

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2015, 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 Amy Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Barletta	X		
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilman Diana	X		
Councilman Richkus	X		
Councilman Rusnak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul 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. There were no comments pertaining to this evening's agenda.

Public Hearing: Release of Performance Bond Posted by Thomas Grasso for Public Improvement to Block 339, Lot 3 – Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment, and with no comments made, closed the floor.

**RESOLUTION #15-56
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

There were no matters for closed session this evening.

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

Mr. Jeff Seider of 208 O'Donohue Avenue said he has various questions pertaining to this evening's land swap ordinance. At this time, Councilman Bengivenga left the room due to a conflict. Mr. Seider went on to ask his questions which in summary, Mayor Anesh explained that this matter has been discussed in various Economic Development Committee meetings for some two years with the end result being a recommendation to the Council that doing a land swap in this instance would be in the best interest of this Borough. Councilman Barletta explained that this is not an improved piece of property and is an odd triangular shape. It would clearly be of no real benefit to anyone except the party interested in purchasing it. Mr. Seider asked why the Council had ordinances 1740 and 1797 ready and available to site as an example at the prior council meeting. Mayor Anesh explained that like with anything else the Council prepares or anticipates to the best of their ability to answer any questions that may be had. Councilman Barletta went on to say that this parcel is an undersized lot and if someone else were to purchase it and they wanted to develop it in some way they would require a variance and a builders remedy. The parcel in fact is land-locked. Councilman Diana interjected his thoughts at this time stressing his key point that he believes this transaction should not occur via a land swap but through a public auction instead. Councilman Diana said that there may be someone else who would bid on this parcel which would increase the sale price for the Borough. This land swap is not in the best interest of this Borough. After more dialog with no new points brought up, Mr. Seider concluded by saying the Council is all wrong by the way they are conducting themselves this evening and that it does not matter what someone may have thought in committee as they have a right to change their mind.

With no further 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. Council President White made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Councilman Richkus unanimously carried by an all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides

