

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2016, 6:45 P.M.**

**SPECIAL HEARING – 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

**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:

| 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       |        |      |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT</b>     |         |        |      |
| Administrator Cullen    | X       |        |      |
| Clerk Antonides         | X       |        |      |
| Attorney Paul Rizzo     | X       |        |      |
| Engineer Miller         | X       |        |      |

**SPECIAL HEARING – 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Mayor Anesh turned the floor over to Council President Bengivenga. Council President Bengivenga explained that we do a special hearing every year. On February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Council President 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 a little more each year, but cuts have been made in the recent years and as such there is approximately \$61,323 pending for South Plainfield for 2016. The Housing and Community Development Committee reviewed the various items that were applied for each year. 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 are in progress or near completion right now. For 2016 the Housing and Community Development Committee has recommended the following proposed projects for consideration:

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| Senior Center Salary                   | \$12,500        |
| Senior Center Snow Blower              | \$ 1,500        |
| Replace Kitchen Floor at Senior Center | \$11,000        |
| Other Misc. Senior Center Upgrades     | \$10,000        |
| Various ADA Ramps throughout Boro      | \$23,323        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>\$61,323</b> |

Mayor Anesh thanked Council President Bengivenga and asked the Council if they have any questions or comments. Councilman Richkus asked if there were specific areas for the ramps yet. Council President Bengivenga said yes it will coincide with the 2016 road improvements to Franklin Avenue as well as some areas around the schools. With no further comments at this time Mayor Anesh thanked Council President Bengivenga for his and the committee’s input.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments. Though there were approximately 16 members of the public present.

A citizen from the public, Conrad McClain inquired as to how many square feet are in the kitchen at the Senior Center. Council President Bengivenga said roughly ¾ the size of this meeting room which is a rough estimate.

Corina Nagy 214 Shillaci Lane asked if the CDBG funds are limited to the aforementioned items or can other community issues utilize this funding. Council President Bengivenga explained the purpose and process of the CDBG grant application process. Ms. Nagy expressed many ongoing concerns pertaining to the influx of train activity near her home and is seeking designation of her area as a Quiet Zone. Dan Lackey stated that he would like a quiet zone in their community. Mr. Miller gave a briefing on what has been done to date, for example, design elements being one of the hindrances.

Mayor Anesh at this time interjected that we need to begin our 7:00 scheduled council meeting and invited residents that if they wish they can continue these comments during our public comment section in our 7:00 p.m. meeting as the topic of quiet zones are not CDBG related. 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 agenda for further consideration of the CDBG projects for 2016.

**ADJOURN SPECIAL CDBG MEETING:** With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the CDBG special hearing. Councilman Barletta made a motion to adjourn from the meeting at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Councilman White 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