

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 4**

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 February 7, 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, DPW Director Adriano Soares, 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 OR REMOTELY VIA ZOOM 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 2022-03

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-03 only.

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

Adopted 2/7/2022

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			

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:

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-04 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-04 only.

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

Adopted 2/7/2022

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 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 or 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 Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-05 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-05 only.

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

Adopted 2/7/22

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

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

**ORDINANCE 2022-06
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2000-15 CREATING A HANDICAPPED
PARKING SPACE AT HOLMES AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the governing body previously created handicapped parking space on Holmes Avenue, which is no longer required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 2000-15 creating a handicapped parking space on Holmes Avenue, from a point 316' south of Jackson Street (west side), is hereby repealed.

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

Introduced 2-7-22

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 February 7, 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 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. via

February 7, 2022 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

video teleconference provided by Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/9778674789?pwd=aTFiWTdySzI5cGJIUzFUSig2WGZMZz09> Meeting ID: 977 867 4789

Passcode: mf83fH due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, 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 2022-07 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, CHAPTER 22-9 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD" BY AMENDING SECTION 22-9.2.A, "MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; BACKGROUND CHECKS" THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, that Chapter 22.9 of the Code of the Borough of South River entitled "Recreation and Parks Advisory Board" be amended by amending Section 22-9.2.A as follows:

SECTION 1. § 22-9.2 Membership; terms; background checks.

A. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of nine members, who shall reside within the Borough of South River. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation. The Board shall annually, upon reorganization, elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Secretary and Alternate Treasurer from its voting members.

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 2-7-22

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, at the front entrance of the Borough Administration Building located at 48 Washington Street 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.

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch – February 1, 2022 Capital Project Status Report

- The NJDOT For the 2020/2021 NJDOT Roadways Improvements Project will resume in the spring. Currently working with contractor on shop drawings and other little matters concerning said project.
- The 2022 Local Aid granted has been issued to the Borough and when ready, the Borough may permit the designs to move forward.
- The Electrical Substation maintenance has no changes. Mr. Koch will speak with the contractor to get a schedule of the sweeps and cables.
- The Well No. 2 Replacement project had gotten DEP comments so Mr. Koch is gathering information to respond. The electrician is waiting on a couple components which has been pushed back to the 18th now due to supply problems.
 - Councilwoman Meira thanked Mr. Koch for sending a list of Brownsfield properties. Councilwoman requested a definition of a Brownsfield. Mr. Koch replied that generally it's contamination that needs to be cleaned up in order to make the property useful. Mr. Koch will look into an accurate definition. Councilwoman mentioned the Environmental/Shade Tree Commission wants to get things done and the available grants could be of use to the Borough.
 - Councilman Oliveira mentioned that the Ochalsky frozen water buildup issue needs to get resolved. Council President interjected that many corners have flooding issues due to the residents' sump pumps flowing onto the streets. Councilwoman Meira mentioned that the Ordinances allow the sump pumps to drain onto the street and asked Mr. Koch about past issues and what was done to resolve. Council President indicated the Ordinance may need to be changed. Mayor indicated the Borough has sanitary sewers but the flow from sump pumps cannot go there. The storm sewers are not in all the right spots. Mayor mentioned the previous work on Raritan and Franklin and that another storm sewer couldn't be placed in the vicinity of Wilson so when a sump pump is draining, there is a mess at the corner of Wilson and Franklin. The same problem exists on Ochalsky and other places. It's a matter of, if we're redoing the street, then that's the time to hook them all up. It was done at another location but that issue was underground streams. It's a matter of when we are working on an area; we'd have to take the pipes from the storm sewers and direct them to the location of sump pumps. So when work is planned in that area, it can be fixed. Councilman Gurchensky indicated the problem was resolved on Wilcox this past year. Councilwoman Meira interjected that she has been receiving resident complaints that the Prentice and Wilcox situation worsened after PSE&G repaved the road. Councilwoman feels there has to be a better solution than waiting to do that street. Councilwoman further commented. Council President addressed Mr. Koch regarding a study that was done. Mr. Koch read the February 6, 2019 Engineer proposal letter regarding the drainage fix for Prentice & Ochalsky and the estimated cost at that time was \$199,493.00. Council President indicated that the town has many streets to be fixed under the NJDOT program and would the NJDOT grant fully cover a current cost for Ochalsky & Prentice along with other streets that were ignored over the years. Council President asked about the current cost estimate for that one corner at this time compared to all the other streets that need attention. Mayor interjected that there is only so much money. Mayor asked Mr. Koch if there are any closer

sewer lines to that corner. Mr. Koch indicated that he would reevaluate but he doesn't believe it has changed. Councilwoman asked Mr. Koch about installing another catch basin and it's corresponding connections. Mr. Koch replied that installing a catch basin on the corner would eventually freeze because it would need an open bottom with a seepage pit beneath it. The surrounding homes with basement flooding issues in that area shows a permeability issue so the ground water table is most likely high and a catch basin wouldn't help. A pipe could be connected and a lot of money can be spent on it but there is no guarantee. Connecting it to another storm sewer that has a good outflow would be the positive solution.

- Councilman Guindi remarked that the definition of Brownsfield "is the property that actually connects that happens to have contamination from an adjacent property". It can be fixed but very costly to do so. Councilwoman Meira asked to which properties was Councilman referring. Councilman replied he gave the definition of what makes a Brownsfield. Councilwoman further commented of the list provided by Mr. Koch. Mayor interjected that most are probably contaminated due to oil tanks if they're residential properties.
- Mayor asked about the Federal Infrastructure Bill being a source of funding for the Ochalsky underground drainage issue and a few other areas. Mr. Koch replied that he will check but he believes the bill is intended to fund water quality issues.

Being no further questions, Mr. Koch exited the meeting at 7:30 pm.

CFO Joe Zanga

- Resolution 87 pertains to a phone service agreement with Hunter Carrier Services for the Police Department covering
- long distance and 911 service.
- 2021 Annual Financial Statement was filed with the State of New Jersey today; on-time. It will be posted on the Borough website by the end of week.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Borough calendars are available and can be picked up at the DPW office, 48 Washington Street, 55 Reid Street and the Library.
 - Councilman Gurchensky asked about salt deliveries. Mr. Soares replied the deliveries have been on-time and plentiful.

Fire Chief William Smith

- All is well. The final report has been filed with the State of New Jersey on January 1st so the Fire Department is current from last year.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- No report.

Borough Clerk Sue Minock

- No report.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report.

Borough Administrator Art Londensky

- No report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Balazs

- Attended the Cltural Arts & Heritage Commission meeting on January 25th. Plans are underway for South River Day to be held on June 18th and the Memorial Day Parade for May. The next Cultural Arts & Heritage will take place on February 22nd.
- The Food Bank is having an Easter Basket Drive for collection of items for the children. Such items include but not limited to coloring books, candy, toys, trinkets. Anything a child would like for Easter. The collection date began on February 1st and continues to March 30th. The collection locations are the South River Food Bank on Jackson Street and Corpus Christi Church at its church entrance.
- The next Board of Health meeting will take place on February 17th.

Councilman Gurchensky

- The DPW Director indicated the Borough calendars are available. They contain much new, useful information.
- The Office on Aging is reopening. The Exercise Classes will resume in March on Thursdays at 9:30am. A limited amount of excursions will be offered; barring any pandemic issues. To combat the issue of isolation for the Seniors, the O.O.A. is looking to acclimate the Seniors back into activities to do away with depression from the long time of isolation. The AARP will not be able to assist with income tax filings for the Seniors so please contact the O.O.A. for assistance with taxes at 732-257-2340; neighboring communities will be assisting with such.

Councilman Oliveira

- Today is the last day to submit resumes in regard to the open position on the Board of Education. This upcoming Friday is an early dismissal for the schools. Schools will be closed on February 21st.
- Rams Girls & Boys Basketball teams are doing very well.
- In terms of Recreation, winter sports are back in session: wrestling, basketball, indoor softball, the clinic and gymnastics will be starting up shortly.
- The Recreation Advisory Board had their 1st meeting of the year.
- Thanked Mayor and Council for introducing Ordinance 2022-07 which will add the Secretary and Treasurer positions.
- Thanked Mayor for the Rec Advisory Board 2 appointments. The Board still has 1 vacancy which will hopefully be approved at the next meeting.
- In terms of spring sports, Lakisha Thomas distributed the flyers to the schools and will be posted on TV35 and the new Rec platform, CivicRec, where online registration can be done and online payment for field usage. The Cheer competition will be available online. However, the Cheerleading classes is the only program not available on CivicRec. Registration for the Cheerleading classes will be done at 55 Reid Street due to the various packages incorporated within the program.

Councilman Guindi

- The next Planning Board meeting will be held on February 15th.
- The next Zoning Board will take place on February 22nd.

Councilwoman Meira

- The Environmental/Shade Tree Commission have met a few times and they have great ideas. One project is a Lego collection where the Junior member is collecting Legos from the public to distribute to those who are not fortunate to have Legos. Bins will be placed soon at 48 Washington Street and possibly the Library and the Food Bank. More information to come. The Commission thanked Councilman Oliveira for attending the last meeting. Great ideas were shared regarding updating the shade trees in town. A guest

speaker from Rutgers University attended the Commission's last meeting and explained the species of trees best suited for South River.

- Attended the 1st Library Board meeting of this year and thanked Mayor for this Liaison appointment.

Council President Ciulla

- The Budget Committee met a few times working on the 2022 Municipal Budget. Council President thanked Mr. Londensky and Mr. Zanga for the great job organizing and presenting to the Committee.
- The next Economic Development Committee meeting will take place on February 16th. Preliminary discussion and a walk through the town with the Director of the Metuchen Downtown Alliance took place. The Director will attend the next meeting to assist in moving forward with redevelopment in order to get more businesses to come to South River.

Mayor Krenzel

- Mayor was going to give the State of the Borough Address today but decided to do something different. Mayor feels these types of addresses are long and boring. Instead, Mayor will break it down into segments to go into more depth on an issue to inform the public. For example, the Electric Utility future plans and how it can be derailed by the State of New Jersey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened the floor for Public Comment.

- Janice Kaminsky Cordes of 46 Foothills Drive came forth to address the governing body. Ms. Kaminsky Cordes spoke of her issues with Code Enforcement. Ms. Kaminsky Cordes would like to have an outside Code Enforcement Agency inspect her concerns. The DCA will be coming to inspect this Thursday as per Ms. Kaminsky Cordes and claims the local Code Enforcement, Mayor and Borough Council should deal with her concerns. Various members of Council and the Mayor commented. Ms. Kaminsky Cordes said that Borough Attorney Wyatt said everything was good and in order. Borough Attorney disagreed with Ms. Kaminsky Cordes' interpretation and strongly cautioned the Council to not comment being litigation was threatened by Ms. Kaminsky Cordes on multiple occasions. Attorney Wyatt doesn't believe a formal complaint has been filed but Ms. Kaminsky Cordes has threatened litigation and contacted various agencies concerning litigation against the Borough. Ms. Kaminsky Cordes stated that Ms. Wyatt told her to go to Superior Court and name Borough Council, Code Enforcement Officer and Mr. Londensky regarding the 2' wall discrepancy. She further commented. Attorney Wyatt interjected to correct the record. Ms. Wyatt did not advise in any correspondence with Ms. Cordes that this matter is for Superior Court against the Borough. Ms. Wyatt indicated that this is a property dispute between her and her neighbor and the proper jurisdiction for property disputes between neighbors is the Superior Court. That is how Ms. Wyatt's correspondence read. Ms. Kaminsky Cordes further indicated she spoke to legal counsel regarding the 2' wall which she believes is an open permit and it could be resolved with the Borough or go to Superior Court. Councilwoman Meira commented about having another town do the inspection. Mayor directed Mr. Londensky to contact Sayreville and East Brunswick to review the records and provide their opinion. Time limit was reached per Mayor.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2022-84 TO 2022-95

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 2022-84
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 24, 2022 Regular 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 2022-85
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF INSTRUMENTATION, AUTOMATION & COMPUTER SYSTEM OF THE WATER UTILITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined it necessary to solicit proposal of qualifications for professional services as Instrumentation, Automation & Computer System of the Water Utility under a "Fair and Open Process" pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined and certified that the value of the services to be rendered will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of said contract is for a period of one year and shall run from February 7, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has provided the necessary Public Notice for the solicitation of qualifications for professional services under the Fair and Open Process for a minimum period of ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the sealed qualifications, due on November 5, 2021, were submitted to the Borough Administrator of the Borough of South River, 48 Washington Street, South River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Engineered Solutions Corporation (ENSOCorp) submitted a proposal for Professional Services as Instrumentation, Automation & Computer System of the Water Utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mayor and appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the firm of Engineered Solutions Corporation (ENSOCorp) for the position of Instrumentation, Automation & Computer System of the Water Utility in the Borough of South River for the calendar year 2022 pursuant to the "Fair and Open Process" which has been implemented under the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law under P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Instrumentation, Automation & Computer System of the Water Utility in account

2-02-55-502-205 which is based on a reasonable estimate of the goods and services required over the contract terms, and the local unit is not obligated to spend that amount.

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 2022-86

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY OWNERS LIST REFUND

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary recommends this change as listed below; and

Reason	Name& Address	Amount
Property Owners	Lawrence B. Sachs	\$10.00
List Not Needed	8G Auer Court East Brunswick, NJ 08816	

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough of South River Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough to make the necessary adjustments as indicated.

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 2022-87

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PHONE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTER CARRIER SERVICES LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is desirous of entering into a Service Agreement with Hunter Carrier Services LLC; and

WHEREAS, said agreement will provide the Borough of South River with cost savings on local and long distance service on landline phone and E-911 for the Police Department from the said authorized vendor for \$698.24 per month for 60 months; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in Account 2-01-31-440-211, 2-02-55-502-202 and 2-03-55-502-202 for 2022 and will be provided in subsequent year's Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to sign said Agreement with Hunter Carrier Services LLC.

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 2022-88

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS UPGRADES TO THE BOROUGH'S FUELING STATION

WHEREAS, the governing body has received change order request No. 1 for the project known as Upgrades to the Borough's Fueling station undertaken by Aurora Environmental, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Change Order Request No. 1 calls for cleaning and removal of (1) gasoline and (1) diesel storage tank and obtaining the required confined space entry permit for the gasoline tank for an increased amount of \$5,105.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in Account C-06-20-032-101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that change order request No. 1 be 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 2022-89

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REQUISITION OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE SCHOOL MONIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Local School District is required to requisition funds for Operating Expense and Debt Service Expense from the Borough; and

WHEREAS, a requisition dated March 9, 2022 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,396,096.00
RESTORED FUNDS:	0.00
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,396,096.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw the above stated amount from the proper accounts and pay to the Custodian of the School Monies the amount so drawn pursuant to the applicable Statutes of the State of New Jersey by March 9, 2022.

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 2022-90
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>
65-999-005-545 CD	NICHOLAS ANDERSON & KELLY MURPHY 14 LISA DR E7B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$36.46
65-999-006-367 CD	ESMERALDA S. ARANDA 943 CRANBURY CROSS RD APT 2 NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$22.52
65-999-997-778 CD	THERESA DALEY 20 WOJIE WAY APT 318 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$213.84

66-999-001-809 WATER PREVIOUS	JOSE FIGUEIRAS 81 HILLSIDE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$63.16
65-999-006-320 CD	AGNIESZKA JEDRZEJCZYK	\$151.46
65-999-006-336 CD	10 MINNESOTA DR APT C MATAWAN, NJ 07747	\$164.83
65-999-007-207 CD	KATY PATRICIA ORELLANA MELENDEZ NERY EDUARDO MONTES MALDONADO 58 WILLETT AVE APT 2 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$69.02
65-999-005-384 CD	MARIO SARABANDO & ANGELA SIMOES 2 ARLINGTON AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$39.10
66-999-958-034 WATER CURRENT	101 WAKEMAN AVE ASSOCIATES LLC	\$65.00
66-999-958-034 WATER PREVIOUS	8 CARMAN ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$65.00

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 2022-91
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 \$2,267,930.10 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$532,296.55 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		X*	
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

*Councilman Guindi abstention Item: 21-03221

RESOLUTION 2022-92

February 7, 2022 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with consent of the Council, do hereby appoint the following as members of the Advisory Board for Parks and Recreation.

Thomas Kiernan
Denise Markowski

2/7/22 to 12/31/24
2/7/22 to 12/31/22

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 2022-93

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSED BUSINESSES BUY-BACK TRUST FEES FOR
2022 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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, since the declaration of the State of Emergency continues, the number of cases in New Jersey has significantly risen; 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, in a continued effort to aid the Borough's local restaurant and bar businesses, the Borough Council desires to waive the trust fee set forth in Borough Code § 103-7 for the year 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 trust fee required by Borough Code § 103-7 is hereby waived for the year 2022.
2. That any trust fee previously paid pursuant to Borough Code § 103-7 for the year 2022 shall be refunded.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Clerk and 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 2022-94

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A BOOT DRIVE

WHEREAS, Engine Company #1 of the South River Fire Department has requested permission to conduct a boot drive at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of May 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Engine Company #1 of the South River Fire Department does perform fundraising to provide services to the citizens and residents of the Borough of South River; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that Engine Company #1 of the South River Fire Department is hereby authorized to conduct a boot drive at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of May 28, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is granted to conduct a boot drive at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on the aforesaid date subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the booting shall wear a reflective safety vest while booting.
2. That there will be no interference with the flow of traffic on the roadway.
3. All fundraising shall be conducted by individuals having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years.

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 2022-95

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, John M. Krenzle, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with consent of the Council, do hereby appoint the following as member of the Advisory Board of Library Trustees.

David Roshetar

2/7/22 to 12/31/26

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			

NEW BUSINESS

- None

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

Councilwoman Meira

- Asked Mayor for timeline to submit suggestions for Board/Commission appointments as one was submitted the day after the last meeting. Mayor indicated it was for the Library Board and the positions are filled as per the Clerk. Discussion ensued regarding vacancies on the Board. Clerk will forward a listing of all Library Board members for Councilwoman and Mayor to reference for accuracy. Mayor also mentioned the Citizen Leadership Act form was implemented by the State of New Jersey. Councilwoman asked Mayor to contact the Mayor's Designee since he has not been attending the meetings. Mayor indicated he reached out and told the designee that he should resign if he is not going to attend the meetings. After last meeting, the public reached out to volunteer.
- TV35 mentioned it can be added to one's YouTube subscription and can be added as an app on your Xfinity/smart tv.
- Happy Valentine's Day.
- Spoke about the Federal Infrastructure bill with a lot of money that the Borough can receive; water main breaks. The DEP sends weekly notices about grant monies. Councilwoman mentioned getting a grant writer to obtain more grants.

Councilman Guindi

- Going back to the last meeting regarding some questions from Councilwoman Meira to CFO Zanga; Councilman Guindi spoke to Mr. Zanga regarding the line item for last year's field usage & lights and it was \$5,500 as stated by Mr. Zanga. Councilman mentioned they looked at Grekowski Park's maintenance which benefitted what was done. The questioning regarding the deficit from last meeting may have meant how much has the Borough lost from lighting usage. The people who had not paid for lighting came to approximately \$1,255 which the town paid out. \$1,475 was brought in from the same paying customers. The purpose is to rehab the parks as stated at the last Council meeting. In order to do so, it has to start somewhere. Field usage requests are coming in which is a positive thing.
- Thanked DPW for a great job plowing the roads. Some people were throwing the snow back onto the roads and complaints came in that the roads were not plowed which in fact, they were. Please keep the snow on your own property.
- Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilman Oliveira

- Thanked Mayor, Council and Professional Staff for their heartfelt thoughts/support during Councilman's wife's recovery from a medical procedure.
- Please be patient on the roads with the school traffic.
- Thanked DPW for their plowing.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thanked DPW, Police Fire and EMS for all they do. Thanked DPW for all the street salting and the plowing. The patching of potholes can't be done unless the roads are dry.
- Encouraged the residents to be safe.
- Please check on your neighbors in this cold weather.
- Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thanked DPW and 1st Responders with the snow. Agreed with Councilman Guindi that some residents are throwing the snow back onto the streets. It was very good DPW went out again to clean the corners for the schools.
- Enjoy the upcoming warmer weather.
- Enjoy the Super Bowl.
- Happy Valentine's Day.
- Enjoy the 3-day weekend for Presidents Day.

Council President Ciulla

- Reiterated the DPW guys did a fantastic job. Council President saw people throwing the snow on the street and encouraged all to move their cars off the streets and keep the snow on their own properties.
- Happy Valentine's Day.

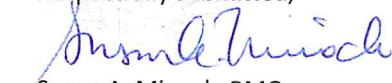
Mayor Krenzel

- Thanked the DPW and 1st Responders. In Mayor's neighborhood, just about all of the cars were removed from the streets so DPW can plow and that area is not a snow emergency area.
- We're going back to meeting every 3 weeks so the next Council meeting will be on February 28th.
- Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Presidents Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Guindi motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


 Susan A. Minock, RMC
 Borough Clerk