

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA MEETING**

***Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was transmitted virtually via the Webex platform**

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 Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Faustini	X		
Mayor Anesh	X		
ALSO PRESENT			
Administrator Cullen	X		
Clerk Antonides	X		
Attorney Paul Rizzo	X		
Engineer Miller	X		

Mayor Anesh reviewed some basic rules for conducting this virtual meeting this evening. All lines will be muted until such time that the floor is open for public comment. Each phone call or virtual hand raise will be taken one at a time.

Review of Agenda Items: Clerk Antonides reviewed all the items on the agenda. Mayor Anesh asked if there were any comments from Council. Councilman Smith asked for an explanation of Resolution 20-197. Mr. Cullen explained that the change order reflects electrical and cement deck work that was decided to be added for efficiency purposes. Council President Faustini advised that we are introducing Ordinance 2176 this evening which establishes a Human Relations Committee comprised of members of all existing Borough committees, commissions and boards with an allowance to add some residents. Council President Faustini said that this has been something she has been wanting to establish for some time now. The primary focus is to highlight South Plainfield's diversity to the fullest extent possible. Councilman White said he feel this to be a great idea to include both members from our existing committees and residents.

Mr. Cullen asked the Mayor if he would be agreeable to open the floor to Mr. John Sakoutis from Sakoutis Brothers Inc. pertaining to a request to extend his hours of operation. Councilman Bengivenga left the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Sakoutis said he wants to make clear that this request is not about increasing tonnage but instead to have extended hours which will create an easier social distancing solution for vehicles showing up too close together, it will make for a safer environment regarding vehicle traffic, and it will allow a bigger window for customers to deliver material which will create more revenue to the host community. The proposed hours are Monday-Friday 5 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 5am to 2 pm. Mayor Anesh said he doesn't see any concerns with this request. Mr. Cullen clarified that Mr. Sakoutis is an industrial zone and it will not interfere with a residential area. The governing body was in agreement to proceed with placing a resolution on the next meeting allowing for the additional hours and asked Mr. Rizzo to draft said resolution.

**RESOLUTION 20-184
AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

There were no closed session matters for this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. With no public comments made, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from public comment.

ADJOURN AGENDA MEETING: With no further comments, Mayor Anesh asked for a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn from the Agenda Meeting at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried by an all-in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR