

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2024 7:02 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 7:02 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. Mayor Anesh stated that pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws, “the presiding officer shall limit such discussion to not more than a three-minute duration.”

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	
Chief Papa	Capt. Koppe	X	

Flag Salute: was led by Mayor Anesh and Councilwoman Mott said the invocation.

Mayor Anesh 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 126 663 1990 #. Using the pound button will mute and unmute the voice feature for any phone callers.

Public Comment: Mayor Anesh announced that the format for the 2024 agenda has been slightly changed, noting that this will be the only public comment section on the agenda, and you can speak to any matter or those on the agenda. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Anesh also awaited virtual hand raises and unmuted all microphones.

Debbie Boyle expressed her support for Ordinance 2306 pertaining to the Green Team saying how important it is for the Environmental Committee.

With no further comments from the public in-person and virtual, Mayor Anesh closed the floor.

Authorizing the Approval of Council Minutes:

- May 6, 2024 – Agenda Meeting
- May 6, 2024 - Public Meeting
- May 6, 2024 – Executive Session

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	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

Proclamations:

National Poppy Day- May 24, 2024 – Mayor Anesh read all the proclamation in full and called up the American Legion members and Ladies Auxiliary to accept the proclamation. Everyone extended a round of applause and photos were taken by media present.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance #2306 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE 2306
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY
OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 17
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH REGARDING
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 17 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled Boards, Commissions and Committees be amended as follows:

Amend Section 17-2(c) to substitute “may” for “shall” in the first sentence of said Subsection;

Add Section 17-7, Green Team; Members.

The Environmental Advisory Committee shall establish a Green Team and appoint members to develop plans, implement programs, and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a community sustainability program.

A. The Green Team shall consist of the Mayor or his designee; the Borough Administrator; a Council liaison; a school board member appointed by the Board of Education; and up to two members of the Environmental Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Chairperson.

B. The Chairperson may appoint with the advice and consent of the Committee advisory members which may include, but is not limited to a Zoning Board or Planning Board member; a local business member; a Recreation Commission member; the Public Works Director or his designee; a youth representative; and up to two concerned citizens.

C. The term of appointment for each Green Team member shall be for one year.

D. The general purposes for the Green Team shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

1. Management of South Plainfield participation in the Sustainable Jersey Program;

2. Encouraging the Borough administration to pursue sustainable practices where possible and implement the environmental goals of the Mayor and Council;

3. At the recommendation of the Mayor and Council, work with existing groups within the Borough whose actions affect environmental issues so as to eliminate duplication and insure that important tasks are completed;

4. Provide suggestions to the Mayor and Council for further research and action in pursuit of the goals and functions of the Green Team;

5. Provide advice and suggestions to the Planning Board and Zoning Board to assure that environmental issues are considered in the deliberations and actions if requested by the Mayor and Council;

6. Upon obtaining approval of the Mayor and Council, solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community; and

7. Upon obtaining approval of the Mayor and Council, promote the causes of sustainability within the Borough.

D. The Green Team shall meet at a designated time and place scheduled by the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Board or their designee at their discretion.

Renumber all sections as necessitated by the addition of Section 17-7.

Revise current Section 17-27, Establishment, Membership and Terms; Compensation as follows:

17-28

A. There is hereby established a Human Relations Committee for the Borough of South Plainfield that shall consist of up to nine members, including up to six advisory members. The membership of the committee shall include a member from Borough agencies as follows:

1. One member of the South Plainfield Board of Education to be designated by the President of the Board of Education;

2. One member of the Council of the Borough of South Plainfield who shall act as a liaison to be designated by the Mayor;

3. One member of the South Plainfield Police Department to be designated by the Chief of Police;
and

4. Advisory members who must be 18 years of age and residents of South Plainfield. They shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council. Each member shall serve for a term of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successor, except that the initial term of the advisory member shall be as follows: up to two advisory members for a term of three years; up to two advisory members for a term of two years; and up to two advisory members for a term of one year. The initial appointment of advisory members shall be done at the annual reorganizational meeting of the Mayor and Council next following the adoption of this Ordinance.

Retitle Article XI to be titled Cultural Arts Committee and reference the Cultural Arts Committee in all sections of this Article which currently reference Cultural Arts Commission; and

Delete the last sentence of 17-53(A), which current reads "In the event of a tie vote, the Council liaison shall act as a tie breaking vote".

Add to Section 17-53(E) at the end of said section "In the event of a tie vote, the Council liaison shall act as the tie breaking vote".

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	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2307 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

**ORDINANCE # 2307
CALENDAR YEAR 2024
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$1,027,018.20 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$1,027,018.20, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2308 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2308

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING “IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RECYCLING CENTER” AT A COST OF \$22,500.00, 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 the following sources:

Middlesex Cty Recycling Grant	\$10,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	12,500.00
 Totals	 <u>\$22,500.00</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 \$22,500.00. Improvements shall include, but not be limited to, shed, dumpsters and other capital equipment.
- B. That the cost for the improvements shall be paid from a Middlesex County Recycling Enhancement Grant \$10,000 and \$12,500.00 from the Capital Improvements Fund.
- 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
Councilwoman Faustini			X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith		X	X				
Councilman White						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
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Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2309 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2309

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE 2147 THAT PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2028 FOR NON-UNION AND COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Ordinance #2309 was read by title upon first reading herewith has been introduced at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on May 6, 2024. In summary, this ordinance replaces Ordinance 2147 that provides for the compensation of employees of the Borough of South Plainfield and the method of payment of such compensation for the years 2024 through 2028 for non-union and committee secretaries. The public hearing where further consideration will be made will be held on May 20, 2024, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ. A full complete copy of this ordinance shall be provided, free of charge prior to adoption, to all those who request said copy at the Borough Clerk’s office during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or emailed upon request. A copy is also located on the municipal website and may be freely viewed and printed.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2310 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a second reading. Mayor Anesh opened the floor for public hearing and with no comments from the public, closed the floor.

ORDINANCE 2310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 399 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED STORMWATER CONTROL

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) previously adopted rules as of March 2, 2020 with regard to stormwater management setting forth minimum standards and expectations for such management, and as a result thereof, the Borough adopted Ordinance No. 2195 on March 15, 2021 to incorporate such rules; and

WHEREAS, the DEP further amended its rules regarding stormwater management as of July 17, 2023 which again set forth minimum standards and expectations for such management;

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 399 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield be amended as follows:

Section 399-1(C) - Add the following subsections:

3. An application required by ordinance pursuant to C.1 above that has been submitted prior to June 3, 2024 shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect on June 2, 2024.

4. An application required by ordinance for approval pursuant to C.1.(b) above that has been submitted on or after March 2, 2021, but prior to June 3, 2024 shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect on June 2, 2024.

5. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, a major development for any public roadway or railroad project conducted by a public transportation entity that has determined a preferred alternative or reached an equivalent milestone before July 17, 2023 shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect prior to July 17, 2023.

Section 399-2 - Add the following definitions:

Public Roadway or Railroad - means a pathway for use by motor vehicles or trains that is intended for public use and is constructed by, or on behalf of, a public transportation entity. A public roadway or railroad does not include a roadway or railroad constructed as part of a private development, regardless of whether the roadway or railroad is ultimately to be dedicated to and/or maintained by a governmental entity.

Public Transportation Entity - means a federal, state, county, or municipal government, an independent state authority or a statutorily authorized public-private partnership program pursuant to P.L. 2018, c. 90 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-52, et seq.), that performs a public roadway or railroad project that includes new construction, expansion, reconstruction, or improvement of a public roadway or railway.

Amend Section 399-4 as follows:

E - Delete the link at the end of this Section and replace with:

<https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/dmp-manual/>

Delete Section P(2)(b) and replace as follows:

P(2)(b) - Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the increase of stormwater runoff volume from pre-construction to post-construction for the projected 2-year storm, as defined and determined pursuant to Section 399-5(D) is infiltrated.

Delete P(4)(a) and replace with the following:

P(4)(a) - Stormwater from areas of high pollutant loading. High pollutant loading areas are areas in industrial and commercial developments where solvents and/or petroleum products are loaded/unloaded, stored or applied, areas where pesticides are loaded/unloaded or stored; areas where hazardous materials are expected to be present in greater than "reportable quantities" as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 CFR 302.4; areas where recharge would be inconsistent with Department approved remediation work plan approved pursuant to the Administrator Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:26C, or Department landfill closure plan and areas; and areas with high risks for spills of toxic materials such as gas stations and vehicle maintenance facilities; and

Delete Section 399-4(R)(2)(a), (b) and (c) and replace as follows:

399-4(R)(2)(a) - Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for stormwater leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the current and projected two-, ten-, and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in Section 399-5(C) and (B), respectively, of this Ordinance do not exceed at any point in time the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events;

399-4(R)(2)(b) - Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that there is no increase as compared to the preconstruction condition, and the peak rates of stormwater leaving the site for current and projected two-, ten- and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined pursuant to Section 399-5(C) and (D), respectively, of this Ordinance, and that the increased volume or change in timing of stormwater runoff will not increase flood at or downstream of the site. This analysis shall include the analysis of impacts of existing land uses and projected land uses assuming full development under existing zoning and land use ordinances in the drainage areas;

399-4(R)(2)(c) - Design stormwater management measures so that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the current and projected two-, ten- and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in Section 399-5(C) and (D), respectively, of this Ordinance are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction runoff rates. The percentages apply only to the post-construction stormwater runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be constructed; or

Amend Section 399-5 as follows:

Section 399-5(A)(1) - Replace the existing sentence with the following:

The Design Engineer shall calculate runoff using the following method:

Section 399-5(A)(1)(a) - Delete reference to the link <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/internet/fsedocuments/stelprdb1044171.pdf> and replace with <https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewerFS.aspx?hid=21422> or at United States Department of Agricultural Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Jersey State Office".

Delete Section 399-5(A)(1)(b)

Delete Section 399-5(A)(2) and replace with the following:

399-5(A)(2) - For the purpose of calculating curve numbers and groundwater recharge, there is a presumption that the pre-construction condition of a site or portion thereof is a wooded land use with good hydrologic condition. The term "curve number" applies to the NRCS methodology above at Section 399-5(1)(a). A curve number or a groundwater recharge land cover for an existing condition

may be used on all or a portion of the site if the design engineer verifies that the hydrologic condition has existed on the site or a portion of the site for at least five years without interruption prior to the time of application. If more than one land cover has existed on the site during the five years immediately prior to the time of application, the land cover with the lowest runoff potential shall be used for the computations. In addition, there is the presumption is in good hydrologic condition (if the land use type is pasture, lawn or park), with good cover (if the land use type is woods), or with good hydrologic condition and conservation treatment (if the land use type is cultivation).

399-5(B) replace website information with the following:

New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, Appendix D: Model Stormwater Control Ordinance for Municipalities <https://www.nj.gov/dep/njgs/pricelst/greport/gsr32.pdf> or at New Jersey Geological and Water Survey, 29 Arctic Parkway, P.O. Box 420, Mail Code 29-01, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Add: Section 399-5(C). Precipitation Depths of the current two-, ten-, and 100-year storm events shall be determined by multiplying the values determined in accordance with items 1 and 2 below:

1. The applicant shall utilize the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”), National Weather Service’s Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Estimates: NJ, in accordance with the location(s) of the drainage area(s) on the site. This data is available at:

https://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/pfds_map_cont.html?bkmrk=nj; and

1. The applicant shall utilize Table 5: Current precipitation adjustment factors below, which sets forth the applicable multiplier for the drainage area(s) of the site in accordance with the county or counties where the drainage area(s) of the site is located. Where the major development lies in more than one county, the precipitation values shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the drainage area in each county. Alternatively, separate rainfall totals can be developed for each county using the values in the table below.

Table 5: Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors

County	Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors		
	2-year Design Storm	10-year Design Storm	100-year Design Storm
Atlantic	1.01	1.02	1.03
Bergen	1.01	1.03	1.06
Burlington	0.99	1.01	1.04
Camden	1.03	1.04	1.05
Cape May	1.03	1.03	1.04
Cumberland	1.03	1.03	1.01
Essex	1.01	1.03	1.06
Gloucester	1.05	1.06	1.06
Hudson	1.03	1.05	1.09
Hunterdon	1.02	1.05	1.13
Mercer	1.01	1.02	1.04
Middlesex	1.00	1.01	1.03
Monmouth	1.00	1.01	1.02
Morris	1.01	1.03	1.06
Ocean	1.00	1.01	1.03
Passaic	1.00	1.02	1.05
Salem	1.02	1.03	1.03
Somerset	1.00	1.03	1.09

Sussex	1.03	1.04	1.07
Union	1.01	1.03	1.06
Warren	1.02	1.07	1.15

Add Section 399-5(D).

Table 6: Future Precipitation Change Factors provided below sets forth the change factors to be used in determining the projected two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events for use in this chapter, which are organized alphabetically by county. The precipitation depth of the projected two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events of a site shall be determined by multiplying the precipitation depth of the two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events determined from the National Weather Service’s Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates pursuant to (c)1 above, by the change factor in the table below, in accordance with the county or counties where the drainage area(s) of the site is located. Where the major development and/or its drainage area lies in more than one county, the precipitation values shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the drainage area in each county. Alternately, separate rainfall totals can be developed for each county using the values in the table below.

Table 6: Future Precipitation Change Factors

County	Future Precipitation Change Factors		
	2-year Design Storm	10-year Design Storm	10-year Design Storm
Atlantic	1.22	1.24	1.39
Bergen	1.20	1.23	1.37
Burlington	1.17	1.18	1.32
Camden	1.18	1.22	1.39
Cape May	1.21	1.24	1.32
Cumberland	1.20	1.21	1.39
Essex	1.19	1.22	1.33
Gloucester	1.19	1.23	1.41
Hudson	1.19	1.19	1.23
Hunterdon	1.19	1.23	1.42
Mercer	1.16	1.17	1.36
Middlesex	1.19	1.21	1.33
Monmouth	1.19	1.19	1.26
Morris	1.23	1.28	1.46
Ocean	1.18	1.19	1.24
Passaic	1.21	1.27	1.50
Salem	1.20	1.23	1.32
Somerset	1.19	1.24	1.48
Sussex	1.24	1.29	1.50
Union	1.20	1.23	1.35
Warren	1.20	1.25	1.37

Amend Section 399-6 as follows:

Amend Section 399-6(A) to delete the link provided and substitute with <https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/bmp/manual/>.

Amend Section 399-6(A)(2) to delete the link provided therein and substitute with “<https://dep-nj.gov/stormwater/maintenance->

[guidance/](#)".

Delete 399-6(B) and replace with the following:

399-6(B). Submissions required for review by the Department should be mailed to: Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mail Code 501-02A, P.O. Box 520, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

Amend Section 399-8(C)(2)(b) to replace "less" with "greater".

Amend Section 399-10 as follows:

At Section 399-10(B)(8), delete reference to the link and replace with "<https://dep-nj.gov/stormwater/maintenance-guidance/>".

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	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2311 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

BOND ORDINANCE #2311

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

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

Section 1. The preparation of an approved tax map for use by the local assessor in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized, and a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$175,000 is hereby authorized pursuant to the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53).

Section 2. A copy of this ordinance as finally adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

EXTRACT from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, on June 3, 2024.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilwoman Faustini		X	X				
Councilwoman Mott			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White						X	
Councilman Wolak						X	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

The following ordinance #2312 was read by Clerk Antonides by title for a first reading. Mayor Anesh set the public hearing for June 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2312
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 187 of the Code of the Borough titled “Vehicles and Traffic” be amended as follows:

Article II. Parking, Stopping and Standing.

Section 187-10. No Parking Certain Sections of Roadway.

Add to Subsection (A)(10)(e) West side, Cherry Street to a point 200 feet north.

Revise to read (A)(30) Murray Avenue - East side from Maple Avenue to the intersection with Carlisle Street.

Section 187-12. No Parking School Days 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Delete (A)(9)(b).

Article VI. Prohibited Turns.

Section 187-28. Prohibited Turns Established.

Add (A)(19). No left turn from 2875 Hamilton Boulevard (Dunkin Donuts) onto Hamilton Boulevard.

Add (B)(2). All vehicles prohibited from making a right turn from southbound Woodland Avenue onto westbound Wexler Place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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	
Council President Bengivenga	x		X				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 24-197
AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES TO ADMINISTER
AND PREPARE A NEW COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the services of Heyer, Gruel, & Associates to administer and prepare a new comprehensive master plan for the Borough of South Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00.

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. South Plainfield Planning Board

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-198

AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC AND PARKING MODIFICATIONS FOR THE OLC FAIR FROM JUNE 4, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby approves of traffic and parking modifications for the OLC Fair from June 4, 2024 through June 8, 2024 pursuant to the recommendations of Sgt. Grasso, Traffic Safety Unit of the South Plainfield Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to the following:

1. Amy Antonides, Municipal Clerk
2. Sgt. Michael Grasso, Traffic Safety Unit
3. Dominic Demico, OLC Co-Chair

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-199

CALLING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA) AND THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-2930/A-4045

WHEREAS, in the 2002 “lame duck” session the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was approved to make government records, “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, with certain exceptions, for the protection of the public interest” while protecting “a citizen’s right to a reasonable expectation of privacy”; and

WHEREAS, as local leaders we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records, at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty years since the enactment of OPRA and with the advent of new technologies, we have witnessed unintended consequences and, in some cases, abuses of OPRA that place an unfair burden on local governments and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who inundate municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

WHEREAS, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access of records is permitted to collect exorbitant attorney’s fees, which impacts the taxpayers and municipalities who must pay these fees; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have seen outside businesses and interests who abuse OPRA for marketing and commercial gains while utilizing municipal employees paid by the taxpayers for this benefit; and

WHEREAS, due to court decisions over the years, reasonable expectations of privacy have been diminished when it comes to the balance of transparency and OPRA perpetuates for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing, and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, when commercial entities are constantly emailing OPRA requests looking for the latest lists of dogs licensed that month, inground pool permits issued, solar roof permits issued, etc., it causes our residents to not want to license their dogs, comply with permits, or interact with the municipality because they don’t want to lose their privacy and/or have their information tracked and monetized for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, reforms to modernize OPRA are long overdue, among them: the need to address requests by commercial entities that utilize public records and the services of local government employees to generate profits, mandatory prevailing attorney fees, which created a cottage industry, and to add language so that such fees are based on facts and circumstances and not an automatic granting; and

WHEREAS, Senators Sarlo and Bucco and Assemblyman Danielsen and Assemblywoman Flynn have introduced S-2930/A-4045, which makes commonsense reforms that do not hinder residents or journalists from using OPRA to access public records, but will protect citizens’ personal information from disclosure, addresses the burdensome commercial requests and provide discretion when awarding prevailing attorney fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex respectfully request the adoption of much-needed reforms to modernize and strengthen the legislative intent of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and urges the swift passage of S-2930/A-4045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as local leaders, we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records but at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Honorable Senator Patrick J. Diegnan Jr., Honorable Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak, Honorable Assemblyman Sterley S. Stanley, Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-200
AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-181 THAT AUTHORIZES THE AWARD OF A
BID TO AMERICAN ASPHALT & TRUCKING LLC FOR THE NEW MARKET
AVENUE ROAD PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,537,024.84 TO USE THE
ENGINEER’S CORRECTED RECALCULATION OF \$1,537,914.34

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11, any expenditure of public funds in excess of \$17,500 requires municipalities to advertise for proposals for delivery of said goods or services; and

WHEREAS, a need has been determined that various road improvements are necessary; and

WHEREAS bids were solicited and opened on Wednesday, August 17, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. and the following picked-up bid packages and submitted bids as follows:

American Asphalt Trucking	\$1,537,024.84	\$1,537,914.34
Stilo Excavation	\$1,623,652.99	
Black Rock Enterprises	\$1,734,775.08	
Topline Construction	\$1,838,499.94	
JA Alexander, Inc.	\$2,508,054.74	

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough’s Engineer and Attorney and as such it has been determined that American Asphalt Trucking is the lowest qualified bidder, even upon the aforementioned corrected calculation, and as such, it is recommended the bid be awarded to them in the amount of ~~\$1,537,024.84~~ \$1,537,914.34, which represents the engineers correct recalculation, for the New Market Avenue Road Project; and

WHEREAS, funds for said purpose have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available through the current fund budget and/or via capital bonding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract if applicable for the aforementioned vendor.

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-201

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS FOR A FIREWORK DISPLAY TO BE HELD ON LABOR DAY, 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00

WHEREAS, two proposals for the September 2, 2024 Labor Day Fireworks have been received on April 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. from the following:

Garden State Fireworks:	\$15,000.00
Pyrotecnico:	\$25,000.00
Starfire Corp.:	\$26,400.00
Grand Finale Fireworks:	\$27,850.00
Zambelli:	\$37,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby granted, for Garden State Fireworks to perform a firework display to be held on Labor Day; September 2, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor has authorization to execute said contract for same and be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Garden State Fireworks
4. Public Celebrations Committee

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-202
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE
AND MAIL 3RD QUARTER ESTIMATED BILLS**

WHEREAS, the 2024 budgets for the Borough of South Plainfield have not yet been adopted and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to send out final 2024 bills by the statutory date of June 14th due to the lack of a tax rate certified by the Borough of South Plainfield

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-66.3 determines that the tax collector may, by resolution of the governing body, send out estimated tax bills for the third quarter, and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of South Plainfield to send out estimated bills for the third quarter, 2024 based on an estimated tax levy of **\$102,814,054.39** and an estimated tax rate of **6.822** per \$100 of assessed value to be reconciled through the fourth quarter, 2024 billing to be mailed upon receipt of a certified tax rate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is to prepare and mail estimated 3rd quarter, 2024 tax bills, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to NJSA 54:4-66.3, the due date of the estimated 3rd

quarter tax bills shall be the later of August 1, the additional interest-free period authorized pursuant to R.S.54:4-67, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the estimated tax bill for the third installment was mailed or otherwise delivered. Any payment received after this time may be charged interest back to August 1.

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

- a. Kimberly Clifford, CTC
- b. Glenn Cullen, CMFO

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				
			4	0			
MAYOR ANESH – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-203
AUTHORIZING A 2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT
FOR \$1,125,000.00 IN THE CURRENT FUND, AND \$10,000.00 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 2024 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
4-01-20-100-000-101	Administration	S&W	10,000
4-01-20-140-000-331	Computers	O&E	13,000
4-01-20-145-000-102	Taxes	S&W	10,000
4-01-20-165-001-235	Engineering	O&E	5,000
4-01-23-220-000-601	Health Insurance	O&E	250,000
4-01-23-220-000-631	Health Insurance	O&E	150,000
4-01-25-240-001-101	Police	S&W	400,000
4-01-25-240-001-475	Police	O&E	25,000
4-01-25-240-003-241	Crossing Guard	O&E	15,000
4-01-25-265-001-201	Fire	O&E	10,000
4-01-25-265-002-102	Fire Official	S&W	4,000
4-01-25-265-003-581	Fire Service Charges	O&E	25,000
4-01-26-305-003-102	Recycling	S&W	5,000
4-01-26-310-000-101	Public Buildings & Grounds	S&W	50,000
4-01-30-420-000-404	Public Celebrations	O&E	4,000
4-01-30-420-000-235	Public Celebrations	O&E	2,000
4-01-31-445-001-581	Water	O&E	10,000
4-01-36-473-000-684	DCRP	Statutory	1,000
4-01-36-472-000-675	SSI	Statutory	11,000
4-01-44-901-000-235	CIF	Capital	125,000
Total CURRENT FUND			1,125,000
POOL			AMOUNT
4-26-55-520-000-400	Pool O&E	O&E	10,000
TOTAL POOL			10,000

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-204
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TYLER BALENT AS PART-TIME SUMMER HELP
FOR THE DPW AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$14.50**

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 hire on a part-time basis for the Summer the following individual for the DPW, without benefits, at the hourly summer rate of \$14.50 pursuant to salary ordinance 2290:

- Tyler Balent

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 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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-205
AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL HIRING OF 2024 COMMUNITY POOL PERSONNEL**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following additional people for seasonal work at the South Plainfield Community Pool Utility at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance.

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-206
AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL HIRING OF PART-TIME 2024
SUMMER LEGENDS CAMP PERSONNEL**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following people for seasonal work for the South Plainfield Recreation Department at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance.

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-207
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME 2024
SUMMER PARK PERSONNEL**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey that at the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, authorization is hereby given for employing the following people for seasonal work for the South Plainfield Recreation Department at rates pursuant to the Salary Ordinance.

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

**RESOLUTION 24-208
AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-156 THAT AUTHORIZED THE SERVICES OF ALL STATE
TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR PUMP INSTALLATION FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500.00
TO THE NEW NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$12,500**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby amends resolution 24-156 that authorized the services of All State Technology, Inc. for pump installation for the community pool in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 to the new not to exceed amount of \$12,500.00: 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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

RESOLUTION 24-209
AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT SERVICES OF OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP
FOR A SONIC WALL SUBSCRIPTION
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,163.15

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that it hereby authorizes the state contract services of Ocean Computer Group for a sonic wall advanced gateway security suite subscription in an amount not to exceed \$10,163.15 pursuant to state contract number 19-TELE-00656 & 89968, 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

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				
			4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Accepted all correspondence.

- Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes – March 13, 2024
- Accepting the resignation of Thomas Heim – Recreation Leader
- Accepting the resignation of Lisa Roseo from the Environmental Advisory Committee
- Thank you letter from V. Paulius & Associates

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Current Fund	4-01	319,945.17
Current Fund	3-01	0.00
Pool Utility	4-26	20,707.34
Pool Utility	3-26	0.00
Sewer Utility	4-07	19,853.88
Sewer Utility	3-07	0.00
Sewer Utility Capital	C-08	27,608.75
General Capital	C-04	245,498.39
Pool Capital	C-27	1,849.04
Election Account	E-18	0.00
Grant Fund	G-02	1,561.38
Land for Rec & Consv.	T-10	0.00
Legends Camp Trust	T-11	145.79
Dog Trust	T-12	5,760.60
Treasurers Trust	T-13	9,171.40
Recreation Trust	T-14	3,312.59
Senior Citizen Trust	T-16	0.00
Total All Funds:		\$655,414.33
Plus wires totaling:		\$9,313,699.96
GRAND TOTAL:		\$9,969,114.29

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	
Council President Bengivenga	X		X				
		VOTE:	4	0			
Mayor Anesh – TIE ONLY							

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Borough Attorney Paul Rizzo – reported progress.

Administrator Cullen – explained that ordinance 2311 is titled as a special emergency however, within the budget law, it is the protocol to call for a special emergency when funding a master plan. The turf field has a tentative opening date of June 10th. The 2024 road improvements are in full swing. For our next Council meeting we hope to have a resolution on authorizing a grant submittal to the NJDOT for paving South Plainfield Avenue. The South Plainfield Business Association sent us a map of the spots where the business sponsors signs are located for us to review. Mr. Cullen said he will send it to everyone later this week. The Legends Camp has four of the ten weeks already closed out and are at 92% capacity.

Engineer Miller – was absent this evening.

Clerk Antonides –reported progress.

Chief Papa – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Mott – reported progress.

Councilman Smith – thanked Councilwoman Faustini for the invitation to Buddha’s birthday which was an excellent learning experience and went on to thank Lisa Roseo for all her years of service as Secretary of the Environmental Committee.

Councilman Wolak – was absent this evening.

Councilwoman Faustini – announced on June 1st there will be a Juneteenth celebration at 11:00 am at the Senior Center. This week are tryouts for South Plainfield Summer Drama. The play this year will be Bye Bye Birdie. This past weekend at the Library was an Asian Pacific Islander event of which was rescheduled to June 10th at 10:00 am at Willow Park. Registration is rolling with the Legends Camp, Summer Parks and also the Stem Program. As a reminder to everyone, it is Memorial Day weekend and the South Plainfield Community Pool will be open this Saturday, Sunday and Monday, starting on Saturday at 11:00 am. Our pool registrations are up this year and we look forward to kicking off the season successfully this weekend.

Councilman White – was absent this evening.

Council President Bengivenga – announced that Mr. Cullen was appointed earlier today to the County Tax Board (everyone clapped) and went on to report progress.

Mayor Anesh – thanked the Mayor’s wellness committee and JFK Hackensack Meridien for the Mayor’s wellness health fair that we did this past Saturday.

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 7:22 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Faustini and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk