

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2024
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 3

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey was held on January 22, 2024 and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor and Council Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused Tardy
<i>Mayor Peter S. Guindi</i>	X		
<i>Council President Jason Oliveira</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Donna Balazs</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Anthony Ciulla</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Councilman John Krenzel</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Business Administrator Arthur Londensky, Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, Police Chief Mark Tinitigan, DPW Director Adriano Soares, Fire Chief Craig Miller, Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt, and Borough Engineer Eric Robinson.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 5, 2024, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Guindi lead the salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

PROCLAMATION

- None

AGENDA SESSION

- South River Film Ready – Mayor Guindi speaks on the many different towns that are utilized in television, commercials, and films. Commercial and borough properties will benefit from this organization. David Schoner, Associate Director of the New Jersey Motion Picture Intelligent Commission, speaks on South River Film Ready and explains the benefits of having South River being a part of this organization. Mr. Schoner explains how it will benefit local businesses, along with the exposure it will bring to South River. Mayor Guindi explains there will be a television production next door at the PNC Bank and they will be in South River for 2-3 weeks for a production for FX.
- Discussion on First Reading Ordinances – CFO Zanga explains Ordinances 2024-1 and 2024-2. Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt speaks on Ordinances 2024-3 and 2024-4.

ORDINANCE– FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-1 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2024-01

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

January 22, 2024 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- ADOPTED 2/12/24

WHEREAS, the Local Government CAP Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriation, 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 Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River 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 Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$493,945.38 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council 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 Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, 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 Mayor and Borough Council shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$493,945.38 and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of South River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

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 appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

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.

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

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on January 22, 2024, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 12th day of February, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 1-22-24

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>	X		X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

The Borough Clerk read Bond Ordinance 2024-2 by title only.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS, APPROPRIATING \$900,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$199,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$900,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including \$606,980 grant funds expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), \$82,841 grant funds expected to be received from the Middlesex County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and the sum of \$11,179 as the down payment for said purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Capital Improvement Fund of one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$199,000, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized to be undertaken consist of improvements to various roads within the Borough, including, but not limited to, Darrow Street, Dailey Street and John Street, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or apparent thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Chief Financial Officer, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$199,000, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$900,000, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$900,000 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$11,179 down payment for said purposes, the \$606,980 grant funds expected to be received from the NJDOT, and the \$82,841 grant funds expected to be received from the CDBG Program.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A.

40A:2-8. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer, who shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of such notes occurs, such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense and are improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is twenty (20) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$199,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$200,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs, legal fees and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included as part of the cost of said improvements and is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for said improvements.

(e) To the extent that moneys of the Borough are used to finance, on an interim basis, costs of said improvements or purposes, the Borough reasonably expects such costs to be paid or reimbursed with the proceeds of obligations issued pursuant hereto. This ordinance shall constitute a declaration of official intent for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 1.150-2(e) of the United States Treasury Regulations.

Section 6. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 7. Any grant or similar moneys from time to time received by the Borough for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements within the appropriation herein authorized or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are received and so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct,

unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from other sources, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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Introduced 1-22-24

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>	X		X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-3 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2024 –3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 258, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex,

and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 258 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Property

Maintenance" is hereby amended so as to add Article VIII entitled "Parking Restrictions" to read entirely as follows:

Article VIII- Parking Restrictions.**§258-35 Parking Restriction.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle at any time on a property in any front yard or side yard as defined by Section 350-7 Definitions of Chapter 350, Zoning of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River unless the vehicle is parked entirely on a driveway paved with asphalt, concrete, pavers, or gravel, or in a parking area constructed in accordance with a site plan appointed by the Borough of South River Planning Board or Zoning Bord. Any driveway or parking space constructed of gravel shall have edges that are clearly delineated by a wooden or masonry curb.

§258-36 Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Chapter 1, Article I, General Penalty. Each violation of any of the provisions of this article and each day that such violation continues shall be deemed and taken as a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

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<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>	X		X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-4 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2024 –4

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex,
and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 193-6 entitled, “No Parking Any Time,” so as to add the following street:

Name of Street	Side	Location
North End Drive	Both	Beginning from the intersection of Old Bridge Turnpike extending to the intersection of Brick Plant Road

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

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Introduced 1-22-24

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>	X		X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willet Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave., to Wilcox. We are working on the project design.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - We applied for Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue.
- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street. We submitted a proposal for our professional services associated with same.
- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - According to the NJDOT SAGE site, applications are being accepted for the above program. Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2024.
- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The contractor is scheduling the testing of the batteries.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department is working on this year's portion of the project.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on resolutions 2024-72, 2024-73, and 2024-4. The Annual Debt Statement has been filed with the State and a copy is on the borough website.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- The 2024 calendars are available. They can be picked up at 48 Washington Street, 55 Reid Street, the library, and the DPW office. Mayor Guindi thanks the Department of Public Works for their hard work during the recent snowstorms. If any resident has ice buildup, call the Department of Public Works.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- Speaks on resolution 2024-72. The 9/11 system has not been upgraded for 13 years.

Fire Department Chief Craig Miller

- The Fire Department is operating with 23 alarms.
- All trucks are in service.

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- No report

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report

Borough Administrator Londensky

- The Chemical Upgrade bid specs have been completed. It will be in the newspaper on Friday.
- Tile Yard Pumping Station is scheduled to be repaired on February 12.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Krenzel

- The Public Utilities Committee met on January 12.
- Trees continued to be trimmed that will help during storms.
- Transformers are being replaced.
- Adding more Cut offs.
- Polls are being replaced and the infratstructure is being looked at.
- Resolutions on trucks are being voted on.
- Pumping station is finally getting worked on. It will be back online.
- A fire hydrant costs \$5,000 each.

Councilman Gurchensky

- The OOA had a few of their events, but this time of year is very slow.
- Be safe.

Council President Oliveira

- There will be a public meeting on 1/23 at 55 Reid Street at 7 pm. We are looking for a grant for an inclusive playground.
- Volleyball registration will be opeing up in February **and** Flag Football will be in March.
- South River Cheerleading competed in U8 and U14 against teams from the Northeast. The U8 girls took 3rd place and the U14 took 2nd place.
- This past weekend, there was a Wrestling State qualifying tournament. There were 4 wrestler that qualified.

Councilman Ciulla

- Speaks on the membership of the Economic Development Commission.

Councilman Dziemian

- There was a Planning Board presentation given for a proposed plans for the new Preschool Learning Center.
- The Shade Tree Commission approved the Boroughs application to remove a tree at Grekoski Park. There will be a new tree planted at an undetermined location.
- The groups first Rain Garden was recently completed at the High School.

Councilwoman Balazs

- The Food Bank thanks the community for their donations.
- The Food Bank wants to acknowledge the Ria Mar for their Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Ongoing efforts for Cozy Coats for Kids.
- Share a Smile Toy Drive was organized for children to select toys.

Mayor Guindi

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, had their first Environmental Committee meeting of 2024. Mr. Byrne thanks the Department of Public Works for their job during the recent snowstorms. Mr. Byrne speaks on the Rain Garden and the Joint Green Fair.

Resident located at 20 Brooklyn Road (*did not hear name*), is a pilot and Lieutenant for the Air Force. This resident would like a committee to be put in place to help and assist Veterans who have served and who continue to serve the United States.

Being that no one else came forward for public comment, Mayor Guindi requested motion to close. Councilman Ciulla motioned to close; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2024-71 TO 2024-82

WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2024-01 AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO UTILIZE A CONSENT AGENDA TO ADOPT VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF A ROUTINE AND NONCONTROVERSIAL NATURE AT ONE TIME. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BELOW LISTED RESOLUTIONS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN WHOLE AS IF THE SAME WERE INDIVIDUALLY ACTED UPON.

The Borough Clerk read the resolution titles on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2024-71

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ENHANCED RECYCLING GRANT SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, The County of Middlesex in continuing to recognize the importance of recycling and the role that the individual municipalities play in conjunction with the County towards achieving an exemplary recycling rate has proposed to provide grant monies to municipalities through the Recycling Enhancement Grant (REG) Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the REG Program to provide funds to qualifying municipalities to be used for a paper shred event to enhance a municipality's recycling program; and

WHEREAS, It appears to be in the best interest of the Borough of South River and its citizens to apply for this grant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Recycling Coordinator, Donna Stoddard, is hereby authorized to submit the attached application for consideration of a grant to the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on January 22, 2024

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-72

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 9-11 DISPATCH EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase 9-11 Dispatch Equipment for the Borough of South River Police Department in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there exists a National Cooperative Purchasing contract with a registered vendor known as Zetron, Inc. under Sourcwell contract number 042021-ZET through which contract municipalities are authorized by law to acquire same without meeting the requirements of the public bidding laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the governing body's desire to purchase 9-11 Dispatch Equipment from Zetron, Inc. the said National Cooperative authorized vendor in the amount of \$251,107.08; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has advised that funds are available for the purchase 9-11 Dispatch Equipment in account C-06-23-020-102; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute the appropriate documents in order to acquire the aforesaid 9-11 Dispatch Equipment from the above referenced vendor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said resolution is now of record and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and available for public inspection.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			

<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-73
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM NIELSON FORD UNDER STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 23-FLEET-34922

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase a pickup truck for the Department of Public Works in the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there exists a state contract with a registered vendor known as Nielson Ford under contract number 23-Fleet-34922 through which contract municipalities are authorized by law to acquire same without meeting the requirements of the public bidding laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the governing body's desire to purchase a pickup truck from the said state authorized vendor for \$64,356.50 each; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds for the purchase of a pickup truck in account 4-01-26-317-201.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the appropriate officials be and they are hereby authorized to execute the appropriate documents in order to acquire the aforesaid pickup truck from the referenced vendor.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-74
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CHEVY TAHOE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM MALL CHEVROLET UNDER EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists the need to acquire a Chevy Tahoe by the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey under contract 23/24-11; and

WHEREAS, Mall Chevrolet, located in Cherry Hill, NJ is an authorized dealer of Chevy Tahoe's under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of South River has advised that the funds are available in account 4-01-26-317-201; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) in the amount of \$47,542.20; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to sign those documents necessary for the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe from:

Mall Chevrolet
75 Haddonfield Rd.
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said resolution is now of record and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and available for public inspection.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-75
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

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WHEREAS, the official utility records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain refunds which include electric, water and consumer deposits (CD); and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Utility Revenue recommends that the following refunds should be made to the consumer noted herein below listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Collector of Utility Revenue is hereby authorized to make the following refunds and adjustments indicated below and any attached list.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-008-509 CD	MARQUES BRAGA MYCHAE 41 HOLLANDER ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$127.76
65-999-003-699 CD	ALBERTICO & ROSALVINA MARTINEZ 17 DOROTHY LANE MILLTOWN, NJ 08850	\$43.50

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-76
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following property listed below applied for tax exempt status under the provisions for a total disabled veteran status in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor reviewed and approved the application for the last twelve days of the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year for Ronald Szymanski; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is recommending a partial refund taxes for the 4th quarter 2023 (based on the date January 22, 2024 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- ADOPTED 2/12/24

of application).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector refund partial taxes for the 4th quarter 2023 in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
122	34	Ronald & Maureen Szymanski 23 Wilcox Ave South River, NJ 08882	\$271.47 – Refund (partial 4 th qtr 2023)

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-77
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the December 18, 2023, Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>					X	
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-78
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the December 27th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>					X	
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-79
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the January 1, 2024 Reorganization Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-80
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-81
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$2,309,263.67 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$2,048,748.13 listing attached, have been duly itemized, audited, approved and signed by the proper officers of the Borough, be and the same are hereby ordered paid.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-82

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS IN THE OFFICE ON AGING DEPARTMENT

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following individuals listed below to the position in the Office on Aging Department:

Nutrition/Cooking Instructor to be paid at the rate of \$45.00 per session:

Marie Manzo-Frost
John Rizco

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X				
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X				
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X				
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X				
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>			X				
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X				

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**Councilman Ciulla abstained from voting on purchase order 23-03104.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS (For the Good and Welfare of the Borough)

Councilman Ciulla

- Thanks the Department of Public Works for their work during the recent snowstorm.
- The Fire Department is still in need of volunteers.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thanks the Department of Public Works for their work during the recent snowstorm.

- Speaks on Board of Health Operation Ram. This organization helps service members that are serving outside of the country. Care packages will be sent to them.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- There is a VSO officer that comes to the VFW to help veterans with anything they may need.

Councilman Dziemian

- Thanks the Department of Public Works for their work during the recent snowstorm.

Councilman Krenzel

- Thanks the Department of Public Works for their work during the recent snowstorm.
- Shred Event is on May 11th.
- Hazardous Waste event is also on March 17th and May 11th.
- Please check your calendars for more South River events.
- There will be a breakfast fundraiser for the Rambotics Program at Applebee's on January 28th from 8 am to 10 am. This organization is run by students at the South River High School that build robots.
- There will be a Superbowl Breakfast on February 11th at the Knights of Columbus from 9 am to 12 pm.

Council President Oliveira

- Thank you to DPW and all first responders during the recent snowstorm.
- Thank you to Grace and Peter for the Jacket donations.
- Expresses gratitude to TV 35 and Sal Cuiccio for his work filming the council meetings.

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on the items that were discussed at the Planning Board.
- Please go to the Board of Education meeting on January 29th to express your opinions on their new project.
- A big problem going on in South River is the ongoing issue with stolen converters. Best way to help prevent this issue is to call the Police Department if you see anything suspicious.
- There is a suggestion to bring a neighborhood Crime Watch to South River, Police Chief Tinitigan speaks on this, along with the new AG guidelines for police officers.
- A big issue in South River is commercial parking in the street for 18 wheelers. The police will ticket the truck if it continues.
- Thanks the DPW and the residents during the recent snowstorms. The residents kept their vehicles off the streets for the plowing.
- Please check on your neighbors and elderly.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Ciulla motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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Borough Clerk