

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
PUBLIC 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 7:05 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 remote meeting having been provided to the Borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website. Instructions for accessing the remote public meeting are found on the Borough's website next to the agendas. Documentation pertaining to the remote meeting can be found electronically on the Borough's website.

The roll call was administered by Clerk Antonides as follows:

COUNCIL	Present	Absent	Late
Councilman Bengivenga	X		
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman Wolak	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		

**Flag Salute:** was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilman Smith led the invocation.

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting the 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. To unmute the microphone, just click on the red microphone picture that has a line through it. It will then turn green indicating you have been unmuted and may begin to speak. Callers may dial 1-646-922-2010 followed by the access code of 126 663 1990 #. Using the pound button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment on agenda items only. Mayor Anesh awaited virtual hand raises; he then unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

**Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:**

February 16, 2021 – CDBG Public Hearing  
February 16, 2021 – Agenda Meeting  
February 16, 2021 - Public Meeting

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott	x		X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak		x	X				
Council President White			X				
<b>VOTE:</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**Proclamation** – Read Across America proclamation was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Cheryl Nagel Smiley and Stephanie Wolak were both present to accept the proclamation.

Women's History Month proclamation was read in full by Mayor Anesh. Debbie Boyle was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of Suburban Women's Club and the South Plainfield Women's Leadership Team.

The below ordinance 2195 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public comment for March 15, 2021 at approx. 7 pm

**ORDINANCE 2195**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 399 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL”.**

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	x		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION: 21-92**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2065.63 PERTAINING TO 172 SO PLAINFIELD AVE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 249 Lot 19**

Jimmy Martinez  
 172 So Plainfield Ave  
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080  
**\$2065.63**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Jimmy Martinez  
 172 SO. PLAINFIELD AVE  
 SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	x		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-93**  
**AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, AND HOLDS NO MONETARY VALUE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes John Abbruzzese, IT Officer, to dispose of the following items deemed to have outlived its useful life and/or is permanently damaged, and that holds no monetary value;

- #1578- HP LaserJet 2420d Printer

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the aforementioned item(s) are also to be removed from the Borough of South Plainfield’s asset inventory; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. John Abbruzzese, IT Department

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	x		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		x	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**TABLED...NOT VOTED ON THIS EVENING**

**RESOLUTION 21-94**  
**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALISON GIBSON TO THE MAYOR’S WELLNESS COMMITTEE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF 12/31/2022**

**RESOLUTION 21-95**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF DAN PEEL TO MECHANIC C FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$27.31**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough to promote Dan Peel to the position of Mechanic C for the DPW at the hourly rate of \$27.31, pursuant to the salary ordinance for such.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

3. Carmela Miller, Payroll
4. Anne Daley, Benefits
5. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-96  
AUTHORIZING A 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT  
OF \$400,000.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is prior to the adoption of the FY 2021 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary budget set forth below does not exceed twenty-six and one quarter percent of the total appropriations in the previous year's budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Public Assistance).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the temporary appropriations are hereby amended to add the following amounts and that a certified copy of this resolution is transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

CURRENT FUND			AMOUNT
1-01-20-130-000-101	Finance	S&W	20,000
1-01-20-140-000-101	Computer	S&W	5,000
1-01-20-145-000-101	Collection	S&W	15,000
1-01-20-252-000-321	Emergency Management	O&E	3,000
1-01-25-265-001-201	Fire	O&E	10,000
1-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	50,000
1-01-26-290-001-255	Public Works Admin	O&E	2,000
1-01-26-290-003-102	Snow	S&W	5,000
1-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E	25,000
1-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O&E	75,000
1-01-27-330-002-101	Youth Aid	S&W	8,000
1-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E	110,000
1-01-30-410-001-403	Municipal Support	O&E	5,000
1-01-31-445-001-541	Telephone	O&E	25,000
1-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill	O&E	15,000
1-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	15,000
1-01-36-473-000-684	DCRP	Statutory	5,000
1-01-44-901-000-235	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital	7,000
<b>Total CURRENT FUND</b>			<b>400,000</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

### RESOLUTION 21-97

#### AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF HERON’S TREE SERVICE FOR TREE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,600.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Heron’s Tree Services for tree removal in an amount not to exceed \$8,600.00: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Glenn Cullen, CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Len Miller, DPW Superintendent

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-98  
AUTHORIZING 2020 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$75,000.00 FOR THE CURRENT FUND  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the fiscal year, for the purposes specified and in excess of sums appropriated in the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, such transfers must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the governing body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the below transfers be approved.

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>				
<b>FROM:</b>				<b>AMOUNT</b>
0-01-20-110-000-101	Administration		S&W	<b>2,000.00</b>
0-01-20-140-000-331	Computer		O&E	<b>3,000.00</b>
0-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official		S&W	<b>3,000.00</b>
0-01-28-370-001-102	Recreation		O&E	<b>2,000.00</b>
0-01-23-220-000-601	Health Insurance		O&E	<b>65,000.00</b>
<b>Total FROM:</b>				<b>75,000.00</b>
<b>TO:</b>				<b>AMOUNT</b>
0-01-20-155-000-221	Legal		O&E	<b>5,500.00</b>
0-01-21-185-000-221	Zoning Board		O&E	<b>5,000.00</b>
0-01-26-290-003-321	Snow		O&E	<b>3,500.00</b>
0-01-30-415-001-101	Accumulated Leave		O&E	<b>30,000.00</b>
0-01-31-435-002-555	Streets Lights		O&E	<b>5,000.00</b>
0-01-31-435-002-541	Phone		O&E	<b>11,000.00</b>
0-01-36-471-000-681	PERS		Statutory	<b>5,000.00</b>
0-01-36-475-000-683	PFRS		Statutory	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Total TO:</b>				<b>75,000.00</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-99**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF  
\$6,323,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021 OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW  
JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (a) The \$6,323,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), referred to and described in a resolution of the Borough duly adopted on March 1, 2021, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$6,323,000 in Principal Amount" and in the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law, shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021" (the "Bonds").

(b) The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on April 15 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2022	\$ 575,000	2027	\$ 575,000
2023	575,000	2028	575,000
2024	575,000	2029	1,149,000
2025	575,000	2030	1,149,000
2026	575,000		

(c) The actual principal amounts may be adjusted by the Borough, at its option, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(g). Any such adjustment shall not exceed 10% of the principal for any maturity with the aggregate adjustment to maturity not to exceed 10% of the principal for the overall issue.

(d) At the discretion of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, to the extent an original issue premium is received as part of the bid, it may be applied to any purpose permitted under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including the costs of other capital projects previously authorized.

(e) The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity in accordance with the full Notice of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Full Notice of Sale").

(f) The Bonds shall be nine in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered GIB-1 to GIB-9, inclusive.

(g) The Bonds shall be dated their date of issuance and shall bear interest payable semiannually on the fifteenth day of April and October in each year until maturity, commencing on October 15, 2021, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Full Notice of Sale.

(h) The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Borough Clerk.

Section 2. (a) The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof (or any integral multiple thereof, where applicable) through book-entries made on the books and records of the Securities Depository and its participants.

(b) The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Borough on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on the records of the Securities Depository as of each next preceding April 1 and October 1 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds).

Section 3. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository:



REGISTERED  
NUMBER GIB- \_\_\_\_

REGISTERED  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND, SERIES 2021

REGISTERED OWNER:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

DATED DATE:

MATURITY DATE:

RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM:

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES:

INITIAL INTEREST PAYMENT DATE:

RECORD DATES:

CUSIP NUMBER:

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to the REGISTERED OWNER, or registered assigns, on the MATURITY DATE, upon presentation and surrender of this bond, the PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, and to pay interest on such sum from the DATED DATE until it matures at the RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM specified above semiannually on the INTEREST PAYMENT DATES in each year until maturity, commencing on the INITIAL INTEREST PAYMENT DATE. Principal of and interest due on this bond will be paid to the REGISTERED OWNER by the Borough or its designated paying agent and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company as listed on the records of The Depository Trust Company as of the RECORD DATES next preceding the respective INTEREST PAYMENT DATES. The principal of and interest on this bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of The Depository Trust Company. The Depository Trust Company shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

The bonds of this issue maturing prior to April 15, 2029 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after April 15, 2029 are redeemable at the option of the Borough in whole or in part on any date on or after April 15, 2028 at 100% of the principal amount outstanding (the "Redemption Price") plus interest accrued to the date of redemption upon notice as required herein.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Borough or a duly appointed bond registrar. Any failure of the securities depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Borough determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Borough; the bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the redeemed bonds after the date fixed for redemption and no further interest shall accrue beyond the redemption date. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the Borough shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co.

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the Borough duly adopted on March 1, 2021, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$6,323,000 in Principal Amount" and the bond ordinances referred to therein, each in all respects duly approved and published as required by law.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Borough, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Borough Clerk, and this bond to be dated the DATED DATE as specified above.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

[SEAL]

By: [executed upon issuance]  
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: [executed upon issuance]  
Clerk

By: [executed upon issuance]  
Chief Financial Officer

[End of Form of Bond]

Section 4. (a) The Bonds shall be sold on March 30, 2021, or such other date as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, via the "PARITY Electronic Bid System" ("PARITY") upon the terms and conditions set forth and described in the Full Notice of Sale. The Full Notice of Sale shall be posted on MuniHub.

(b) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-34, the Borough hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer to sell and award the Bonds in accordance with the Full Notice of Sale with such changes as to date or the terms as deemed advisable or necessary by Phoenix Advisors, LLC, the Borough's Municipal Advisor, and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, the Borough's Bond Counsel, to access effectively the market for the sale of the Bonds, and such Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing the results of the sale to this Borough Council as required by law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed, consistent with the terms of the Full Notice of Sale, to retain the good faith deposit of the successful bidder and to return immediately such good faith deposits, whether by wire or check, to the unsuccessful bidders.

Section 5. The Full Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository and PARITY. The Short Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository and PARITY. The Summary Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to market the

Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository and PARITY. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the publication of the Short Notice of Sale authorized in Exhibit B in the form provided herein in The Observer or such other authorized newspaper of the Borough and any actions taken by the Clerk prior to the date of adoption of this resolution in connection with the publication of the Short Notice of Sale are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby directed to arrange for the publication of the Summary Notice of Sale authorized in Exhibit C in the form provided herein in The Bond Buyer, a financial newspaper published and circulating in the City of New York, New York, such publication to be not less than seven days prior to the date of sale.

Section 6. The Bonds shall have printed thereon a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, complete except for omission of its date.

Section 7. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds and the Official Statement to be prepared by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC and Borough officials. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the Borough by the Mayor or by the Chief Financial Officer. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the purchaser of the Bonds within the earlier of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the purchaser's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds.

Section 8. The Borough hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Code, in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

Section 9. (a) The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with the Securities Depository as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with the Securities Depository and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

(b) In the event that the Securities Depository may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Borough and if no successor securities depository is appointed, the Bonds that were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to registered Bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple in excess thereof (or any integral multiple thereof, where applicable). The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the registered Bonds. The Borough shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the registered Bonds in certificated form.

Section 10. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Borough shall provide for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

(a) On or prior to September 30 of each year, beginning September 30, 2021, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Borough consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Borough and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (i) the Borough and overlapping indebtedness, including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Borough, (ii) property valuation information and (iii) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

(b) If any of the following events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of such event sent to EMMA:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;

- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to the rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Borough;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Borough or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borough, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Borough, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Borough, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (b)(15) and (b)(16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); *provided, however*, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

(c) Notice of failure of the Borough to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.

(d) If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provisions of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.

(e) The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the Borough prior to their offering. Such Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution, provided such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.

(f) In the event that the Borough fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the Borough shall not be liable for monetary damages. The sole remedy is hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 21-100**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021 OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$6,323,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds (as defined herein) of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Borough”) authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021 in the principal amount of \$6,323,000 (the “Bonds”).

The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<b>Principal Amount of Bonds</b>	<b>Bond Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Bond Ordinance</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
\$504,000	#2047	Acquisition of equipment and a fire truck, finally adopted February 1, 2016.	9.63 years
\$1,673,000	#2048	Various capital improvements, finally adopted February 1, 2016.	9.92 years
\$322,000	#2050	Installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Oak Tree Road and Woodland Avenue, finally adopted April 18, 2016.	10 years
\$237,000	#2071	Various capital improvements, finally adopted February 6, 2017.	5.26 years
\$264,000	#2072	Various capital improvements, finally adopted March 6, 2017.	7.89 years
\$837,000	#2074	Resurfacing of various roads, finally adopted March 20, 2017.	10 years
\$431,000	#2076	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 1, 2017.	12.91 years
\$485,000	#2100	Acquisition of various equipment, finally adopted December 18, 2017.	6.38 years
\$918,000	#2103	Road improvements, finally adopted February 5, 2018.	10 years
\$55,000	#2124	Hadley Road Phase II Construction, finally adopted February 4, 2019.	10 years
\$597,000	#2125	Various capital improvements, finally adopted February 19, 2019.	5.19 years

The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 9.15 years.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.

The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded and now remain in full force



and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.

The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION: 21-101**

**AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1456.41 PERTAINING TO 1161 CLINTON TERRACE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector advises that the following taxpayers and/or their agents have overpaid their tax and have requested refunds:

**OWNER/ADDRESS**

**Block 138 Lot 19**

**Andrea Gustafson**

**1161 Clinton Terrace**

**\$1456.41**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**Andrea Gustafson**

**1161 Clinton Terrace**

**South Plainfield, N.J. 07080**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue a check(s) in the amount(s) as mentioned above.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

## RESOLUTION 2021-102

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF 2018 and 2020 TAX APPEALS FILED BY CWI OF NJ, INC. C/O ALLIED WASTE AND CWI OF NJ, INC. FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 11 HARMICH ROAD AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 255, LOT 27 ON THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TAX ASSESSMENT MAPS

**WHEREAS**, CWI of NJ, Inc. c/o Allied Waste and CWI of NJ, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Taxpayers”) are the owners of the property known as 11 Harmich Road and identified as Block 255, Lot 27 on the Borough of South Plainfield’s Tax Assessment Maps (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the assessed value of the Property was set at \$1,345,000 for the years under appeal; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayers filed appeals of their 2018 and 2020 tax assessments in the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey under docket numbers 004663-2018 and 001157-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed settlement of the aforesaid tax appeals was negotiated between Taxpayers and the Borough Tax Assessor and Borough Tax Attorney as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Appraiser, Russ Sterling, MAI, opined that the Borough was not able to defend the assessment for the tax years under appeal and recommended that the settlement be approved and therefore, this proposed settlement is reasonable and reflects the correct market values for the Property which was over assessed for the tax years under appeal; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the proposed Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto, the aforesaid tax appeals are to be resolved as follows:

- The 2018 tax appeal shall be withdrawn and the assessment shall remain unchanged.
- The 2020 original assessment in the amount of \$1,345,000 shall be reduced to \$1,300,000 and the Borough of South Plainfield shall provide Taxpayers with a corresponding tax refund for 2020.
- The parties agree that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall apply to the assessment for Tax Year 2021.
- Taxpayers agree to waive statutory interest provided that the tax refund is made payable to “CWI of NJ, Inc. and Janata, LaCap & Hazen, LLP, attorneys for plaintiffs” and forwarded to Michael Hazen, Esq. within 60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessor agrees that it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the aforesaid tax appeals pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above and in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto based on market conditions as well as the uncertainty and costs associated with continued litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid settlement is based on the specific and identifiable facts and circumstances pertaining to the Property and has no general application to other properties within the Borough of South Plainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield having reviewed and considered the pending tax appeals and the proposed settlement thereof agree and confirm it is in the best interests of the Borough of South Plainfield to resolve the tax appeals as set forth herein and in the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council make this settlement with the Taxpayers without prejudice to its dealing with any other South Plainfield taxpayer's request for tax assessment reduction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish a \$1,300,000 total tax assessment for the 2020 tax year for Block 255, Lot 27.
2. The Borough Attorney is authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield the attached Stipulation of Settlement pertaining to the tax appeals filed by "CWI of NJ, Inc. c/o Allied Waste and CWI of NJ, Inc. under Docket Nos.: 004663-2018 and 001157-2020 for the property known as 11 Harmich Road and identified as Block 255, Lot 27 on the Borough of South Plainfield Tax Assessment Maps which withdraws the 2018 Tax Court Complaint; which reduces the 2020 total tax assessment on the Property from \$1,345,000 to \$1,300,000; which provides that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall apply to the assessment for Tax Year 2021; which provides that the Taxpayers agree to waive statutory interest provided the refund is received within 60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment; and which provides that any tax refunds resulting from the settlement shall be made payable to "CWI of NJ, Inc. and Janata, LaCap & Hazen, LLP, attorneys for plaintiffs" and forwarded to Michael Hazen, Esq. within 60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment.

- This settlement shall be without prejudice to the Borough’s dealings with any other taxpayer’s request or appeal for a tax assessment reduction.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

**RESOLUTION 21-103**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
FUND BALANCE POLICY**

Borough of South Plainfield recognizes and supports the philosophy that maintenance of fiscal stability is important to the prudent operation of government. Fiscal stability is a determining factor in creditworthiness and the ability to adjust local government revenues during the budget year. A fund balance represents an available resource that can be used to meet working capital requirements, emergency expenditures and allow for a manageable transition due to systemic changes in revenues and expenditures. Sufficient levels of unreserved fund balance can assure the continued orderly operation of government and the provision of services to taxpayers and the stability of the tax structure. Maintaining the stability of sufficient levels of unreserved fund balance is important for the Borough of South Plainfield. So that the fund balance policy will be meaningful and effective, the following shall be adopted as a working guideline for fiscal policy:

- The Borough of South Plainfield may establish or maintain a target fund balance of 5% to 8% of the previous year's operating expenditures (the “Target”).
- In case of a need to drawdown of the fund balance, without the reasonable expectation of regenerating such amounts drawn down during the budget year -a plan shall be developed to restore fund balance to the Target balance within a five-year period.
- If the year-end available fund balance, based upon unaudited figures, is for any reason below the Target, then, to rebuild the fund balance toward the Target, no more than 80% of the surplus generated in the prior fiscal year shall be appropriated as revenue in the succeeding year’s budget.
- This policy will be reviewed by the Mayor and Governing Body every three years.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## **RESOLUTION 21-104**

### **AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A DEBT POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### **BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Debt Policy**

Borough of South Plainfield recognizes and supports the philosophy that maintenance of fiscal stability is important to the prudent operation of government. Fiscal stability is a determining factor in creditworthiness. A debt payment represents a percentage of the annual borough budget and maintenance and control of the level of debt would add to the borough fiscal stability and health. Manageable Debt level can assure the continued orderly operation of government and the provision of services to taxpayers and the stability of the tax structure. So that the debt policy will be meaningful and effective, the following shall be adopted as a working guideline for fiscal policy:

1. The Borough of South Plainfield recognizes the need to maintain a debt policy to prudently manage indebtedness incurred;
2. Borough of South Plainfield is the subject and will comply with all of the aspects of the N.J.S.A. 40A:2-Local Bond Law;
3. Borough will maintain net debt below 2.5% of the three-year average equalized evaluation;
4. Borough will only issue debt for the projects with useful live of 5 years or over;
5. Borough will maintain annual net debt service no greater than 15% of the current year operating expenditures
6. When issuing debt and structuring the repayment of debt, the Borough will take into consideration level or gradual debt service without “spikes” with initial funding through temporary notes to be financed permanently on a regular basis.
7. With coordination between its Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, the Borough will permanently finance or develop a pay-down debt schedule for the existing debt to ensure coordination between available resources, impact on the tax levy and prior-debt payments.
8. On advice from its Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, the Borough will issue refunding bonds, as permitted by applicable State and Federal regulations, for previously-issued debt when such refunding will produce a savings equal to at least 3% of the par value of the debt being refunded, as measured on a net present value basis.
9. The Borough of South Plainfield will comply with any Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the benefit of the holders of any of its existing publicly traded bonds, and the secondary market disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Rule 15c2-12.
10. As part of the annual budget process, the Borough should consider the capital needs of the Borough and evaluate the impact of the Capital Budget on the net debt target and future debt service. If the adoption of the Capital Budget materially impacts the net debt target, the Borough may, after deliberation, amend the DEBT POLICY.
11. This policy will be reviewed by the Mayor and Governing Body every three years or an as needed schedule.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini	X		X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President White		X	X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Recreation Commission Minutes – January 12, 2021

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott	X		X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President White			X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	0-01	57,232.01
Current Fund	1-01	567,580.96
Pool Utility	0-26	279.49
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	0-07	3,857.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	13,180.77
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	20,350.21
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,583.15
Dog Trust	T-12	4,339.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	1,190.92
Recreation Trust	T-14	625.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$670,219.31</b>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President White	X		X				
		<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY</b>							

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – thanked the Council for passing resolutions 21-99 and 21-100. We are in the process of permanently refinancing a number of the notes we have. This will enable us to take advantage of lower interest rates which will enable us to accelerate our pay down schedules on existing debt. On another note, Mr. Cullen said he is working with Administration and Finance on the 2021 budget. Mayor Anesh said it looks like the Senate will be passing the Recovery Act though we don't know what the direct aid would mean for us yet. Hopefully we will hear some good news from that.

Engineer Miller – advised that we have two projects out to bid, one for parking lot improvements at the Pal and the Pool and road improvements to Cady Lane and the other for park improvements. The bid opening is scheduled for next week and we hope to award these at the next meeting.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that we will be having an outdoor rabies clinic on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12 noon at the DPW garage. Pet licenses will also be processed that day as well.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked Len Miller, Mr. Bucco and Paul Rizzo for their assistance with tonight's stormwater ordinance. Councilman Smith congratulated all women on their successes with Women's History Month.

Councilman Bengivenga – reported that we are eagerly waiting for the Senate vote to see what relief municipalities can count on for their budgets this year. We look forward to working on this year's budget.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilwoman Faustini – the Senior Center is having its first Reiki class and will also have a Pilates class. The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for Speed & Agility, Pop-Up Phys Ed Fun, Multi-Sports, and Ponytail Softball. Community Pool sign-ups are also ready. This month the Cultural Arts Commission is highlighting Irish and Greek Heritage. They are asking members of the community to share with them their artwork and such. Councilwoman Faustini concluded by wishing all those who went back to school today lots of health and happiness.

Council President White – echoed Councilman Smith's comments regarding Women's History Month and then went on to say he attended the virtual Black History Trivia which was a lot of fun sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission and the South Plainfield Black Alliance.

Mayor Anesh – said he hopes everyone will be able to get their covid vaccination soon. More categories of eligibility for the vaccination will soon be available. The seven-day average is around 10 cases per day. The virus is just as strong as a year ago and this isn't the time to let your guard down. Mayor Anesh reminded everyone to continue to maintain social distance, wear a face covering, use hand sanitizer often, and avoid touching your face, mouth and nose. On another note, it is good to see the melting of all the snow we had.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment reiterating the aforementioned remote directions for making remote public comment.

Without any comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor at 7:34 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Council President White made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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