

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2023 7:14 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 7:14 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
Councilwoman Faustini	X		
Councilwoman Mott	X		
Councilman Smith	X		
Councilman White	X		
Councilman Wolak	X		
Council President Bengivenga	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 Wolak said 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:

- March 20, 2023 – Agenda Meeting
- March 20, 2023 - Public Meeting
- March 20, 2023 – Executive Session

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

Presentation – Public Celebration Committee to present winners of the 2023 Labor Day Parade Theme – Mayor Anesh called members of the Public Celebration Committee forward. Mr. Scott Miller advised what a hard decision it was to pick the winners as all the essays were very well done. Mr. Miller named the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners and presented them with a Target gift card. The winning essay which will be the theme for this year’s Labor Day Parade will be “Marching Through the Decades”. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family and media present.

Proclamation – Public Telecommunicator Safety Week
Autism Awareness Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Library Week

Mayor Anesh read each proclamation in full and asked those who were present pertaining to each related proclamation to come forward. Everyone extended a round of applause and photographs were taken by family and media present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2262 was withdrawn by the Mayor and Council due to typographical flaws found after the original introduction. This ordinance will be reintroduced as Ordinance number 2263.

Councilman White made a motion to withdraw Ordinance 2262, seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried by an all in favor.

The following ordinance #2264 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for April 17, 2023 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCE 2264
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 17 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled Boards, Committees and Commissions, provides in Article I for the establishment of an Environmental Commission setting forth its purpose, composition and powers; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey statute, N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1, et seq., sets forth the authority and parameters for the establishment of a municipal Environmental Commission and provides that after the terms of office of the first Commissioners are staggered, their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years or until the appointment and qualification of their successors; and

WHEREAS, issues have arisen concerning the composition of the Environmental Commission and as Chapter 17, Article I does not set forth the statutory provision for the terms of members, it has been determined to incorporate the statutory language into the Borough’s Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 17, Boards, Committees and Commissions, Article I, Environmental Commission, be amended as follows:

At the conclusion of the current Section 17-2, Membership; Appointment; Vacancy; Compensation add the following: Members shall be appointed for terms of three years each and shall serve until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith	X		X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak		X	X				
Council President Bengivenga			X				
		VOTE:	6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 23-125

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,543.63 PERTAINING TO BLOCK 57, LOT 10.02

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

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

OWNER/ADDRESS

Block 57, Lot 10.02
 Gerard & Cynthia Green
 254 Sprague Avenue
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$1,543.63

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Gerard & Cynthia Green
 254 Sprague Avenue
 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 in the amount of **\$1,543.63** as mentioned above.

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

RESOLUTION 23-126

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2023 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS the Police Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey wishes to apply for a 2023 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program (Grant 23-1222); and

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield has reviewed the application and has approved said request for a total grant of \$32,400.00 under subaward number 23-1222, for the subaward period of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 to provide for additional law enforcement personnel to address crime in a focused community-oriented manner; and

WHEREAS the total project cost of \$32,400.00 includes the state amount of \$32,400.00 and the in-kind match of fringe benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that:

1. The Borough of South Plainfield Police Department is approved to participate in the 2023 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program.
2. The Borough of South Plainfield accepts the grant funding in the amount of \$32,400.00 for the Police Department's additional law enforcement project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program administered by N.J. Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General
3. The Mayor and Administrator of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant documents required for the aforementioned participation.

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

VOTE SHEET:

RESOLUTION 23-127

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$630,082.00 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A TURF FIELD

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

**RESOLUTION 23-128
AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENT
OF HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES AS THE BOROUGH'S
SPECIAL PROJECT PLANNER**

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield is in need of retaining a special project professional planner to review land use matters, particularly that pertain to redevelopment, affordable housing and condemnation for the year 2023 for the Borough, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contracts as “Professional Services” without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield as follows:

- The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with **Heyer, Gruel & Associates, PA** located at 236 Broad Street, Red Bank NJ 07701 to provide special project planner services, for calendar year 2023 at the fees established in the company’s 2023 proposal submission from \$175.00/hr. - \$110.00/hr. and/or a variable fees schedule depending on the assignment at hand and no additional per day charge for a vehicle and the cost be part of the total engineering cost and shall not exceed \$250,000.00. No additional fee for a per day vehicle
- This contract is being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.
- A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Observer as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-129
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AUTHORIZING
THE BOROUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENTS WITH ALLERGAN, TEVA, CVS, WALGREENS AND
WALMART TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE
COUNTRY’S OPIOID CRISIS.

WHEREAS, the Borough had previously elected to be a party in a class action lawsuit filed by State, local and tribal governments, hospitals, individuals and insurers seeking damages against opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers in In re: National Opiate Litigation, Case No. 17-MD-02804, MDL No. 2804, in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has previously participated in settlements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country’s opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been advised that there are five new proposed national opioid settlements with Allergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in settlements with said entities, the Borough must complete and submit settlement participation forms for each such settlement in the forms attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough and its residents to participate and join in the Settlement Agreements in order to hold these companies financially accountable for the ongoing opioid crisis and to implement the necessary changes to prevent such a crisis from happening again in the near future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Borough Administrator is authorized to complete and sign the Settlement Participation Forms in order to join the Settlement Agreements with Allergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon effectuation of the Settlement Agreement, the Borough of South Plainfield agrees to dismiss its claims against the settling parties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Borough shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Attorney General of New Jersey.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-130
MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN APPLICION TO THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE
REMEDICATION FUND

Resolution supporting potential brownfield remediation
at the Veteran’s Memorial Park,
Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, the Governing Body has authorized the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary assessment and investigation to determine whether a portion of (*Veteran’s Memorial Park*) including (Block 260, Lot 15.02), at Church St and Kaine Ave, NJ 07080 (the “Property”) is an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A.40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that there has been, or it suspects that there has been, a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield, is applying from the Hazardous Discharge Site Fund for funding for the investigation and cleanup of (*Veteran’s Memorial Park*) in order to determine the extent of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste;

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

- 1- That the Borough of South Plainfield is committed to the redevelopment of Veteran’s Memorial Park for the purpose of development and finds that a realistic opportunity exists for the redevelopment of Veteran’s Memorial Park within a three-year period after the completion of the remediation of this site either through the planned redevelopment project or through alternate redevelopment.
- 2- That the governing body does hereby approve and authorize the execution of the attached Hazardous Discharge Site Fund Application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- 3- That the Mayor or Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized to execute said Hazardous Discharge Site Fund Application on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-131
AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS DONE AT
SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR RESIDENCE LOCATED AT
101 MORRIS AVENUE TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,457.61 WHICH REPRESENT
VARIOUS BUILDING PROJECT RELATED REPAIRS**

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

It hereby authorizes the release of funds for improvements done at the South Plainfield Senior Residence located at 101 Morris Avenue in South Plainfield to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ located at 3 Manhattan Drive in Burlington, NJ 08016 in the amount of \$75,457.61 which represent various building project related repairs; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 23-132
AUTHORIZING STILO EXCAVATION INC. FOR THE CLEANING AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE BOX CULVERT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,497.19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes Stilo Excavation Inc. for the cleaning and debris removal for the Franklin Avenue box culvert in an amount not to exceed \$32,497.19.

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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		x	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga	x		X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-133
AUTHORIZING A 2023 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$849,305.00
IN THE CURRENT FUND, \$1,000,000.00 IN THE SEWER UTILITY
AND \$10,00.00 IN THE POOL UTILITY

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 2023 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
3-01-20-145-000-101	Tax Collection	S&W	15,000.00
3-01-20-145-000-403	Tax Collection	O&E	3,000.00
3-01-20-150-000-101	Assessing	S&W	25,000.00
3-01-22-195-001-101	Code Enforcement	S&W	35,000.00
3-01-23-220-000-621	Health Benefits	O&E	100,000.00
3-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	350,000.00
3-01-25-250-000-101	911	S&W	50,000.00
3-01-25-265-001-475	Fire Department	O&E	20,000.00
3-01-25-265-002-101	Fire Official	S&W	20,000.00
3-01-26-290-001-325	DPW Administration	O&E	3,000.00
3-01-26-290-002-445	Road Repairs & Maintenance	O&E	40,000.00
3-01-26-305-003-235	Recycling	O&E	75,000.00
3-01-27-330-001-235	Board of Health	O&E	15,000.00
3-01-27-335-001-101	Environmental Commission	S&W	5,000.00
3-01-28-370-001-101	Recreation	S&W	15,000.00
3-01-28-370-001-415	Recreation	O&E	5,000.00
3-01-28-370-002-101	Office on Aging	S&W	15,000.00
3-01-41-701-000-301	Drunk Driving Enforcement	O&E	19,305.00
3-01-28-370-002-204	Office on Aging	O&E	1,000.00
3-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	5,000.00
3-01-43-490-000-101	Court	S&W	15,000.00
3-01-38-481-000-225	Tax Appeals	O&E	13,000.00
3-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	5,000.00
Total CURRENT FUND			849,305.00
SEWER UTILITY			AMOUNT
3-07-55-515-001-585	Sewer O&E	O&E	1,000,000.00
Total SEWER UTILITY			1,000,000.00
POOL UTILITY			AMOUNT
3-26-55-520-000-101	Pool Salaries	S&W	7,000.00
3-26-55-520-000-255	Pool O&E	O&E	3,000.00
Total POOL UTILITY			10,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 23-134
AUTHORIZING A \$25,000.00 SEWER CONNECTION FEE WAIVER PERTAINING
TO THE RILEY SCHOOL ANNEX PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the waiver of a \$25,000.00 sewer connection fee waiver pertaining to the Riley School Annex project.

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
4. Dominic Demico, Construction Official
5. Dr. Noreen Lishak, School Superintendent

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

RESOLUTION 23-135

AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,672.00 AND ADDITIONAL MONTHLY MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,855.00 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the sole source provider services of Tactical Public Safety, and a NJ state contract vendor (17-FLEET-00723), in the amount of \$18,672.00 and additional monthly maintenance services in the amount of \$1,855.00 for the Police Department; 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. Captain Papa, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 23-136

AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER SERVICES OF DRAGER, INC. FOR AN ALCOTEST 9510 BREATH TEST SYSTEM AND EXTENDED SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,305.00 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the sole source provider services of Drager, Inc for an Alcotest 9510 Breath Test System and extended service agreement in accordance with Treasury Contract T-3031 in the amount of \$19,305.00 for the Police Department of which will be paid for by the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant Funds; 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. Captain Papa, Police Department

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

RESOLUTION 23-137

AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF S&R POOL & SPA INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF POOL CHEMICALS INCLUDING SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of S&R Pool & Spa Inc. for the purchase of pool chemicals including sodium hypochlorite in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; 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. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director

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

RESOLUTION 23-138

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO ACCEPT LATE FEES FOR LEGENDS CAMP AND PRIVATE SWIM LESSON RATES FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINIFELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

IT HEREBY authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to accept Legend Camp late pick-up fees in the amount of \$15.00 per day for those that have not signed up in advance for the Late Pick-Up program and arrive after 4:30pm; additionally, \$1.00/per minute for late pick-up after 6:00 PM; and

IT HEREBY authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to accept fees for Private Swim lessons for teens, adults, and those with Special Needs at the rate of \$25.00 for Community Pool Members and \$40.00 for non-member, residents per 30-minute lesson; and

IT HEREBY authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield Community Pool to operate a snack stand and sell miscellaneous items and merchandise from \$1 up to \$75.00; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll

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

RESOLUTION 23-139

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO ACCEPT RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING FEES REPLACING RESOLUTION 22-169

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINIFELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

IT HEREBY authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to accept Red Cross Lifeguard training fees in the amount of \$50.00 per lifeguard recertification and \$150.00 for new lifeguard certification; and

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

1. Glenn Cullen, Borough Administrator/CFO
2. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
3. Elizabeth Yarus, Recreation Director
4. Carmela Miller, Payroll

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

RESOLUTION 23-140

**AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT EDISON DOOR FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE DPW GARAGE DOOR
IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,915.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Independent Edison Door for the emergency repair of the DPW garage door in an amount not to exceed \$6,915.00; 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 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott		x	X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White			X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Bengivenga	x		X				
			6	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 23-141

AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLE FROM GENTILINI MOTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,955.25 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the NJ State Contract purchase (21-FLEET-01485) of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe special vehicle from Gentilini Motors in the amount of \$53,955.25 for the Police Department; 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. Captain Papa, Police Department

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

**RESOLUTION 23-142
AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES
FOR THE RILEY SCHOOL ANEX PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the South Plainfield Board of Education is considering constructing the Riley School Anex; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of both the Borough and the Board of Education recently met to determine the appropriate permit fees to be charged by the Borough to the Board for the Riley School Anex Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that discussion, the Borough has determined that they will waive the permit fees for the project, including, but not limited to, all Borough permit fees and costs of inspection and issuance of the permit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the permit fees for the Riley School Anex Project will hereby be waived, inclusive of all costs and fees for same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both the Board of Education and Borough adopt this resolution to memorialize the intent of the parties.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	3-01	666,882.94
Current Fund	2-01	3,767.80
Pool Utility	3-26	95.00
Pool Utility	2-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	3-07	599.63
Sewer Utility	2-07	1,520.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	0.00
General Capital	C-04	20,287.57
Pool Capital	C-27	0.00
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	77.40
Dog Trust	T-12	0.00
Treasurers Trust	T-13	4,214.64
Recreation Trust	T-14	5,086.45
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
	T-11	377.45
Total All Funds:		\$702,908.88

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – reported that pertaining to resolution 23-127 we will be possibly presenting a bond ordinance on the next council agenda for the new turf field project which will be offset by grant funding. So far for the Legends Camp we have around 90 campers signed-up. To conclude the box culvert resolution this evening reflects an emergency repair that was needed and, on another note, we will be out to bid for the Putnam Park Improvements soon.

Engineer Miller – advised that two capita projects are nearly ready to go out to bid. One pertains to Spicer Avenue and the other is for Norwood Avenue which we received NJDOT grant funding for.

Clerk Antonides – reminded everyone that a notice regarding the annual financial disclosure statement filing will be sent to everyone in the coming days. They will be due on or before April 30th.

Councilman Smith – thanked Mr. Miller pertaining to resolution 23-132 for his help in repairing this issue. Councilman Smith went on to thank Chief Parker and his department for keeping us all safe.

Councilman Wolak – wished everyone a very Happy Easter.

Councilwoman Mott – advised that the recycling center is really cracking down in the requirement for decals when going to the yard waste site. Please obtain new decals for 2023 from either the Clerks office or the DPW.

Council President Bengivenga – wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover and went on to wish the Ponytail Softball and Baseball teams on their season this year. Council President Bengivenga wished Councilman White a happy birthday scheduled for later this week.

Councilwoman Faustini – reminded everyone that the early bird sign-ups for the pool is still available until May 1st. Summer camp sign-ups are underway and summer park information is posed on the recreation website. 98 campers are signed-up so far for Legends Camp, which so far exceeds our expectations. Councilwoman Faustini thanked everyone who helped out with the Bunny Hop event this past weekend. It takes a village, and all their help was greatly appreciated. It was a wonderful day for all the kids.

Councilman White – reported that Diamond Braces is now open and it’s so nice to have a new place in town like this that performs these types of services and concluded by wishing everyone a happy Easter.

Mayor Anesh – reported progress.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Mr. Scott Miller of 19 Babes Drive congratulated the South Plainfield High School students on the performance of the “Wedding Singer” play.

Without no further comment from the public, Mayor Anesh closed the floor from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment and no more action necessary for this evening Mayor Anesh called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk