilman Diana | | | | X | | | |
| Councilman McConville | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman White | | | X | | | | |
| Council President Rusnak | | | X | | | | |
| | | VOTE: | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION 13-117

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS

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

authorization is hereby given for the Mayor and Borough Administrator to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Professional Managers.

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

RESOLUTION 13-118
AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE PLAINFIELD AREA HUMANE SOCIETY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$40,000.00 PER YEAR
FOR A THREE YEAR TERM

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

authorization is hereby given for the Mayor and Borough Administrator and/or Municipal Clerk to execute the renewal of a contract for Animal Control Services between the Borough of South Plainfield and the Plainfield Area Humane Society in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 per year for a three year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to NJSA 40:48-5.1, the Plainfield Area Humane Society being an association not organized for pecuniary profit, this contract is exempt from all laws requiring advertisement of bids.

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

RESOLUTION 13-119
AUTHORIZING NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF FLASHBACK 2 IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM FOR TWO POLICE
CARS FROM L3 MOBILE-VISION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,575.90

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract purchase of Flashback 2 In-Car Video System for two police vehicles from L3 Mobile-Vision, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,575.90 pursuant to NJ State Contract Number A81311 paid for out of line item C-04-55-931-000-903.

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. James Parker, Chief of Police

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Barletta | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Diana | | | | X | | | |
| Councilman McConville | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman White | x | | X | | | | |
| Council President Rusnak | | x | X | | | | |
| | | VOTE: | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION 13-120
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY LIGHT BARS AND LIGHTS, WEAPON
MOUNT SYSTEMS, COMPUTER MOUNT, PRISONER RESTRAINT SIRENS AND MOUNTS, FOR TWO POLICE
VEHICLES FROM TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 28,610.30

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract purchase of emergency light bars, lights, weapon mount systems, computer mount, prisoners restraint sirens and mounts for two police vehicles from Triangle Communications, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$28,610.30 pursuant to NJ State Contract Numbers 53763, 53771, 81331, 81343, 81327 paid for out of line item C-04-55-928-000-901.

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- James Parker, Chief of Police

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Barletta | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Diana | | | | X | | | |
| Councilman McConville | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman White | X | | X | | | | |
| Council President Rusnak | | x | X | | | | |
| | | VOTE: | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION 13-121
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF MULTI-MODE/MULTI BAND POLICE MOBILE
RADIOS FOR TWO POLICE VEHICLES FROM TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,275.50

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a NJ State Contract purchase of multi-mode/multi-band Police mobile radios for two police vehicles from Tactical Public Safety in an amount not to exceed \$10,275.50 pursuant to NJ State Contract Number A53753 paid for out of line item C-04-55-931-000-903.

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- James Parker, Chief of Police

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Barletta | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Diana | | | | X | | | |
| Councilman McConville | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman White | X | | X | | | | |
| Council President Rusnak | | x | X | | | | |
| | | VOTE: | 5 | 1 | | | |
| Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY | | | | | | | |

RESOLUTION #13-122
AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION AND THE MUNICIPAL
SPONSOR (THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD) AND THE COUNTY CO-SPONSOR (MIDDLESEX COUNTY)
FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A BUS SHELTER ON NEW DURHAM ROAD
IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS NJ Transit has funds for the purchase of bus shelters throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of a municipality in New Jersey or the Board of Chosen Freeholders of a County may apply to the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the purchase and installation of bus shelters at legally designated bus stops; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield, in the interest of promoting public transportation, conservation of energy, traffic safety, and for the convenience of the public, endorses the concept of providing bus shelters within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the application is made by the Borough of South Plainfield to the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the purchase and installation of one (1) bus shelter as set forth in Exhibit A, made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with NJ Transit to arrange for the purchase and installation of said bus shelter.

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

RESOLUTION 2013-123

ENDORISING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, that the Borough of South Plainfield hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Dr. Alice Temple as the Recycling Coordinator of the Borough of South Plainfield to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

RESOLUTION 13-124
AUTHORIZING A \$100.00 REFUND TO ANTHONY CAPONE OF 146 CLARKE AVENUE FOR A CANCELLED ROOM RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT DUE TO FEBRUARY 2ND PARTY CANCELLATION AT THE SENIOR CENTER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that, as a party scheduled to be held at the Senior Center on February 2, 2013 was cancelled that the \$100.00 room rental security deposit be refunded to:

Anthony Capone
146 Clarke Ave.

South Plainfield NJ 07080

\$100.00 Refund for Senior Center Room Rental Security Deposit

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

RESOLUTION 2013-125
AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO SUBMIT THE 2013 ANJEC OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT OF SAID GRANT APPLICATION

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted to the Environmental Commission to submit the 2013 ANJEC Open Space Grant Application and authorize the Borough Administrator to submit a letter of endorsement of said grant application assuring payment of any additional costs that are included in the current year's budget;

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

- Municipal Clerk
- Chief Financial Officer
- Environmental Commission

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

RESOLUTION 2013-126

AUTHORIZING A 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$1,125,000.00 IN THE CURRENT 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 |
| 3-01-20-100-000-101 | Administration | | S&W | | 5,000.00 |
| 3-01-20-140-000-101 | Computer | | S&W | | 10,000.00 |
| 3-01-21-185-001-101 | Zoning Board | | S&W | | 3,000.00 |
| 3-01-22-195-001-101 | Code Enforcement | | S&W | | 50,000.00 |
| 3-01-23-220-000-601 | Health Benfeits | | O&E | | 500,000.00 |
| 3-01-25-240-001-101 | Police | | S&W | | 500,000.00 |
| 3-01-25-240-001-204 | Police | | O&E | | 5,000.00 |
| 3-01-25-240-001-241 | School Guards | | O&E | | 10,000.00 |
| 3-01-25-250-000-101 | 911 | | S&W | | 15,000.00 |
| 3-01-25-252-000-431 | OEM | | O&E | | 5,000.00 |
| 3-01-26-290-002-235 | Road Repairs & Maintenance | | O&E | | 5,000.00 |
| 3-01-27-335-001-101 | Environmental Commission | | S&W | | 5,000.00 |
| 3-01-28-370-002-236 | Office on Aging | | O&E | | 5,000.00 |
| 3-01-43-490-000-101 | Court | | S&W | | 7,000.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT FUND | | | | | 1,125,000.00 |

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

RESOLUTION 13-127

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAWN CHEMICALS FROM FOSTER & COMPANY, INC.
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,666.10**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a the purchase of lawn chemicals from Foster & Company, Inc. of 15 Wing Drive, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 in an amount not to exceed \$3,666.10.

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

- Glenn Cullen, CFO
- Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Barletta | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Bengivenga | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Diana | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman McConville | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman White | X | | X | | | | |
| Council President Rusnak | | x | 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:

- Middlesex County Planning Board Minutes – February 13, 2013
- Board of Adjustment Minutes – January 29, 2013
- Recycling Monthly Report – February, 2013
- Resignation of Yvonne Viscosi from the Public Celebrations Committee

| COUNCIL | MOTION | 2 ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | RECUSE |
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| Councilman Barletta | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Bengivenga | x | | X | | | | |
| Councilman Diana | | | X | | | | |
| Councilman McConville | | | 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 **\$935,880.74**

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo, Esq. – reported that he spoke with Mr. Diegnan last week regarding the Carol Street property which has been under contract to sell since last Summer. He has finally submitted an application to the Planning Board of which the sale is contingent upon him obtaining Planning Board approval. He will not be able to meet the April 30th closing date and has now asked us to extend the closing date until May 31st. Mr. Rizzo explained that there is really no other alternative other than cancel the deal. Mr. Rizzo asked what the Council wishes to do. The Borough Council unanimously agreed to extend the closing date to May 31st. The second item Mr. Rizzo reported on was his hearing from a property owner regarding the placement of a fence on a corner property and suggested that this may need to be turned over to the Planning/Zoning Board with John Pabst. Mr. Rizzo said he did not get a lot of feedback other than concerns expressed pertaining issuing a lot of variances. Mr. Rizzo said he can draft a resolution for the next meeting that refers the matter over to the Planning Board if the Council so desires. The Borough Council unanimously agreed to have Mr. Rizzo draft a resolution for the next meeting that refers the matter over to the Planning Board.

Administrator Cullen – advised everything has been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement from super storm Sandy and is pleased to report that some of the money is beginning to come in. Mr. Cullen advised that we were intending on introducing our budget tonight but decided to push it back to the next council meeting of 4/15/13 due to the forthcoming recycling bid opening which may affect our budget. To conclude, Mr. Cullen said that with the passing of the resolution this evening to approve the Professional Manager’s contract, there are no more outstanding labor contracts.

Engineer Miller – gave a brief update advising that the recycling services bid is scheduled for opening on April 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Clerk Antonides – had no report for this evening.

Councilman Diana – thanked Debbie Boyle and all those who helped put together Brittney Day. There was an over whelming turnout. There was a lot of good work and a lot of money raised. It was a heck of a job and a real testament to South Plainfield who can really rally around those who really need it. Councilman Diana thanked Mr. Cullen for the work he did with the Plainfield Humane Society contract in keeping the rate flat. We are happy to use this shelter which is a no kill shelter. The Health Department is also very pleased to have this contract renewed.

Councilman Barletta – thanked Debbie Boyle, Tom McCreesh and all those involved in putting together Brittney Day and all the events that went on last Saturday in raising money for Brittney. She is a great person and glad to see the over whelming turnout. It was a very proud day for South Plainfield. Councilman Barletta also thanked everyone who went out to support the Lions Club with their Palm Sunday breakfast and thanked the Lions Club for all that they do for our community.

Councilman Bengivenga – echoed the Councils comments pertaining to all the events for Brittney this past Saturday. Everyone did an amazing job. The volley ball tournament took place all day among other events. Kevin Hughes of the Recreation Commission also assisted in putting together the Easter Egg Hunt for the following weekend. The whole weekend was full of fund raising events which was just great for our town. Councilman Bengivenga thanked everyone who was involved in putting all these events together. On another note, Councilman Bengivenga thanked the Council this evening for passing the resolution authorizing the bus shelter in memory of Ms. Matthews’ son advising that the Traffic Safety Committee did all they could to help see through to this bus shelter.

Councilman McConville – reported that the DPW is doing a great job with the bulk pick-up as he has been hearing a lot of positive comments from the public about it. Councilman McConville expressed kudos to Cappi and the department for all they do as the town looks great thanks to them.

Councilman White – thanked Tabernacle Church for the free community breakfast they supplied at the Senior Center on Saturday. It was a great turnout. Also the South Plainfield EMS sold out their flowers and Councilman White said he was fortunate enough to have been able to get there in time to purchase some. The Easter Egg hunt was a mob scene with so many kids in attendance. It was well organized and a lot of fun. All the kids walked away happy. It was a fun filled event for families. Regarding the Brittney event it really drives home of who we are as a community. Councilman White commended everyone for all the pain-staking hours they put into all the events in town.

Council President Rusnak – advised that in light of the last meeting announcing the Biggest Loser Contest winner pursuant to the Mayor’s Wellness campaign; he and the Borough Clerk have been working behind the scenes wondering what we could do to promote the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign considering what a great idea the Biggest Loser Contest was. We decided to contact the Dr. Oz Show to see if they were interested in what our community is doing to promote health and wellness. So, low and behold a letter was received by the Dr. Oz Show indicating their interest in meeting with Mayor Anesh to discuss this topic. To conclude, Council President Rusnak bid Mayor Anesh a happy “April Fool’s Day”. Much laughter was had in the audience and Mayor Anesh showed great sportsmanship with the joke.

Mayor Anesh – announced that the Borough has launched the Nixel service about two weeks ago. Residents can go onto our website and sign-up for the free service. Nixel works similar to the reverse 9-1-1 notifications whereas residents can receive alerts to their mobile devices i.e. cell phones and/or email. Mayor Anesh concluded by congratulating Mario Abbruzzese’s daughter who he said he just had the privilege of marrying recently. Mayor Anesh said he does personally enjoy marring couples especially the ones that he knows.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment.

A resident named Allan from Clark Lane said that a while back a house had a fire and was condemned thereafter and asked if there are any updates on the status of this house. Mr. Cullen said he will look into it and get the status of it.

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked all those who came out to support the volley ball teams as well as all the other events for Brittney Day. It was a great time.

Ms. Chrissy Buteas of 434 Lucy Court questioned what the plan for the 911 Memorial object is as she said she could not hear too clearly at the last meeting. Mr. Cullen explained that a special cabinet/case is being made for it at present and it will be displayed in the foyer of Borough Hall. Ms. Buteas asked if any thought was given to place it in Monument Park? Councilman Bengivenga explained that he recalls a brief discussion in which it was decided that Monument Park did not seem to be the appropriate location for such a memorial object and felt Borough Hall to be a neutral location. He also recalls some time back that no one was able to reach a consensus as to the location of this memorial which is why it took so long to reach this conclusion. Ms. Buteas said she finds it disturbing to not have come to a consensus on this and asked how it was concluded to place it at Borough Hall. Ms. Buteas said she encourages the Council to revisit the placement of this memorial. Councilman Barletta explained the history of how the old 911 Memorial Committee was formed for the purpose of putting together a ceremony. Ms. Buteas held an old sketch in her hand of a proposed encasement for the memorial object. The Council said they never saw the sketch nor were they aware of it. Ms. Buteas concluded by asking the Council to reconsider the location.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no Executive Session for this evening, Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Council President Rusnak and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

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