

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2022 7:05 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING**

***Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was also 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 hybrid 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 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		

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

Mayor Anesh again reviewed some basic rules for conducting the hybrid 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 also awaited virtual hand raises; he then unmuted all microphones. With no comments from the public in-person and virtual, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- January 24, 2022 – Agenda Meeting
- January 24, 2022 - Public Meeting
- January 24, 2022 – Executive Session

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

Proclamation – Black History Month - Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and presented to those in the audience who wished to come forward. Mr. Calvin Gross and Ms. Cheryl Nagel-Smiley said a few words in honor of Black History Month. Council President Faustini advised that the Library this month will hold special programs in this regard as well as the Cultural Arts Committee.

Proclamation – American Heart Month - Mayor Anesh read the proclamation in full and invited anyone forward who wished to be recognized for this proclamation.

The below ordinance 2221 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment and with no comments made, closed the floor. The Council made no comments.

**ORDINANCE 2221
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION
OF LOT 5, BLOCK 452 BY DONATION.**

WHEREAS, Mark and Dana Ettere are the owners of property known as Block 452, Lot 5, said property being situated on Union Street which is shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of South Plainfield currently in use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is owner of adjoining Lot 4 in said Block; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Dana Ettere have offered to donate Lot 5, Block 452 to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough has given an opinion that Lot 5, Block 452 has a fair market value of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed that it is in the public’s best interests that said donation be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough of South Plainfield accept the donation of Lot 5, Block 452 from Mark and Dana Ettere, and the Borough Attorney is authorized to prepare any and all documents necessary to accept such title, and to obtain insurance of title; and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept such donation; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Borough Attorney or Borough Clerk are authorized to provide a letter to Mark and Dana Ettere advising that the donation will be accepted, and that the property being donated has a fair market value of \$100,000.00.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

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

The below ordinance 2222 was and read by title by Clerk Antonides on the first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for February 22, 2022 at approximately 7 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2222
A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE “CAPITAL REPAIRS OF THE TURF FIELD AT THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMPLEX” FUNDED BY AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AT A COST OF \$32,121.00, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned assets be funded by General Capital Fund Surplus and the South Plainfield Board of Education as follows:

Capital Surplus	\$16,060.50
South Plainfield BOE	\$16,060.50
Totals	<u>\$32,121.00</u>

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as Capital Improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$32,121.00.
- B. That the cost for the Turf improvements shall be paid by the Borough's Capital Surplus \$16,060.50 and \$16,060.50 from the South Plainfield Board of Education.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 22-62
ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF JEAN SHERWOOD
FROM THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

It hereby accepts the retirement of Jean Sherwood from the Construction Department effective July 1, 2022;

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

- 1. Glenn Cullen, Administrator/CFO
- 2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
- 3. Jean Sherwood, Construction Department
- 4. Dominic Demico, Construction Official
- 5. Anne Daley, Benefits
- 6. Carmela Miller, Payroll
- 7. John Abbruzzese, IT

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

RESOLUTION: 22-63

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.00 PERTAINING TO 158 ELLIOTT PLACE 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 407 Lot 45
Colleen & Joseph Kaczka
\$800.00**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**Colleen & Joseph Kaczka
P.O. Box 456
Seaside Park, N.J. 08752**

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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-64

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT THAT IS DEEMED TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFUL LIFE, IS PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, OR 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/or that holds no monetary value:

Inventory Tag Numbers:

- #2349 – OptiPlex
- #2501 – OptiPlex

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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-65

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS POSTED BY
MAX STEINMETZ FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TO BLOCK 147, LOT 14.02
AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BONDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,224.00**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is in possession of a Performance Bond from Max Steinmetz for public improvements located at 1560 Dumont Ave., known as Block 147, Lot 14.02; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,224.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has given approval of the form and content of the aforementioned Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to accept the aforementioned Maintenance Bond and release the Performance Bond held for the Public Improvements located at the aforementioned Block(s) and Lot(s).

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

RESOLUTION: 22-66

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN PERTAINING TO 176 GARDEN DRIVE IN SOUTH PLAINFIELD

WHEREAS, property known as Lot 13 in Township Block 173 more commonly known as 176 Garden Drive in South Plainfield, NJ is owned by **Shane & Kaitlyn McCoid**; and

WHEREAS, **Shane McCoid**, who had qualified as a one hundred percent **Disabled Veteran** under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, causing his property to be exempt from taxation at the local level commencing on **December 20, 2021** as verified by the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Bills for the four quarters of Calendar Year 2022 were generated from the 2021 Assessor’s Tax Lists, as required under regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in The Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-64, thus presenting this property owner with tax bills for 2022, while the property is correctly classified as being Tax Exempt for the same period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2022 in the amount of **\$3,522.68**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to cancel monies levied for the 3rd & 4th quarter of 2022, and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2023 once the preliminary bills are determined.

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

RESOLUTION 22-67

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO UTILIZE THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COOPERATIVE FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF ROCK SALT THROUGH MORTON SALT, INC. AND RIVERSIDE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey to utilize the Middlesex County cooperative for the purchase of rock salt through Morton Salt Inc., and Riverside Construction Materials, Inc. under Contract #B-21-560 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 22-68
AUTHORIZING 2021 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$21,000.00 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.

CURRENT FUND				
FROM:				AMOUNT
1-01-20-100-000-101	Administration		S&W	2,000.00
1-01-20-110-000-101	Executive		S&W	2,000.00
1-01-20-140-000-204	Computer		O&E	2,500.00
1-01-22-195-001-102	Code Enforcement		S&W	2,000.00
1-01-26-290-002-101	Road Repairs		S&W	2,000.00
1-01-26-290-003-102	Snow		S&W	1,000.00
1-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging		S&W	2,000.00
1-01-28-370-003-235	Cultural Arts		O&E	2,000.00
1-01-36-472-000-675	SSI		Statutory	2,000.00
1-01-32-465-001-545	Landfill		O&E	3,500.00
Total FROM:				21,000.00
TO:				AMOUNT
1-01-20-120-000-405	Clerk		O&E	1,500.00
1-01-23-210-000-651	Other Insurance		O&E	3,000.00
1-01-23-220-000-625	Health Benefits		O&E	3,000.00
1-01-26-290-002-435	Road Repairs		O&E	6,000.00
1-01-26-310-000-401	Vehicle Maintenance		O&E	5,000.00
1-01-30-410-001-685	LOSAP		O&E	1,500.00
1-01-43-490-000-101	Court		S&W	1,000.00
Total TO:				21,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 22-69

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL JUDGMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,107.81 PERTAINING TO 1000 CORPORATE COURT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

WHEREAS, the following list of taxpayers have filed appeals with the Tax Court of New Jersey and have received judgments reducing their assessments:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following appeals be refunded.

<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>		<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HSP Center, LP by Regal Cinema, Inc 1000 Corporate Court South Plainfield, NJ 07080	528	47.09	2020	\$19,107.81	

Make check payable to:

Peter Davidson, Esq
and HSP Center, LP by Regal Cinema, Inc

Mail to:

The Davidson Legal Group, LLC
154 South Livingston Avenue
Suite 207
Livingston, NJ 07039

Total **\$19,107.81 ***

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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White		X	X				
Councilman Wolak	X		X				
Council President Faustini			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 22-70

AUTHORIZING A 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$1,550,000.00 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 2022 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
2-01-23-210-000-661	Other Insurance	O&E	200,000
2-01-23-220-000-601	Health Insurance	O&E	725,000
2-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guards	O&E	50,000
2-01-26-290-003-102	Snow	S&W	50,000
2-01-26-290-003-321	Snow	O&E	75,000
2-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O&E	125,000
2-01-29-390-000-235	Library	O&E	150,000
2-01-31-440-001-541	Telephone	O&E	50,000
2-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	100,000
2-01-44-901-000-235	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital	25,000
Total CURRENT FUND			1,550,000

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

**RESOLUTION 22-71
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF SPORT CARE FOR REPAIRS
TO THE TURF FIELD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,121.00,
CONTINGENT ON EXECUTION OF INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT
WITH THE SPBOE FOR HALF THE COST THEREOF**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Sport Care for repairs to the turf field, in an amount not to exceed \$32,121.00, contingent on the execution with an inter-local agreement with the South Plainfield Board of Education for half the cost of these capital improvements; 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

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

RESOLUTION 22-72

AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(DD) FOR 2022 PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE TO HOST THE BOROUGH'S CLOUD SERVICES THROUGH EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes a sole source provider contract purchase pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) for 2022 proprietary software to host the Borough's Cloud services through Edmunds & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Board of Health Monthly Report – January 2022
- Environmental Commission Minutes – December 8, 2021

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

January 12, 2022:

Current Fund	1-01	218,453.60
Current Fund	2-01	276,818.26
Pool Utility	1-26	1,200.00
Pool Utility	2-26	239.94
Sewer Utility	1-07	61,151.96
Sewer Utility	2-07	4,408.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	15,379.50
Pool Capital	C-27	38.52
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,130.00
Dog Trust	T-12	6.60
Treasurers Trust	T-13	11,756.07
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,011.50
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$593,593.95

February 7, 2022:

Current Fund	1-01	128,534.10
Current Fund	2-01	369,973.63
Pool Utility	1-26	0.00
Pool Utility	2-26	1,200.00
Sewer Utility	1-07	23,213.91
Sewer Utility	2-07	4,594.48
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	0.00
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	4,980.92
Dog Trust	T-12	475.80
Treasurers Trust	T-13	2,985.08
Recreation Trust	T-14	1,600.00
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$537,557.92

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – acknowledged resolution 22-62 this evening which accepts the retirement of Jean Sherwood and went on to wish her well. Mr. Cullen thanked Mr. Miller and his crew for the exceptional job they did on the recent storms. No complaints were received. Mr. Cullen reported that we are in the midst of our budget process right now for 2022 and we are still leaning what will be permissible and not permissible with the American Relief Act funding.

Engineer Miller – reported that all road projects are temporarily on hold due to the weather and we hope to start them back up again soon.

Clerk Antonides – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – congratulated Jean Sherwood on her retirement saying she’s done a great job and we wish her well.

Councilwoman Mott – thanked Mr. Miller and his department for the fine job they did with the recent snow removal.

Councilman Wolak – reported progress.

Councilman Bengivenga – Expressed his sentiments and appreciation for having worked with Jean Sherwood since his time began on Council saying how much she has helped guide him as a new councilmember in the beginning days and then went on to wish her well with her retirement.

Council President Faustini – advised that the system is up and ready to accept pool registrations for this pool season. Buddy Ball sign-ups are also underway as well as the Multi-Sport sign-ups. Council President Faustini gave a special word of thanks to the South Plainfield Board of Education for their support to work with us on the repairs to the turf field.

Councilman White – reported progress.

Mayor Anesh – Mayor Anesh echoed Councilman Bengivenga’s comments regarding the retirement of Jean Sherwood adding that he has had the honor of serving as the officiant for her daughters’ marriage. She will be missed. On another note, South Plainfield’s new daily covid total is 134, with a grand total to date of 5,454 cases. The County’s new daily total was 452, with a grand total to date of 175,357 cases. South Plainfield has 79 cumulative deaths, and the County has 2,476 cumulative deaths.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Debbie Boyle of Van Fleet thanked all our African American brothers and sisters who have been a big part of our history. Ms. Boyle congratulated Jean Sherwood on her retirement saying she’s always been very helpful. Ms. Boyle thanked Mr. Miller and the DPW for all their help with the recent ice and snowstorms. Ms. Boyle concluded by saying that we take pride in keeping our adopt-a-spots in town clean. If someone is not keeping it clean what is done? Ms. Boyle suggested that photographs should be taken, and a letter sent to them in this regard. Councilman Smith said the matter is being looked into.

Mr. Roberto Sayers congratulated Jean Sherwood on her retirement saying that she has always been very pleasant and professional. Mr. Sayers congratulated Mr. Miller for the DPW’s work on the ice and snowstorms having no issues or complaints.

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Without further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from the public and advised that we will be going into Closed Session at this time, 7:32 p.m., and everyone is welcome to stay if they choose.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman White made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bengivenga and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk