

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:00 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		

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda for this evening. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council has any comments on the agenda this evening.

Councilman Bengivenga questioned the itemized dollar amounts pertaining to resolution 13-148. After brief discussion, it was determined that there was a typographical error in the resolution but not on the letter from the engineer that was attached to the resolution. The dollar amounts are indeed correct. Mr. Rizzo, Esq. said the resolution could be approved as amended.

Councilman Diana said that pertaining to the budgetary items on the agenda this evening they came into his purview for the first time this past Friday afternoon and as such doesn't feel he had enough time to review it and thus doesn't see how in good conscience he could make any informed judgments pertaining to any of these budget matters having only had 48 hours to review them. Councilman Diana said he doesn't know what discussions were had pertaining to the budget and was not a party to any of them. Councilman Diana said he is a little curious as to how this budget came about. Council President Rusnak expressed confusion to Councilman Diana's comment about not knowing how the budget came about. Councilman Diana clarified that he is curious if meetings were had regarding this budget before it was introduced today. Council President Rusnak explained that yes, for the past two months the Administration and Finance Committee comprised of Councilman Barletta, Councilman Bengivenga, Mr. Cullen, the Auditors and himself have been meeting specifically to discuss and put together a budget to introduce as has been the annual procedure for the Administration and Finance Committee. Council President Rusnak said they have been meeting numerous times to come up with a budget that we can introduce in accordance with State law timelines. Council President Rusnak further explained that this is an introduction and the budget will continue to be worked on up until it is formally adopted which may be in another month or two. Council President Rusnak recommended that if Councilman Diana didn't have the time or opportunity to review the budget material to abstain from the vote this evening opposed to a no vote in order to give Councilman Diana the option to review everything over the next month or two and ask any questions he may have and/or to make any suggestions for the budget.

Councilman Diana asked to have Resolution #13-136 separated out for an individual vote.

Councilman Bengivenga asked to have Resolutions #13-131, 13-148 and 13-155 separated out for an individual vote.

Councilman Barletta asked to have Resolution #13-149 separated out for an individual vote.

Exec #13-128 Authorize the entering into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231 for the following item(s):

- Litigation – Traditions

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:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments.
With public comments made, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from public comments.

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting. Councilman Bengivenga made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Council President Rusnak and unanimously carried by an all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides

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