

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2022
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 24, 2022 and was called to order by Mayor Krenzel at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor and Council Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused Tardy
<i>Mayor John M. Krenzel</i>	X		
<i>Council President Tony Ciulla</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Donna Balazs</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Peter Guindi</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Julie Meira</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Jason Oliveira</i>		X	

Also attending this meeting were Business Administrator Arthur Londensky, Police Chief Mark Tinitigan, Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt and Borough Engineer Bruce Koch.

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 6, 2022, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, AND THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(B), THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY MEANS OF USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE PERMITTED TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND THE MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER, NJ. THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING ELECTRONICALLY. THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. THE BOROUGH IS USING THIS FORMAT IN AN EFFORT TO MITIGATE THE CHANCE OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19, AS A PART OF THE BOROUGH'S ONGOING EFFORT TO SLOW THE RATE OF TRANSMISSION AND AVOID OVERWHELMING OUR TREATMENT CENTERS.

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- None

AGENDA SESSION

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2022-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

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 I.

An ordinance fixing the salary ranges of certain borough officers and employees in the Borough of South River is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Animal Control Officer- Part Time	\$15.00/hour	\$35.00/hour

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-01 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-01 only.

Being no public came forth, Councilman Guindi motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor.

Adopted 1/24/2022

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

**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 155 ENTITLED "FEES"**

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 155 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Fees" is
hereby amended so as to amend Section 155.19.1 entitled "Section 22-62, Recreation program and park fees" as
follows:.

§ 155.19.1 Section 22-62, Recreation program and park fees.

L. Athletic field lighting fees:

1. When any sports team, league or organization seeks to reserve the use of a Borough athletic field at night(s), with the use of lighting, it shall be charged a lighting fee of \$25.00 per hour for the use of the electricity on lighted fields.
2. Fees shall be billed in one-half-hour increments per use, rounded up, based on the amount of the time reserved.
3. All fees will be collected up front, based on the amount of field time reserved, at the beginning of each season.
4. If there are any hours paid for and not used, due to rainouts or other cancellations, said fees shall be refunded in a reasonable time following the end of the sports season.
5. Borough Sponsored Recreation Leagues and Borough Schools shall be exempt from the lightening fee in Section L(1). Borough Recognized Youth Sport Organizations will be exempt from the fee in Section L(1) pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement.

M. Athletic field use fees:

1. When any sports team or league seeks to reserve the use of a Borough athletic field, it shall be charged a fee for the use as set forth below:
 - i. \$25 per two-hour increment for resident teams or Non-Profit organizations;
 - ii. \$50 per two-hour increment for non-resident or For-Profit organizations.
2. All fees will be collected up front, based on the amount of field time reserved, at the beginning of each season.

3. If there are any dates paid for and not used, due to rainouts or other cancellations, said fees shall be refunded in a reasonable time following the end of the sports season.

4. Borough Sponsored Recreation Leagues and Borough Schools shall be exempt from the use fee in Section M(1). Borough Recognized Youth Sport Organizations may be exempt from the fee in Section M(1) pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement.

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

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-02 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-02 only.

- Tony Teixeira of 37 Pulawski Avenue thanked Council for keeping all safe with the virtual meeting. Mr. Teixeira mentioned on January 4, 2022, Mr. Teixeira met with the Borough Attorney and a couple Council members. Mr. Teixeira mentioned the discussion of the Youth Organization Policy that it was made with Future Stars in mind. Ms. Wyatt indicated this public hearing is only for the Ordinance; not the policy. Mr. Teixeira proceeded to discuss the Ordinance in regard to a comment by Councilwoman Meira that the Borough owns its own lights. That being said, Mr. Teixeira added that 90% of the club members are residents so he feels the club should not pay for the lights. Mr. Teixeira feels the kids will be hurt by this fee and other youth organizations such as Pop Warner will be affected. The Ordinance will have the club pay \$125 for 3 hours of field usage. Mr. Teixeira doesn't mind paying but he feels the Council has not made it fair to the club. As for the Ordinance, he's happy to see the fee lowered but still not happy.
- Jackie Pulaski, a resident of Old Bridge, whose children are part of the club. Ms. Pulaski was part of the January 4th meeting and thereafter on January 14th, she emailed the Borough Attorney and the Council members with questions. She received no response. At that point, Ms. Pulaski's audio and video cut out.
- Tele Koutkourdelis requested to table the Ordinance vote to the 1st or 2nd February meeting due to the overwhelming response and the Zoom technical difficulties.
- Syed Hussain is the against the fee and echoed Mr. Koutkourdelis' comments to table the Ordinance. Mr. Hussain mentioned the January 4th meeting and feels nothing was done as a result.

Being no further public came forth, Council President Ciulla motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilwoman Meira motioned to table Ordinance 2022-02 until the Council meets in-person. No second motion was made so the motion died.
- Councilwoman Meira is grateful the fee has been lowered to \$25.00. Councilwoman asked where the fee will go. Councilman Guindi replied it will go back into the parks and fields to rehabilitate the fields. Councilman mentioned a previous comment of Councilwoman Meira's question of a study performed in 2018 by the prior Administration. This study was to cover all the fields and it was a significant amount of money that couldn't be afforded at that time. However the DPW does as much as they can to maintain the fields. Since then, Mr. Teixeira said the fields are in bad shape and Councilman agrees. Councilman indicated that Mr. Teixeira is a for-profit business which incurs overhead, such as utilities and materials, to pay. Councilman further indicated that they met with Mr. Teixeira twice and Mr. Teixeira is still not happy. There is another league; an adult league who is not complaining about the fees. The day after the December 6th Council meeting, Councilman received many calls regarding the Ordinance and out of the nine residents; two of them said if Mr. Teixeira can do it then why can't they do it. Councilman indicated they've been working with Mr. Teixeira and everyone but it's not working for him. Incurring a light fee is one of the ways to fix the field issue. We do own our electricity but the Borough still has to pay for it. The town pays .3072 which equates to \$19.97 per hour. Councilman understands Mr. Teixeira and he's running an awesome business but as a business owner, Mr. Teixeira should understand that it's not easy to run it for free. Councilman gave example that if it should be free because it's for the kids, then a clothing store should provide free children's clothes or a Pediatrician should stop charging. Councilman further commented the Borough must do what is right for the taxpayers.
- Councilwoman Meira asked CFO Zanga what will happen to the field use money? Mr. Zanga replied it will go into the current fund and it's rediverted to Parks & Rec the following budget year. Councilwoman feels the money will get used for something else. Councilwoman asked about the deficit regarding light fees. Mr. Zanga never commented about a deficit but he believes what meant is that the fee would offset the cost in the Electric Utility and the use of fields. Councilwoman asked how much money was wasted last year on field use regarding light fees. Mr. Zanga replied he knows what was collected but doesn't understand what Councilwoman means by "wasted". Mr. Zanga gave example that Veteran's Park would cost \$12,000 per year to maintain the fields; Grekoski would cost \$7,600 for field maintenance; Vargas Park would cost \$4,500 for field maintenance and Dailey's would cost about \$3,000 for field maintenance. Councilwoman asked about the light fees. Mr. Zanga repeated Councilman Guindi's comment of .3072 for every hour and runs about \$19.97 per hour of usage. Mr. Zanga does not have the number of actual use less what was actually collected. Mr. Zanga further indicated that any kind of received revenue off sets a cost that involves either running the fields or the use of lights. Councilwoman asked if this is what DPW does regardless. Mr. Zanga replied DPW cuts and lines the fields so anytime a fee is charged, it will offset the cost. Councilwoman is happy the fee is lowered but still at a concern for charging light fees. It is mostly for the Borough residents. Councilwoman recommended to table the Ordinance and she's against putting the collected fees in the general fund. The Parks & Rec should have the fees deposited into their own account and would like the Ordinance amended to include that the fees will go directly into the Parks & Rec Department. Further discussion took place. Mayor asked Mr. Zanga if the fees can go to the Parks & Rec fund. Mr. Zanga replied that this year when we meet with the Budget Committee; the funds will go in Parks & Rec from last year. The Budget Committee has the final say. Councilwoman asked of the amount of funds from last year for this year's budget. Mr.

Zanga replied it was \$5,500 for use of fields and \$1,400 for use of lights. Councilwoman feels the fee charge won't amount to as much as it may be perceived.

- Council President Ciulla commented that Councilwoman would allow a private company to utilize the fields and lights for free so the taxpayers can pay for them. Council President gave example of a dance studio not having to pay electric and other utilities but they are charging their customers. The Borough residents, especially the seniors on fixed incomes, would have to continue to pay for a private business. Councilwoman replied it is Council President's interpretation.
- Councilwoman Meira motioned to amend Ordinance 2022-02 to have the fees should only be used for the Parks & Recreation Department. No second motion was made so the motion died.

Adopted 1/24/2022

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

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-03

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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 2022 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 \$458,619.95 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 2022 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 \$458,619.95 and that the CY 2022 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.

Introduced 1/24/2022

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

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 24, 2022. The said Ordinance will be further considered for Final Passage on its Second Reading and Public Hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council to be held on February 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. via video teleconference provided by Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic or in the Council Chambers in the Criminal Justice Building at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey, if permitted, at which time and place all interested persons and/or parties will be given ample opportunity to be heard on the said proposed Ordinance. A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the municipal website and the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Complex of the Borough during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting; copies of the ordinance are available to the general public of the Borough who shall request such copies at the office of the Borough Clerk in said Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-04 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04

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 Schedule IV (§ 193-33) entitled, "Schedule I: Parking time limited," so as to add the following street:

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Name of Street	Side	Hours	Maximum Time	Location
Hillside Avenue	East	8:00 am- 5:00 pm Monday - Friday	30 minutes	51 feet south from the intersection of Main Street, continuing 44 feet Thereof.

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.

Introduced 1-24-22

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>						X
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Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-05 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" BY AMENDING SECTION 193-31.1, SCHEDULE IIA "HANDICAPPED PARKING" THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, that Chapter 193 of the Code of the Borough of South River entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" be amended by amending Section 193-31.1, Schedule IIA as follows:

SECTION 1. Schedule IIA. HANDICAPPED PARKING

Street	Side	Location
Stanton Street	East	98 feet North of Division Street, extending 22 feet thereof

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

Introduced 1-24-22

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>						X
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>	X		X			

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DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch – January 17, 2022 Capital Project Status Report

- Regarding the NJDOT For the 2020/2021 NJDOT Roadways Improvements Project will resume in the spring.
- The 2022 Local Aid proposal was submitted.
- The Electrical Substation electrical contractor met with Mr. Koch and they will provide an updated schedule with the remainder of work being the feeder lines and sweeps.
- The Well No. 2 Replacement has no changes; the DEP permit is under review.
- Mr. Koch addressed Councilwoman Meira regarding her email which was about Brownfields. Mr. Koch emailed the 2 LSRPs in CME's Environmental Division asking if there is a database with a town by town known existence of Brownfields. Mr. Koch is awaiting a response.
 - Councilwoman Meira indicated the Environmental Commission is also searching for Brownsfields grants.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- Gave reference to 1st Reading of Ordinances 2022-04 and 2022-05 and can explain further at the next meeting for public hearing .

- Resolution 81 – the authorization for the Memorandum of Understanding for a trial basis of a new municipal parking system that can help curtail issues with certain areas in downtown South River such as No Parking Zones. The Officers are constantly trying to remove the vehicles from such locations which has become an ongoing issue. The Police Department has partnered with Municipal Parking Services on a trial basis to utilize their hard ware, the Safe Stick. Ken Wollins of MPS attended the meeting to answer questions.
 - Ken Wollins of Municipal Parking Services (MPS) gave overview of the equipment and service they provide by placing a device in front of places where a parking meter would not go because there are illegal parking spots. The device will detect when a car parks illegally in a spot to measure the time of arrival to the time of departure. This trial basis will help the Chief to get a handle around the problem of illegal parking for the duration and the frequency to help along with policy making decisions. During this trial period, the violations will be captured over a 30-day period and a report will be submitted to the Chief from MPS. After the trial period, should the Borough decide to move forward, there will be no cost involved, since MPS will get paid on per transaction basis. Councilwoman asked if this is only for street parking or the permitted parking such as the Municipal Lot. Mr. Wollins replied it can be done for lots but this trial will be only for the illegal street parking. Ms. Wyatt clarified for the record that this is just an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to do the trial run; no tickets/fines will be issued. The data is just being gathered in a 30-day period. If this is something that Council would like to do, there will be some procedural things to undergo. Once the Police Department has the data, it will be discussed with Ms. Wyatt and presented to Council to make a determination if they should move forward. At that time if Council decides to move forward, it will be a much more extensive agreement with MPS and will need to come before Council for approval.

Borough Clerk Sue Minock

- No report.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report.

Borough Administrator Art Londensky

- A crane is to be delivered tomorrow at the battery storage site and some equipment will arrive on Thursday.
- The fuel pump replacement at the DPW yard will start. It has taken since January 2021 to get the equipment to replace all the fuel pumps and the monitoring systems.
- Regarding the roof replacement bid accepted in December, the Engineer is working with the contractor and the order of work will begin at the DPW. The contractor is working on getting the products.
- The Borough met with the DEP, the Blue Acres Division, in regard to working on the parking issue on Blue Acres lots.
- Resolution 83; an Interlocal Agreement with East Brunswick for EMS services. As known, the Borough went out to bid twice for EMS services and each time received only 1 bid from Robert Wood Johnson which was too expensive. The bids were not accepted. In discussion with RWJ and East Brunswick, we've come to an interlocal agreement to provide EMS services. We've been on extension with RWJ and we'll have a trial period beginning on February 1st with RWJ and the cost has been cut to about 50% of what it would have been if the bid were accepted.
 - Councilwoman Meira asked for a Nixel to be sent out regarding the crane delivery at the battery storage location. Mr. Londensky indicated notice is on the website and it's possible to put out a Nixel. With working with the Police Department, there will be no disruption of traffic; all work will be done on-site. Hopefully the work will proceed after school begins and before it lets out every day. Councilwoman indicated the schools are letting out at 1pm. Mr. Londensky has taken note of that.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Balazs

- The Rabies Clinic has been rescheduled for March 26th from 12 pm to 3 pm. The Resolution to waive late fees for pet licensing until April 1st will be voted upon later in the agenda.
- Tomorrow at 10 am, Councilwoman will be attending the Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission meeting. A report will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Council President Ciulla

- The water and ice seen on Johnson Place & Old Bridge Turnpike was not a water main break. It was a service line break from a resident on Johnson Place. The plumber corrected the issue today.
- Thanked the Electric Utility for their quick response to the miniature power outage the other day. It was an electrical transformer malfunction from a circuit pop near the primary school; it was not due to the Borough. Once isolated, the power was restored very quickly.
- The first Budget Committee meeting will take place this week.
- In regard to the Economic Development Committee, the Director of the Metuchen Downtown Alliance was impressed with South River's downtown area and remarked we have a great little town. The Director provided a report and the biggest takeaway was that the DPW, Police and Fire will have a very heavy presence when it comes time for the redevelopment.

Councilman Guindi

- The Planning Board met last Tuesday. The Chair is Cindy Wilk, Vice Chair is Cindy Urbanik and the next meeting is February 15th via Zoom.
- The Zoning Board will meet tomorrow via ZOOM. The February meeting will take place on the 22nd via Zoom.
- Thanked DPW for salting the areas with buildup of water throughout the town.

Councilman Gurchensky

- The Office on Aging is open but unfortunately there are no trips at this time since the driver is off.
- DPW indicated the Borough calendars are at the printers. Expect to see them soon and they have much new information such as the Street Sweeping schedule, the Hydrant Flushing by areas and a lot of other useful information. Councilman encouraged the residents to look them over when received.

Councilwoman Meira

- The Environmental/Shade Tree Commission tried to meet twice via ZOOM but had a little issue the 2nd time. The 1st meeting was good. They are reviewing the goals for this year.
- The Library Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow. The Board still has an open position.
- Thanked Mayor for having Resolution 71, appointing a Junior Member to the Commission, on the agenda. There is still 1 more seat for a Junior Member if anyone is interested. Please reach out to Richard Byrne.
- Requested Resolution 77 to be read separately.
- Addressed Mr. Zanga in regard to how much has been spent on Well No. 2 thus far. Mr. Zanga replied he can print out the Ordinance for the spending. Councilwoman asked if it has everything that was spent thus far. Mr. Zanga replied as yes, it's a rehab Well No. 2; engineering fees and contractor fees. Mr. Zanga will email it to Councilwoman.

Mayor Krenzel

- No report.

Mayor questioned if Mayoral appointments listed are with consent of Council or not. Clerk replied they are not with Consent of Council. Mayor requested to remove them from the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened the floor for Public Comment.

- Tony Teixeira indicated his business is for-profit; he charges the kids. Mr. Teixeira mentioned the non-profits charge double more than what he charges. Mr. Teixeira further commented about the Director of the Parks & Rec Department and the lights turned off while the kids were using the soccer fields. Ms. Wyatt interjected to caution Council not to comment on Personnel matters. Mr. Teixeira mentioned that an adjacent town charges less than the Ordinance fees and provided his thoughts.
- Shari Garretson had questions regarding her Board/Commission appointments and the involved responsibilities. Mayor requested the Clerk to look into it.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Environmental/Shade Tree Commission Junior Member – Gabriel Neyra
- Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging – Pat Bara, Carol Paynor, Elizabeth Kuebler & Marie Manzo-Frost

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2022-68 TO 2022-83 exempting 71 and 82 as Mayoral Appointments without consent from Council and Resolution 77 to be read separately

Clerk Minock read "Whereas Resolution 2022-01 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".

RESOLUTION 2022-68

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, 2022 Reorganization Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-69

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 10, 2022 Regular & Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-70
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)
COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY COORDINATORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators for a 3-year term from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024:

Arthur Londensky – Coordinator
John Ruzicki – Deputy Coordinator
Joseph Szebenyi – Deputy Coordinator

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

RESOLUTION 2022-71Exempt**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION JUNIOR
MEMBER TO THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following as Junior Member of the Environmental/Shade Tree Commission for the term of January 24, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Gabriel Neyra 1/24/22 to 12/31/22

RESOLUTION 2022-72
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A JUNK YARD DEALER LICENSE FOR 2022

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough Ordinance Chapter 198 Renewal of license Upon the expiration of any license granted them hereunder, all persons, firms and corporations shall, on or before the first day of January of each year, make application to the Borough Clerk for a license to conduct said business for the ensuing year or part thereof, in the manner set forth in § 198-3 hereinabove; provided, however, that no license shall be issued except as set forth in § 198-4 hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, Junk Dealer, Michaelson's Auto Wreckers made application and paid the required fee for their 2022 Junk Dealer license renewal; and

WHEREAS, Michaelson's Auto Wreckers received and inspection and approval from the Middlesex County Board of Health Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Chapter 198 indicates the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to present said application to the Borough Council at its next meeting and is hereby authorized to issue a license to such person or persons, firm or corporation upon approval of the same by the Borough Council, and said license shall be effective from the date of issue to the 31st day of December of the year in which said license is issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of South River Council hereby authorizes the Borough Clerk to issue the 2022 Junk Yard Dealer license to Michaelson's Auto Wreckers 2022 Junk Yard Dealer license.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-73

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER ENGINEER CME ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM THE SURVEY OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY

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 CME Associates is authorized to perform the survey of the Electric Utility as required by the U.S. Department of Energy 2021 Electric Utility Audit, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated December 8, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$4,792.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 2-03-55-502-205.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-74

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

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>
65-999-006-540 CD	GALINA AZIZ & PHELIB BARSOUM 120 LEONARDINE AVE B4 B22 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$154.70
65-999-006-263 CD	WENDERSON CARVALHO	\$32.47
65-999-006-263 ELEC CURRENT	22 REDWOOD RD EDISON, NJ 08817	\$108.79
65-999-909-536 CD	CATHERINE DELZO & MONICA JACKSON 3 GASZI AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$206.80
65-999-006-719 CD	ILLYSA HOM 74 DIVISION ST UNIT 11 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$150.41
65-999-006-137 ELEC CURRENT	PEDRO SARABIA MUNOZ	\$133.70
66-999-002-625 WATER CURRENT	60 AUGUSTA ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$265.20
65-999-876-514 CD	STEVEN MUSE & MARGARITA SANTOS 368 RECTOR ST UNIT 405 PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861	\$75.85

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

RESOLUTION 2022-75
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE LIFELINE NECESSARY UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, the official utility records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and uncollectibles should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Collector recommends these changes as listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Utility Collector be and he is authorized to make the necessary adjustments, indicated below and any attached list.

UTILITY CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NUMBER	REASON	AUTH	YEAR	AMOUNT
JOSEPHINE, TOHT 3 Gaszi Ave South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-990-584	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$112.50
		STATE LIFELINE		
WALTER, KUCHARSKI 31 Draeger Pl South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-966-945	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$112.50
		STATE LIFELINE		
RITA, PECHULES 20 Wojie Way Apt 309 South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-997-690	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$225.00
		STATE LIFELINE		
ANNA MARIE, MIKULYNEC 1 WATTS ST South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-976-812	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$225.00
		STATE LIFELINE		
NADIA, HABASHI 31 Draeger Pl South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-002-630	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$112.50
		STATE LIFELINE		
XINYI, LIU 340 Whitehead Ave Apt 308 South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-003-920	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$225.00
		STATE LIFELINE		
RAQUEL, BARDESIO 340 Whitehead Ave Apt 226 South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-005-459	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$225.00
		STATE LIFELINE		
STATE LIFELINE OVERPAY DISCREPANCY South River, NJ 08882	Elec Credit	Refund	2021	\$0.50
		STATE LIFELINE		

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

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

RESOLUTION 2022-76
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LATE FEE WAIVER OF PET LICENSING

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2022, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 280 declaring a Public Health Emergency and restated the State of Emergency in response to the continued threat of COVID-19 and the rapidly spreading Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, executive Order 281 continues Executive Orders 111, 112 and 207; allows Executive Orders 251, 252, 253,264 and 271 to remain in effect and extends various regulatory actions taken by the State of New Jersey Departments in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases in New Jersey has significantly risen to caution the Borough of South River Board of Health to reschedule its January Rabies Clinic and hold the event on March 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is working with federal, state and local officials and authorities on a daily basis on prevention and mitigation activities that include providing critical information to the public about COVID-19 to provide facts and avoid unnecessary fear; training emergency responders; and modifying municipal operations in response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, state law and Borough Code 108-22 require rabies vaccination of dogs and cats before a license may be issued.

WHEREAS, in an effort to aid the Borough's residents the Borough Council desires to waive the late registration fees set forth in Borough Code § 155-6(A-C) and to resume on April 1, 2022.

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

1. That late registration fees imposed by Borough Code § 155-6(A-C) are hereby waived and will resume on April 1, 2022.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough CFO.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-78
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SAYREBROOK VETERINARY HOSPITAL
FOR EMERGENCY VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill public health requirements, there exists a need for emergency veterinary and animal sheltering services for the animal control services for the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited proposals for emergency veterinary and animal sheltering services for animal control within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital has submitted an advantageous proposal in accordance with the Borough request, attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to award a contract to Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital for the specified services in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of contracts for "Professional Services" and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River desires to award a contract to Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital for the specified services in an accordance with the rate schedule attached in amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby award a contract for emergency veterinary and animal sheltering services for the animal control services to Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00, in accordance with the attached Schedule A, an advantageous proposal.

2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, a contract Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.

3. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts law because it is for services to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. That a notice of this action shall be printed in the official newspaper of the as required by law.

5. That a Certificate of Availability of Funds is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:

6. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Borough Administrator, Chief Finance Officer and Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-79

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY'S OPIOID CRISIS

WHEREAS, the ongoing opioid crisis in America has had a devastating effect on individuals and communities, including many here in the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is a party to a class action lawsuit filed by state, local, and tribal governments, hospitals, individuals, and insurers, seeking damages against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and

retailers in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 17-md-02804, MDL No. 2804, in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that New Jersey intends to join nationwide settlement agreements with New Jersey based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson and the United States' three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen, to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country's opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, participation in the nationwide settlements will not only hold the companies financially accountable by requiring payments of as much as \$26 billion, the settlements will provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlements provide: "the Distributors to pay up to \$21 billion over 18 years and Janssen to pay up to \$5 billion over no more than 9 years, for a total of \$26 billion (the "Settlement Amount"). Of the Settlement Amount, approximately \$22.7 billion is earmarked for use by participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. The Settlements also contain injunctive relief provisions governing the opioid marketing, sale and distribution practices at the heart of the states' and subdivisions' lawsuits and further require the Distributors to implement additional safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids;" and

WHEREAS, participation by a significant number of states, county, and municipal governments nationwide must agree to the proposed terms in order for the settlements to take effect; and

WHEREAS, provided enough states opt to participate in the settlements, their subdivisions will have through January 26, 2022 to join; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River's share in the settlement funds will ultimately depend on the number of counties and municipalities that opt-in, population of each participating county and municipality, and effects of the opioid epidemic on each participating community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the Borough of South River will participate in the settlement of In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 17-md-02804, MDL No. 2804, in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.
2. That the governing body does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis.
3. That upon effectuation of the settlement agreement, the County of Sussex agrees to dismiss its claims against the settling parties.
4. That the Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Attorney General of New Jersey.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-80
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 \$635,643.24 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$692,875.22 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 Guindi</i>		X	X*			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>						X
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X**			

** Council President Ciulla Abstention: Resolution 2022-80 Item 21-011682

*Councilman Guindi Abstentions: Resolution 2022-70, 2022-80 Item 21-011682

**RESOLUTION 2022-81
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH MPS PARKING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Municipal Parking Services, Inc has approached the Borough Police Department and requested that it conduct a trial demonstration of its MPS Smart Borough Parking Program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the Borough participate in the demonstration to determine if it would like to use the service in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to authorize the Memorandum of Understanding with MPS to enable them to conduct the demonstration of their program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the memorandum of understanding with Municipal Parking Services, Inc. for a trial demonstration of the MPS Smart Borough Parking Platform in a form similar to the attached schedule A.

2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, a memorandum of understanding with Municipal Parking Services, Inc in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.

3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief of Police, Borough Administrator, Chief Finance Officer and Municipal Parking Services, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-82

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River do hereby appoint the following as members of the Advisory Council on Aging for the following terms:

Pat Bara	1/24/22 to 12/31/24 move up from Alternate seat
Carol Paynor	1/24/22 to 12/31/24
Elizabeth Keubler	1/24/22 to 12/31/24
Marie Manzo-Frost	1/24/22 to 12/31/22 unexpired Alternate term of P. Bara

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

RESOLUTION 2022-83

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK FOR EMS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes the Borough of South River to enter into a contract for various governmental services with the Township of East Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires such a contract to be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River and the Township of East Brunswick have agreed upon various terms for the sharing of the EMS services; such agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of East Brunswick to enter into a contract for EMS services with the Township of East Brunswick.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of East Brunswick for EMS services. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Schedule A.
2. That the Mayor and the Borough Clerk of the Borough of South River are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of East Brunswick, in a form acceptable to the Borough attorney, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.
3. The term of this Shared Services Agreement shall be from February 1, 2022- June 27, 2024 subject to renewal/ extension by consent of the parties.
4. That a Certificate of Availability of Funds is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The following are the line item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract:
5. That a copy of the agreement shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk's Office during normal business hours.
6. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of East Brunswick, the Borough Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer.

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

Resolution 2022-77 read in full separate from the Consent Agenda by the Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL DISCUSSION FOR RESOLUTION 2022-77 ONLY

- Councilwoman Meira wanted Resolution 77 read separately to make all the non-profits aware that fees will increase. Councilwoman addressed Ms. Wyatt regarding the policy criteria in the general area; paragraph 1, „The Borough interested organizations must supply by submitting a grant application through the Department of Education“. Ms. Wyatt apologized and stated it should be Recreation. Councilwoman further questioned parts of the Policy. How would the Recreation Department know if it's viable? Ms. Wyatt indicated that in theory, the Department cannot be operating in the red; it would be operating sufficiently. Councilwoman asked if there will be an application form for organizations. Ms. Wyatt replied there will be a grant form and the non-profits will need to submit it with attachments to the Recreation Department copying the Finance office and Business Administrator's office. It would then come before Council and an agreement would be executed between the Organization and the Borough. Councilwoman asked if the non-profit organizations can be given a realistic timeframe of the process. The concern is having the seasons come up and the application will need to be done in advance. Ms. Wyatt

replied that the idea is it would be done annually and once recognized, it would be a renewal process. Additional aid from the Borough would have to be on an individualized basis. Ideally it would be within the same month of making application. It can always be made retroactive if the timeline is tight from date of application to the date of season opening. The field usage and lighting fees would be prorated to the month in which the organization makes application. For example, if applied in June, then the fees would be prorated for the year for the allotment of field use and lights. Obviously an organization could not apply for some type of aid that would have happened in February and they're applying in June. So once on file, a renewal application will need to be done in the following January for the upcoming year. Councilwoman asked about exemption of certain hours for certain times of the year. Who will keep track of the hours of field use for each organization? Ms. Wyatt replied it would be the Recreation Department in addition to the permit & lighting requests that will still be generated. Councilwoman indicated it's hard to get volunteers for non-profit organizations so hopefully, it will all go smoothly.

RESOLUTION 2022-77
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE BOROUGH POLICY FOR RECOGNITION
OF SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River recognizes that non-profit youth sports organizations provide necessary guidance, value and support to the youth in the Borough community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to implement a grant program to offer aid to various resident non-profit youth sports organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough policy attached hereto as Schedule A provides for various criteria and procedures in which the resident non-profit youth sports organizations can apply for the grant and request individualized aid from the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River wishes to adopt the Policy for Recognition of Sports Organizations attached hereto as Schedule A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the Policy/Criteria for Recognition of Sports Organizations is hereby adopted and available in the office of the Borough Clerk and Recreation Department.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, CFO and Recreation Director.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- None

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

- Made further comments regarding the creation of fees from the adoption of Ordinance 2022-02 and the Youth Organization Policy and its impact on the organizations. Hopes to have more information from Councilwoman's Liaison meetings.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thanked DPW, Police Fire and EMS for all they do. Thanked DPW for all the street salting to make it as safe as possible.
- Encouraged the residents to drive with care over these icy areas.
- Please check on your neighbors in this cold weather.

Councilman Guindi

- Reiterated his comments regarding Ordinance 2022-02. The reality of it is that the Council has a responsibility to do what is right for the tax payers. Requested to move forward.
- Congratulated Sgt. Avalon on his retirement. Also congratulated Detective Wesley Sanches on his retirement. Both will be sorely missed.
- Thanked DPW for salting the roads.
- Thanked Police Department for keeping everyone safe. Announced to keep the cars locked due to break-ins.
- Motioned to continue remote Council meetings due to the high COVID cases for the month of February; seconded by Council President.

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>						X
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thanked DPW for assisting with the Board of Education transformer issue.
- Is the Advisory Board of Persons with Disabilities still a viable group? Is it in the Ordinance? Mayor requested to look into it.

Council President Ciulla

- Thanked the Electric Utility for the quick response to the transformer issue and thanked the DPW for their salting.

Mayor Krenzel

- The SRHS Boys Basketball team is 11 and 1. The High School Girls Basketball team just had a big win over Spotswood; they are 7 and 4. Go Rams!
- February 7th will be a Zoom meeting
- Happy Lunar New Year

Councilwoman Meira

- Asked if the Rec Department is resuming the winter programs. Mr. Londensky replied all programs are suspended now. At the end of January, the transmission rate will be looked at and we'll make a

determination. That number is determined by the State Board of Health. Councilwoman indicated the school sports programs are still going. Mr. Londensky indicated that their programs are limited to only the players and no one else. The spectators are usually more than the players so it would be a super spreader. There is no magic number but the Recreation Director will keep track of the COVID rate numbers and a determination will be made. There were some events that may have caused people to spread COVID. The programs are important. The Cheer program can extend its time. The Recreation Director will make a decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Guindi motioned to adjourn; seconded by Council President Ciulla. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan A. Minock, RMC
Borough Clerk