

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Anesh called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Bengivenga	X		
Councilman Dean	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilman Vesce	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President White	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo Esq.	X		
Engineer Miller		X	

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda for this evening adding resolution #17-284. Council President White made a motion to add resolution #17-284 to this evening's agenda, seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. Mayor Anesh asked if the Council had any comments about the agenda this evening. Councilman Vesce questioned resolutions #17-274 and #17-275 asking why it did not go out to bid since it is over \$40,000.00. Mr. Cullen said he just spoke to Mr. Rizzo Esq. about this. Mr. Rizzo said that typically you cannot break apart a project for sake of keeping it under a bid threshold but in this case, he is not aware of the rationale without first researching it. Mr. Rizzo said that this should include resolutions #17-268 and 269 as well. Mr. Cullen said yes and that all four resolutions should be removed from the agenda for further review by Mr. Rizzo. Mr. Rizzo said for sake of time he suggests that this evening we add a resolution to authorize the engineer to establish and administer bids in this regard if in fact he finds that these items should have been bid out. Councilman Dean made a motion to table resolutions #17-268, 269, 274 and 275, seconded by Council President White and unanimously carried. Council President White made a motion to add #17-285 authorizing the Borough Engineer to go out to bid in this regard, seconded by Councilman Wolak and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #17-264
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Borough Council to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Borough Council to discuss the below matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege:

- Contractual – Verizon

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of Borough Council to discuss the aforementioned matters all of which requires attorney-client privilege in this regard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Borough Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		x	X				
Councilman Dean			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilman Vesce			X				
Councilman Wolak	x		X				
Council President White			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comments. With no 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 7:07 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried by an all-in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR