

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 5**

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 28, 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 to remember the people of Ukraine.

PROCLAMATIONS

- National Athletic Training Month ready by Mayor Krenzel

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity based on specific tasks, knowledge and skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational processes; and*

***WHEREAS**, athletic trainers provide prevention of injuries through recognition, evaluation and education and the treatment of injuries through the evaluation, rehabilitation, health care administration and guidance; and*

***WHEREAS**, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports 45,000 members of the athletic training profession employed in the following settings: professional sports, colleges and universities, secondary schools, rehabilitation clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial settings, performing arts and every branch of the United States military; and*

***WHEREAS**, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have joined together in a common desire to raise public awareness of the value of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care within the aforementioned settings; and*

***WHEREAS**, such an effort will improve health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity and promote licensed athletic trainers as health care professionals.*

***NOW THEREFORE**, I, John Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, in the State of New Jersey, hereby recognize the month of March 2022 in South River, New Jersey as:*

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

and I urge all the people of South River, New Jersey to learn more about the value of athletic training and to support area athletic trainers, recognizing the positive impact they have on the student athletes of the South River School District and everywhere.

***IN WITNESS WHERE OF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Borough of South River, in the State of New Jersey, to be affixed at South River, New Jersey, this 28th day of February, in the year two thousand twenty two.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION**RESOLUTION 2022-95a****RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ENTRANCE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the general public from a meeting of the Governing Body under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River are of the opinion such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded upon the hereinafter specific subject matter and that such subject matter to be so discussed is as follows:

- Personnel
- Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such record of the above discussion will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 7 :05 pm

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			

Reconvened to Public Session at 7:13 pm

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

*The Borough Council took formal action after the Executive Session meeting concluded as per Resolution 2022-99.

AGENDA SESSION

- Discussion of Ordinance 2022-12 Chp 80 entitled "Recreation Department of"

Councilman Oliveira summarized that the Recreation Department as not previously established within the Borough's Code Book and it should be done. Mayor indicated the Ordinance will be introduced at the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-06 only.

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

Adopted 2-28-22

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			

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-07 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-07 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 2-28-22

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			

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-08 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 –08

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 add Section 155-34 entitled “Chapter 120, Cannabis fees” as follows:

§ 155-34 Chapter 120, Cannabis fees

A. Suitability application fee: \$100.00

- B. Initial license application fee: \$200.00
- C. Each annual license renewal fee: \$25.00

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.

Introduced 2-28-22

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 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 28, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 21st day of March, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Municipal Clerk Minock read Bond Ordinance 2022-09 by title only.

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
Bond Ordinance No. 2022-09**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$1,110,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$619,500 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,110,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including the sum of \$457,410 in grant funds expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and the sum of \$33,090 as the down payment for said purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Capital Improvement Fund of one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$619,500, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued consist of: (i) the acquisition of various equipment, including tasers, 911 system upgrades and other equipment; (ii) improvements to various roads, including, but not limited to, Appleby Avenue, Morningside Avenue and Fifth Street; and (iii) various improvements to the Borough Library, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$619,500, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$1,110,000, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$1,110,000 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$33,090 down payment for said purposes and the \$457,410 grant funds expected to be received from the NJDOT for said road improvements.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer, who shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of such notes occurs, such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 14.02 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$619,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$155,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs, legal fees and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included as part of the cost of said improvements and is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for said improvements.

(e) To the extent that moneys of the Borough are used to finance, on an interim basis, costs of said improvements or purposes, the Borough reasonably expects such costs to be paid or reimbursed with the proceeds of obligations issued pursuant hereto.

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

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

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from other sources, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication

Introduced 2-28-22

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 OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"), held on February 28, 2022. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body to be held in Council Chambers, Criminal Justice Building, 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey or remotely via Zoom on March 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on 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 Municipal Clerk in said Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$1,110,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$619,500 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

Purpose(s): Providing for the following capital improvements and/or acquisitions: (i) acquisition of various equipment, including tasers, 911 system upgrades and other equipment; (ii) improvements to various roads, including, but not limited to, Appleby Avenue, Morningside Avenue and Fifth Street; and (iii) various improvements to the Borough Library.

Appropriation: \$1,110,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$619,500

Section 20 Costs: \$155,000

Grants: \$457,410 NJDOT

Useful Life: 14.02 Years

Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-10 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

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 (§ 193-31) entitled, "Schedule II: No Parking Certain Hours," so as to add the following streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
Montgomery St.	East	7:00 am- 8:30 pm	200 feet south from the

Monday - Friday

of Johnson Place, extending 44 feet
thereof.

SECTION 2. 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 IV: Time Limit Parking," so as to remove the following streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Maximum Time	Location
Montgomery St.	Northwest	7:00 am - 9:00 pm, School days	½ Hour	From a point 60 ft. South of the northwest Curbline of Johnson Place to a point of 562 ft. South thereof.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Introduced 2-28-22

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			

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Municipal Clerk Minock read Ordinance 2022-11 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 –11

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 350 ENTITLED "ZONING"

WHEREAS, This Ordinance sets forth procedures for the installation of Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make-Ready parking spaces and establishes associated regulations and other standards within the Borough of South River of County of Middlesex

WHEREAS, supporting the transition to electric vehicles contributes to Borough of South River 's commitment to sustainability and is in the best interest of public welfare; and

WHEREAS, installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces encourages electric vehicle adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River encourages increased installation of EVSE and Make Ready parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance supports the State of New Jersey's goals to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as outlined and supported by various programs related to NJ's 2019 Energy Master Plan, Global Warming Response Act (P.L.2007, c.112 (C.26:2C-37 et al.)), and EV Law (P.L. 2019, c. 362); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2021, c.171, which Governor Murphy signed into law on July 9, 2021, requires EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces be designated as a permitted accessory use in all zoning or use districts and establishes associated installation and parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this ordinance will support the Master Plan of the Borough of South River adopted in concurrence with P.L. 1975 c. 291, s. 1 eff. Aug. 1, 1976, and is consistent with goals *and objectives* of the Master Plan as well as the land use, circulation elements of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River encourages greater ownership and use of electric vehicles, thus the Borough of South River is amending Chapter 350 entitled Zoning of the Borough of South River Municipal Code to establish standards and regulations for the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces at appropriate locations.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 350 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Zoning," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 350-27 entitled, "Off-Street Parking Requirements," so as to add 350-27(F) so as to read entirely as follows:

§ 350-27(F) ELECTRIC VEHICLE SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) & MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES

A. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by requiring the safe and efficient installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces through municipal parking regulations and other standards. EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces will support the State's transition to an electric transportation sector, reducing automobile air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and storm water runoff contaminants. The goals are to:

1. Provide adequate and convenient EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces to serve the needs of the traveling public.
2. Provide opportunities for residents to have safe and efficient personal EVSE located at or near their place of residence.
3. Provide the opportunity for non-residential uses to supply EVSE to their customers and employees.
4. Create standard criteria to encourage and promote safe, efficient, and cost-effective electric vehicle charging opportunities in all zones and settings for convenience of service to those that use electric vehicles.

B. Definitions

Certificate of occupancy: The certificate provided for in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2, indicating that the construction authorized by the construction permit has been completed in accordance with the construction permit, the act and the regulations. See "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Charging Level: The amount of voltage provided to charge an electric vehicle varies depending on the type of EVSE as follows:

1. Level 1 operates on a fifteen (15) to twenty (20) amp breaker on a one hundred twenty (120) volt AC circuit.
2. Level 2 operates on a forty (40) to one hundred (100) amp breaker on a two hundred eight (208) or two hundred forty (240) volt AC circuit.
3. Direct-current fast charger (DCFC) operates on a sixty (60) amp or higher breaker on a four hundred eighty (480) volt or higher three phase circuit with special grounding equipment. DCFC stations can also be referred to as rapid charging stations that are typically characterized by industrial grade electrical outlets that allow for faster recharging of electric vehicles.

Electric vehicle: Any vehicle that is licensed and registered for operation on public and private highways, roads, and streets; and operates either partially or exclusively using an electric motor powered by an externally charged on-board battery.

Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment or (EVSE): The equipment, including the cables, cords, conductors, connectors, couplers, enclosures, attachment plugs, power outlets, power electronics, transformer, switchgear, switches and controls, network interfaces, point of sale equipment, and associated apparatus designed and used for the purpose of transferring energy from the electric supply system to a plug-in electric vehicle. "EVSE" may deliver either alternating current or, consistent with fast charging equipment standards, direct current electricity. "EVSE" is synonymous with "electric vehicle charging station."

Make-Ready Parking Space: means the pre-wiring of electrical infrastructure at a parking space, or set of parking spaces, to facilitate easy and cost-efficient future installation of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle Service Equipment, including, but not limited to, Level Two EVSE and direct current fast chargers. Make Ready includes expenses related to service panels, junction boxes, conduit, wiring, and other components necessary to make a particular location able to accommodate Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or Electric Vehicle Service Equipment on a "plug and play" basis. "Make-Ready" is synonymous with the term "charger ready," as used in P.L.2019, c.362 (C.48:25-1 et al.).

Private EVSE: EVSE that has restricted access to specific users (e.g., single and two-family homes, executive parking fleet parking with no access to the general public).

Publicly-accessible EVSE: EVSE that is publicly available (e.g., park & ride, public parking lots and garages, on-street parking, shopping center parking, non-reserved parking in multi-family parking lots, etc.).

C. Approvals and Permits

1. An application for development submitted solely for the installation of EVSE or Make-Ready parking spaces shall be considered a permitted accessory use and permitted accessory structure in all zoning or use districts and shall not require a variance pursuant to C.40:55D-70.

2. EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces installed pursuant to Section D. below in development applications that are subject to site plan approval are considered a permitted accessory use as described in 1. above.
3. All EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs permit and inspection requirements.
4. The Zoning Officer shall enforce all signage and installation requirements described in this ordinance. Failure to meet the requirements in this ordinance shall be subject to the same enforcement and penalty provisions as other violations of the Borough of South River's land use regulations.
5. An application for development for the installation of EVSE or Make-Ready spaces at an existing gasoline service station, an existing retail establishment, or any other existing building shall not be subject to site plan or other land use board review, shall not require variance relief pursuant to C.40:55D-1 et seq. or any other law, rule, or regulation, and shall be approved through the issuance of a zoning permit by the administrative officer, provided the application meets the following requirements:
 - a. the proposed installation does not violate bulk requirements applicable to the property or the conditions of the original final approval of the site plan or subsequent approvals for the existing gasoline service station, retail establishment, or other existing building;
 - b. all other conditions of prior approvals for the gasoline service station, the existing retail establishment, or any other existing building continue to be met; and
 - c. the proposed installation complies with the construction codes adopted in or promulgated pursuant to the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), any safety standards concerning the installation, and any State rule or regulation concerning electric vehicle charging stations.
6. An application pursuant to paragraph (c)(5) above shall be deemed complete if:
 - a. For publicly-accessible municipal EVSE, in addition to any parking fees, the fee to use parking spaces within the municipality identified as EVSE spaces shall be set by the Borough of South River in Chapter 155-11 Fees.
 - b. Private EVSE: Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to preclude a private owner/designee of an EVSE from collecting a fee for the use of the EVSE, in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations. Fees shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to the EVSE parking space.
 - c. A one-time written correction notice is not issued by the zoning officer within 20 days after filing of the application detailing all deficiencies in the application and identifying any additional information explicitly necessary to complete a review of the permit application.
7. EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces installed at a gasoline service station, an existing retail establishment, or any other existing building shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs inspection requirements.
8. A permitting application solely for the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment permitted as an accessory use shall not be subject to review based on parking requirements.

D. Requirements for New Installation of EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces

1. As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, for each application involving a multiple dwelling with five or more units of dwelling space, which shall include a multiple dwelling that is held under a condominium or cooperative form of ownership, a mutual housing corporation, or a mixed-use development, the developer or owner, as applicable, shall:

- a. prepare as Make-Ready parking spaces at least 15 percent of the required off-street parking spaces, and install EVSE in at least one-third of the 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces;
 - b. within three years following the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, install EVSE in an additional one-third of the original 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces; and
 - c. within six years following the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, install EVSE in the final one-third of the original 15 percent of Make-Ready parking spaces.
 - d. Throughout the installation of EVSE in the Make-Ready parking spaces, at least five percent of the electric vehicle supply equipment shall be accessible for people with disabilities.
 - e. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the ability to install electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces at a faster or more expansive rate than as required above.
2. As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, each application involving a parking lot or garage not covered in 1. above shall:
- a. Install at least one Make-Ready parking space if there will be 50 or fewer off-street parking spaces.
 - b. Install at least two Make-Ready parking spaces if there will be 51 to 75 off-street parking spaces.
 - c. Install at least three Make-Ready parking spaces if there will be 76 to 100 off-street parking spaces.
 - d. Install at least four Make-Ready parking spaces, at least one of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities, if there will be 101 to 150 off-street parking spaces.
 - e. Install at least four percent of the total parking spaces as Make-Ready parking spaces, at least five percent of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities, if there will be more than 150 off-street parking spaces.
 - f. In lieu of installing Make-Ready parking spaces, a parking lot or garage may install EVSE to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.
 - g. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the ability to install electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces at a faster or more expansive rate than as required above.
 - h. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a retailer that provides 25 or fewer off-street parking spaces or the developer or owner of a single-family home shall not be required to provide or install any electric vehicle supply equipment or Make-Ready parking spaces.

E. Minimum Parking Requirements

- 1. All parking spaces with EVSE and Make-Ready equipment shall be included in the calculation of minimum required parking spaces, pursuant to 350-27; Off-street parking.
- 2. A parking space prepared with EVSE or Make-Ready equipment shall count as at least two parking spaces for the purpose of complying with a minimum parking space requirement. This shall result in a reduction of no more than 10 percent of the total required parking.
- 3. All parking space calculations for EVSE and Make-Ready equipment shall be rounded up to the next full parking space.
- 4. Additional installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces above what is required in Section D. above may be encouraged, but shall not be required in development projects.

F. Design Standards for All New EVSE and Make-Ready Parking Spaces

- 1. Setback and Accessibility
 - a. When new construction is proposed, via Sub-section D above, and since EVSE and Make-Ready equipment is considered an accessory use, all EVSE and Make Ready equipment, including charging stations and transformers, shall be set back from all property lines the accessory

setback requirement of a minimum of five (5') feet and shall not encroach into any required buffer area.

- b. Each EVSE or Make-Ready parking stall that is not accessible for people with disabilities shall be not less than 9 feet wide or 18 feet in length.
- c. Each EVSE or Make-Ready parking space that is accessible for people with disabilities shall comply with the sizing of accessible parking space requirements in the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.
- d. To the extent practical, the location of accessible parking spaces for people with disabilities with EVSE and Make Ready equipment shall comply with the general accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.

2. Parking Enforcement

- a. Publicly-accessible EVSE shall be reserved for parking and charging electric vehicles only. Electric vehicles shall be connected to the EVSE.
- b. Electric vehicles may be parked in any parking space designated for parking, subject to the restrictions that would apply to any other vehicle that would park in that space.
- c. At publicly-accessible EVSE locations, pursuant to NJSA 40:48-2, parking spaces shall be monitored by the municipality's police department and enforced in the same manner as any other parking. It shall be a violation of this Section to park or stand a non-electric vehicle in such a space, or to park an electric vehicle in such a space when it is not connected to the EVSE. Any non-electric vehicle parked or standing in a EVSE parking space or any electric vehicle parked and not connected to the EVSE shall be subject to fine and/or impoundment of the offending vehicle as described in the general penalty provisions of Chapter 193 Vehicles and Traffic.
- d. Signage indicating the penalties for violations shall comply with Section 4. below. Any vehicle parked in such a space shall make the appropriate payment for the space and observe the time limit for the underlying parking area, if applicable.
- e. At private EVSE locations, the use of EVSE shall be monitored by the property owner or designee.
- f. All EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall be subject to applicable local and/or Department of Community Affairs permit and inspection requirements.

3. Safety

- a. Installation of EVSE and Make-Ready parking spaces shall meet the electrical sub-code of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16.
- b. Each publicly-accessible EVSE shall be located at a parking space that is designated for electric vehicles only and identified by green painted pavement and/or curb markings, a green painted charging pictograph symbol, and appropriate signage pursuant to Sub-section 4. Signs.
- c. Where EVSE is installed, adequate site lighting and landscaping shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 350 Zoning.
- d. Adequate EVSE protection such as concrete-filled steel bollards shall be used to protect publicly-accessible EVSE equipment. Non-mountable curbing may be used in lieu of bollards if the EVSE is setback a minimum of 24 inches from the face of the curb. Any stand-alone EVSE bollards should be 3 to 4-feet high with concrete footings placed to protect the EVSE from accidental impact and to prevent damage from equipment used for snow removal.
- e. EVSE outlets and connector devices shall be no less than 36 inches and no higher than 48 inches from the ground or pavement surface where mounted. Equipment mounted on pedestals,

lighting posts, bollards, or other devices shall be designated and located as to not impede pedestrian travel, create trip hazards on sidewalks, or impede snow removal.

- f. Each EVSE shall incorporate a cord management system or method to minimize the potential for cable entanglement, user injury, or connector damage. Cords shall be retractable or have a place to hang the connector and cord a safe and sufficient distance above the ground or pavement surface. Any cords connecting the charger to a vehicle shall be configured so that they do not cross a driveway, sidewalk, or passenger unloading area.
 - g. Where EVSE is provided within a pedestrian circulation area, such as a sidewalk or other accessible route to a building entrance, the EVSE shall be located so as not to interfere with accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and other applicable accessibility standards.
 - h. Publicly-accessible EVSEs shall be maintained in all respects, including the functioning of the equipment. A 24-hour on-call contact shall be provided on the equipment for reporting problems with the equipment or access to it. To allow for maintenance and notification, the Borough of South River shall require the owners/designee of publicly-accessible EVSE to provide information on the EVSE's geographic location, date of installation, equipment type and model, and owner contact information.
4. Signs
- a. Publicly-accessible EVSE shall have posted regulatory signs, as identified in this section, allowing only charging electric vehicles to park in such spaces. For purposes of this section, "charging" means that an electric vehicle is parked at an EVSE and is connected to the EVSE. If time limits or vehicle removal provisions are to be enforced, regulatory signs including parking restrictions shall be installed immediately adjacent to, and visible from the EVSE. For private EVSE, installation of signs and sign text is at the discretion of the owner.
 - b. All regulatory signs shall comply with visibility, legibility, size, shape, color, and reflectivity requirements contained within the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as published by the Federal Highway Administration.
 - c. Wayfinding or directional signs, if necessary, may be permitted at appropriate decision points to effectively guide motorists to the EVSE parking space(s) and shall be subject to Chapter 350-26 Signs.
 - d. In addition to the signage described above, the following information shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to all publicly-accessible EVSE parking spaces:
 - 1) Hour of operations and/or time limits if time limits or tow-away provisions are to be enforced by the municipality or owner/designee;
 - 2) Usage fees and parking fees, if applicable; and
 - 3) Contact information (telephone number) for reporting when the equipment is not operating or other problems.
 - e. The Zoning Officer shall enforce all signage and installation requirements described in this ordinance. Failure to meet the requirements in this ordinance shall be subject to the same enforcement and penalty provisions as other violations of the Land Use ordinances of the Borough of South River.
5. Usage Fees

- a. For publicly-accessible municipal EVSE, in addition to any parking fees, the fee to use parking spaces within the municipality identified as EVSE spaces shall be set by the Borough of South River in Chapter 155-11 Fees.
- b. Private EVSE: Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to preclude a private owner/designee of an EVSE from collecting a fee for the use of the EVSE, in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations. Fees shall be available on the EVSE or posted at or adjacent to the EVSE parking space.

SECTION 2. After introduction of this ordinance, the Borough Clerk shall send a copy of this ordinance to the Borough Planning Board for its review and comment. The Borough Clerk shall also send a copy of the ordinance to the Middlesex County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Introduced 2-28-22

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 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 28, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 21st day of March, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch – February 22, 2022 Capital Project Status Report

- The NJDOT For the 2020/2021 NJDOT Roadways Improvements Project is starting up. The subcontractor will commence the water work either this week or next week. The drawings and contracts for the Curb & Sidewalk program were submitted to the contractor. All the sanitary sewer repairs were provided to the contractor also.
- 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 of the sweeps and cables is in the works now. A pole needs replacement to safely transfer wires so once done, that work can proceed.
- The contractor has received the parts and equipment for the Well No. 2 Replacement project. Work began today and will continue until finished.
- The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Citizens Advisory Committee met on February 22nd at 6:00 pm via Zoom. The memo was issued to the governing body and a resolution is on the agenda so when a copy is received, Mr. Koch will prepare the project proposal and will forward the application to the county.

Being no further questions, Mr. Koch exited the meeting at 7:27 pm.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Potholes are being repaired all this week.
- DPW are providing 3 free reusable bags to each household at the DPW yard; Monday through Friday. Mayor asked if the bags will be available on a Saturday and Mr. Soares replied it may be done. Bags were provided to Office on Aging for the Seniors.
 - Councilwoman Meira asked about potholes on county roads and who would be called to fix them. The pothole on Whitehead needs attention. Mr. Soares replied DPW would call the county and he is aware of the Whitehead Avenue pothole. Mayor interjected that Main Street needs attention also. Councilwoman thanked Donna Stoddard for her grant to obtain the reusable bags. Brief discussion regarding the reusable bags took place.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- The COVID numbers spiked up a few months ago at the Police Department so the building was closed to the public. Since the numbers have reduced drastically, the building will reopen tomorrow, March 1st. The Communal Policing Program will begin and the Law Enforcement Against Drugs Program for the 5th Graders in public school will begin. Officer Danielle Stone has been recently certified to teach the LEAD program.
 - Councilwoman Meira asked about removing ADA signage. Chief replied to reach out to the Traffic Safety Bureau to either Sgt. Yorek or Ptl. Hyslop. Provide the exact location of the handicap parking space and they will go out to investigate.
 - There used to be a sign at the Primary School for no left turns into the parking lot but it is no longer there. Was it removed? Chief will investigate.

Borough Clerk Sue Minock

- No report.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report.

Borough Administrator Art Londensky

- The fueling station rehabilitation is ongoing; work is proceeding on the tanks.
- The roofing project has begun at the mechanic's garage.
- The battery storage project is coming along well. All the battery equipment has been installed and being commissioned will take approximately another month.

- Councilwoman Meira asked about the park improvements status. Mr. Londensky indicated the Borough is waiting on last year's HCD money to do the purchase order for Fitzpatrick Park. CFO Zanga interjected that they are waiting for the equipment to arrive and Mr. Zanga reached out to the vendor for the status and to look at other parks but the vendor contact is out this week. The last time Mr. Zanga spoke to the vendor a couple months back; it was indicated the equipment should arrive in the spring; March to April. Once that happens, the vendor will mobilize for installation at Fitzpatrick Park and Leonardine Park. Councilwoman asked if the equipment has been approved and paid. Mr. Zanga replied that it hasn't been paid. The equipment was ordered and there are purchase orders from last year's budget to be processed once the equipment arrives and installed. The new money from HCD will mostly go towards Dailey's Park and a small amount for Grekoski's Park. Fitzpatrick and Leonardine are already earmarked. Mr. Londensky interjected that the delay is due to the supply chain backup like everything else.

CFO Joe Zanga

- Indicated the Bond Ordinance was introduced for various projects.
- The resolution for the emergency temporary budget will see the Borough through to the Budget adoption in May.
- The introducing of the 2022 Budget will take place at the March 21st meeting.
 - Councilman Oliveira invited Mr. Zanga to speak about finances at the April 5th Recreation Board meeting.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Guindi

- The next Planning Board meeting will be held on March 15th in-person at 7:00 pm at 61 Main Street.
- The next Zoning Board meeting will take place on March 22nd.
- The potholes are being repaired. Please reach out to inform DPW for any pothole issues.

Councilman Oliveira

- Tomorrow is the Parks & Rec monthly meeting with a change of location to be at the Library from 7pm to 8pm. Thanked Avelina for opening the building for the Board.
- Thanked Terri Chandler and the others involved with the Cheerleading program. As of today, there has been 115 girls register for the new Cheerleading program.
- Please sign up for U8 & U12 Softball and U8 baseball. Facebook and TV35 will have advertisements.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be tentatively on April 2nd; rain date of April 9th.
- The Fishing Derby will be June 5th. Anyone over the age of 16, will now need a fishing license. Information to come.
- The Board of Education Superintendent Zircher announced that masks will be optional as of March 7th.
- At tomorrow's Rec Advisory meeting, discussion of Summer Camps will take place. South River has partnered with Middlesex County Kiddie Keep Well Camp which is an overnight experience for 11 days. If anyone is interested, please speak to your child's school nurse or visit www.kiddiekeepwell.org. Information to come.
- The High Schools Wall of Fame is accepting nominations through July 15th. Please visit the Board of Ed website to nominate someone.
- Congratulated the winter sports teams. The Girls' Basketball team suffered a tough loss today. The Boys' team is currently playing and Councilwoman Balazs interjected the Boys are up by 3 points.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Reminder the Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 26th at the DPW from 12 noon until 3pm.
- The Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission is moving forward with South River Day to be held on June 18th and the Memorial Day Parade for May.

- The South River Alliance Club is holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 27th from 8am to 12pm at the VFW on Reid Street. Adults are \$10 and children under 12 are \$5. It's for a very good cause and it's a really good breakfast.

Council President Ciulla

- The Economic Development Committee met on February 16th and moving forward with the Redevelopment planning. The Director of the Metuchen Downtown Alliance gave great recommendations.
- A Flag Raising for the Ukraine took place on Sunday. It was awesome. A great turnout of 150-200 people. Thanked Kevin Neilson for coordinating the event in such a little amount of time.
- Congratulated South River High School's Athletic Trainer, Babara Januszkiewicz, regarding the Athletic Proclamation.
- Congratulated Police Officer Danielle Stone for her achievement of certification for the Law Enforcement Against Drugs Program.

Councilman Gurchensky

- The Office on Aging first meeting was today. New events will be coming up so please reach out to the office to be placed on their email list for event information. One new event is the Monthly Mingle to begin on March 17th from 11am to 1pm. To RSVP, please call 732-257-2340 so they know you will be attending. The AARP will remotely assist with income tax filings for the Seniors which will be off-site by appointment only on a first come-first serve basis at the following location: East Brunswick Library at Jean Walling-Civic Center; call for appointment at 732-390-6767 to schedule for Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30am or 11am based on availability. In-person appointments are not available. Prep packets need to be picked up in advance and are to be completed with all required tax documents and delivered at the time of the scheduled appointment. Participates will be contacted by phone when their return is available for pickup.

Councilwoman Meira

- Asked Mr. Zanga for a summary of the introduced Bond Ordinance. Mr. Zanga summarized it is improvements to various roads; Appleby, Morningside and Fifth Street where the Borough received an NJDOT \$457,000 grant. It's also a portion of the Library project where they applied to the State to get aid. The Borough has a matching portion which they will match also. In addition is various equipment for the Police Department. Councilwoman asked if the DOT money for the road improvements wasn't enough. Mr. Zanga explained even if just using DOT money, the Borough needs to bond regardless. The DOT money doesn't cover the sewer work, the traffic safety payment because there are certain items the DOT will not fund. The Borough always has to fund some of the money locally.
- TV35 on YouTube is temporarily blocked so Mr. Cuccio is looking into it. Wished Mr. Cuccio well as he recovers from surgery.
- The Environmental Commission is having a Lego Collection this month and the drop-off bins are located at 48 Washington Street, the High School and the Library. A nonprofit company will pick up the Legos to fix/clean them and distribute to those children in need. The March 3rd meeting will take place in-person at 6:30pm; 48 Washington Street.
- Thankful the Library was added onto the Bond.
- March 2nd is Read Across America Day. The Annual Magic Show at the Library will be held on March 1st at 6pm. This week the schools do a Spirit Week with Read Across America.
- A vacancy exists on the Library Board and asked Mayor when will it be filled. There is an interested resident. Mayor replied he wants to talk to the resident and see if it's a good fit.

Mayor Krenzel

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened the floor for Public Comment.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**RESOLUTION 2022-96****RESOLUTION OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER CULTURAL ARTS & HERITAGE COMMISSION**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following as members of the South River Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission:

- Peter Barna Term: 2/28/2022 – 12/31/2025 (filling unexpired term)
- Martin Lang Term: 2/28/2022 – 12/31/2025 (filling unexpired term)

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2022-97 TO 2022-108 (as amended below to Councilman Oliveira's statements).

Councilman Oliveira pointed out a couple corrections for Resolution 96 has appointments for the Library Board of Trustees which should be Cultural Arts & Heritage and Resolution 99 should state Coordinators not Directors.

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 2022-97**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 February 7, 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 2022-98**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF 2021-2022 WINTER RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPORTS & FITNESS INSTRUCTOR**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following additional employee for the 2021-2022 Winter Recreation Department effective as of March 1, 2022.

February 28, 2022 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Basketball Instructor per Game

Lee Cadel

\$35.00 per game

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 2022-99**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME COORDINATORS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF 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 employees of the Parks and Recreation Department as part-time Coordinators as follows:

Charmaine Larkin-Buffalino
Terri Chandler

Effective as of March 1, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.00
Effective as of March 1, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.00

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 2022-100**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PERMANENT STATUS TO A UTILITY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint:

Patricia Sapata

to the permanent position of Administrative Assistant in the Utility Department of the Borough of South River effective as of February 11, 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 2022-101
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION 2021-185 FOR A RENEWAL OF
CLUB LICENSE, LEVEL CLUB OF SOUTH RIVER, INC. IN THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH RIVER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, THE applications for renewal of all Plenary Licenses have been filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for the period of July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022 were approved by the Borough of South River Council via Resolution 2021-185 on June 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Level Club of South River, Inc named on said Resolution requires amendment to reflect the correct license number as indicated below:

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSEE</u>	<u>DBA TRADE NAME</u>
1223-31-048-001	Level Club of South River Inc. 120 Old Bridge Turnpike South River, NJ 08882	Level Club

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey hereby authorizes amendment to Resolution 2021-185 regarding the Level Club of South River, LLC license number to reflect 1223-31-048-001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the applicant for their record purposes, and the Chief of Police of the Borough of South River.

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 2022-102
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT DEVELOPMENT (CDBG)

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following as the Borough of South River Representative of the Advisory Committee for Community Block Grant Development (CDBG).

Bruce Koch, PE, PP, CME of CME Associates
3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859
bkoch@cmeusa1.com
732-727-8000

Term: 1/10/22 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 2022-103

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING LOSAP ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has adopted a Length of Service Award Program ordinance for their fire volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River LOSAP provides Annual Contributions to Qualified Members who meet the criteria stated in the Borough ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Qualified Members on the attached list have been certified by their respective departments to have the said amounts deposited into their LOSAP Accounts, including a CPI increase of 5.6 percent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the individuals on the attached list have been certified by their respective departments to have fulfilled all the requirements and qualifications of a Length of Service Award Program by the Borough of South River for the year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Qualified Members shall have said amounts deposited into their Length of Service Award Program accounts including a CPI increase of 5.6 percent.

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 2022-104

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the introduced 2022 Municipal Budget has not been finally adopted; and

WHEREAS, additional emergency temporary budget appropriations are required for the normal operation of the government and NJSA 40A:4-20 allows for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively consenting) that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 emergency appropriations be made for:

CURRENT FUND**WITHIN "CAPS**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS:</u>		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Cable Television	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
HUMAN RESOURCES		
Other Expense	\$ 20,000.00	\$40,000.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$18,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
BOROUGH CLERK		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 33,000.00	\$60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$11,000.00
Codification of Ordinances	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
ELECTIONS		
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 37,000.00	\$60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$30,000.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 20,000.00	\$40,000.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,000.00	\$16,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$15,000.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Other Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$25,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	\$ 35,000.00	\$70,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES AND COSTS		
Other Expense	\$ 10,000.00	\$20,000.00

LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:

PLANNING BOARD		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
INSURANCE		
Liability Insurance	\$105,000.00	\$210,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$105,000.00	\$140,000.00
Group Health	\$347,700.00	\$800,000.00
Unemployment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:</u>		
POLICE		
Salaries and Wages	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,900,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
SPECIAL POLICE		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
SCHOOL GUARDS		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 90,000.00	\$120,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
POLICE DISPATCH/911		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 75,000.00	\$120,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 4,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 55,000.00	\$100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR		
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
<u>PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:</u>		

ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		
Salaries and Wages	\$200,000.00	\$400,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
GARBAGE AND TRASH REMOVAL		
Salaries and Wages	\$220,000.00	\$350,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
PUBLIC BUILDING & GROUNDS		
Other Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 80,000.00	\$180,000.00
Lease/Purchase of Vehicles	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,000.00
<u>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:</u>		
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
County Health Program	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
OFFICE ON AGING		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
ANIMAL CONTROL		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:</u>		
RECREATION		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
MAINTENANCE OF PARKS		
Salaries and Wages	\$110,000.00	\$170,000.00
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS, ANNIVERSARY OR HOLIDAY		
Fireworks	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Memorial Day Parade	\$ 0.00	\$ 750.00
Senior Events	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
CULTURAL ARTS		

Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES		
Telephone	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Postage	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
Sanitary Landfill Contract	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00
<u>Appropriation offset by Dedicated Revenues:</u>		
Uniform Construction Code		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Accumulated Absences	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Statutory Expenditures:</u>		
Public Employees Retirement System	\$ 0.00	\$ 335,000.00
Social Security	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Police and Firemen Retirement System	\$ 0.00	\$1,186,832.00
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	\$ <u>50.00</u>	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>
Total Operations within "CAPS"	\$3,701,000.00	\$8,435,082.00
EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"		
County Sewerage Authority Contract	\$430,000.00	\$800,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$125,000.00	\$325,000.00
<u>Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:</u>		
M.C.I.A. – Recycling	\$ 95,000.00	\$200,000.00
Radio Safety Communications System	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
<u>Public and Private Programs offset by Revenues:</u>		
County of Middlesex:		
Physical Grant	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Residential Maintenance Grant	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Information and Assistance: Grant	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Information and Assistance: Match	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Assisted Transportation Grant	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 43,128.00
Assisted Transportation Match	\$ 0.00	\$ 55,572.00
Socialization and Recreation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Cares Act – Mental Health Grant	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Cares Act- Mental Health Match	\$ 0.00	\$ 40,000.00

Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Total – Outside “CAPS”:	\$724,000.00	\$1,638,200.00
 Total Current Fund Appropriations	 <u>\$4,425,000.00</u>	 <u>\$10,073,282.00</u>
 <u>ELECTRIC UTILITY</u>		
<u>Operating:</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
Purchase of Power	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Operating	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Insurance	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 600,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 287,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
 <u>Capital Improvements</u>		
Capital Outlay	\$ 0.00	\$ 280,000.00
 <u>Statutory Expenditures:</u>		
Social Security	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
 Total Electric Utility Appropriations:	 <u>\$ 3,700,000.00</u>	 <u>\$6,873,000.00</u>
 <u>WATER UTILITY</u>		
<u>Operating:</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Purchase of Water	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Operating	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Insurance	\$ 191,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Accumulated Absences	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
 <u>Capital Improvements:</u>		
Capital Outlay	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
<u>Statutory Expenditures:</u>		
Public Employees Retirement System	\$ 0.00	\$ 135,000.00
Social Security	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 35,000.00
Unemployment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
 Total Water Utility Appropriations:	 <u>\$1,012,000.00</u>	 <u>\$2,336,000.00</u>
 <u>PARKING UTILITY</u>		
<u>Operating:</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Operating	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 800.00	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Statutory Expenditures:</u>		
Social Security	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
 Total Parking Utility Appropriations:	 <u>\$ 12,300.00</u>	 <u>\$ 25,500.00</u>

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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<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- 105
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>
65-999-005-701 CD	GABRIELA, FERNANDA & CHRISTIAN MIRASSOL PO BOX 623 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$ 66.81
65-999-007-219 CD	OCAIDA MEDINA, JOSE SEVERINO MARIA ALTAGRACIA SUAREZ CUEVAS 27 JACKSON ST APT J SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$112.36
65-999-875-546 CD	ADIVALDO DOSSANTOS FIUZA ROSANGELA GOMES RIBEIRO 4 WILLIAM ST APT B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$127.05
65-999-007-343 CD	KATIE STYLES 51 WHITEHEAD AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$16.06
65-999-007-337 ELEC PREVIOUS 66-999-003-247 WATER PREVIOUS	ELITE TEAM TITLE LLC 214 NEW JERSEY 18 3 RD FLR SUITE A EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$42.96 \$129.10
65-999-972-775 ELEC CURRENT 66-999-980-870 WATER CURRENT	SURETY TITLE COMPANY LLC 125 HALF MILE RD SUITE 200 RED BANK, NJ 07701	\$74.53 \$58.24
66-999-932-503 WATER CURRENT	REAL PAGE INC	\$1698.62

66-999-932-514 WATER CURRENT	2201 LAKESIDE BLVD	\$1438.29
66-999-932-525 WATER CURRENT	RICHARDSON, TX 75082	\$6533.17
66-999-932-547 WATER CURRENT		\$1202.77
66-999-932-536 WATER CURRENT		\$1500.28
66-999-932-569 WATER CURRENT		\$1078.81
66-999-932-558 WATER CURRENT		\$771.49

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 2022-106

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 \$628,327.38 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$2,148,080.29 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		X**	

*Councilman Guindi Abstention items: 22-00322; 21-02182; 22-000376

**Council President Ciulla Abstention items: 21-02182; 22-00140; 22-00376

RESOLUTION 2022-107

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 HCD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development met on February 22, 2022 and has recommended that the Borough's 2022 funding allocation from the Housing and Community Development Block Grant, approximately in the amount of \$81,841.00, be made as follows:

- Dailey's Park Jungle-Gym equipment, the basketball court and surrounding area of Fitzpatrick Field and handicap ramp improvements at the parks

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Borough Engineer and other appropriate officials prepare and submit the aforesaid project proposals to the Middlesex County Public Housing Agency.

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 2022-108

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE FOR 2022

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough Ordinance Amusement Devices; § 110-4 *License Required*; No person shall distribute or operate a mechanical amusement device within the Borough of South River without having first obtained a license and paid the required license fee.; and

WHEREAS, Goldstar Bar made application and paid the required fee for their 2022 Amusement Device license renewal; and

WHEREAS, Goldstar Bar received approval from the Borough of South River Police Department and Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Chapter § 110-10 *Issuance of License* indicates Each license shall be granted only after a determination by the Borough Council that the issuance of the license will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare and morals of the citizenry of the Borough of South River. The Borough Council may, if it so desires, in its sole discretion, hold public hearings regarding the issuance of any license requested in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The Borough Council may consider such factors as the number of such devices or machines previously approved for the same premises; the degree to which the grant of license may create a tendency toward crowding or loitering and such other factors as the Council deems in accordance with the public interest in deciding whether to grant any license requested or whether to hold a hearing with regard to any application for such license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of South River Council hereby authorizes the Borough Clerk to issue the 2022 Amusement Device license to Goldstar Bar of 33 Whitehead Avenue, South River, New Jersey 08882.

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**

- Mentioned the success of the Rec Programs. Congratulated and thanked the Cheer Program instructors/volunteers for the successful program.
- Thanked Kevin Nielson for the wonderful job coordinating the Ukraine Flag Raising yesterday. Hopefully the Human Relations Committee will hold more Flag Raisings this year.
- Visited the new Legacy Church on Whitehead Avenue (the old American Legion building) which would like to do their outreach program for children. Thanked the church and Councilmen Guindi and Oliveira for attending. Legacy Church will have a food pantry. Councilwoman welcomed them to South River.
- A resident reached out in regard to an AARP grant. Councilwoman feels there is a need for a grant writer for the Borough.
- Encouraged residents to volunteer.

Councilman Gurchensky

- In the next few weeks, the State has eased the COVID restrictions where more activities are opening up. Please remind everyone to use common sense. It's wonderful to be out again but be careful.
- Councilman displayed a reusable bag mentioned earlier by Mr. Soares.
- Thanked Kevin Nielson for coordinating the Flag Raising and encouraged all to keep Ukraine in their thoughts and prayers.

Councilman Guindi

- Asked about the March meeting and further upcoming meetings being in-person or remote. Mayor replied the March 21st meeting will be in-person; for now that is planned.
- Praised Legacy Church on the remarkable changes in the building and they will offer programs to the community.
- Potholes, as mentioned earlier, DPW is working hard to get them all patched.
- Wished the Clerk best in her endeavor; she will be missed.
- The Athletic Training Month has been recognized every year. Thanked Ms. Januszkiewicz for a remarkable job and wished her the best.
- Wished Marty, the Borough Mechanic, well on his retirement from 32 years of employment. Has known Marty since the early 90s. Marty will be greatly missed and has been a fixture in the community.
- The Ukraine Flag Raising was yesterday. Offered strength and support to the Ukraine people during this time.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilman Oliveira

- Thanked Mr. Kevin Nielson for coordinating the great Flag Raising yesterday. Very special to see everyone praying and hoping for the best.
- Thanked Councilwoman Meira for setting up a meeting with Legacy Church. Senior Pastor and Mr. & Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. & Mrs. Diaz will be a great asset to our community. A youth event took place where over 100 youths attended and there are only 20 youths in the parish so 80 kids from the community engaged.
- Thanked and praised Ms. Januszkiewicz for her big heart and being an inspiration to the students. Councilman mentioned his high school days.
- Weather is getting nicer; please drive safely because the kids are out more and more.
- Councilman will be business traveling for the next meeting so he will call in to attend.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Echoed everyone's comments in regard to yesterday's Flag Raising. It was very emotional and showed our solidarity for the Ukrainian community. Councilwoman thanked all who were involved to make it happen.
- Thanked the Clerk for all her hard work and wished her well.
- The Boys' Basketball team won 59-49; this was the first of the State games vs. Dale Johnson so they will move on.
- Between now and the next meeting on March 21st - Spring ahead with the clocks on March 13th and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all Councilwoman's Irish friends and who want to be Irish.

Council President Ciulla

- Addressed the Clerk that she will be greatly missed. Thanked her for keeping Council very well informed and gave best wishes.
- Congratulated Barbara Januszkiewicz as our Athletic Trainer. Ms. Januszkiewicz has done a great job over the years and we hope she will continue to do so and stay with the Borough.

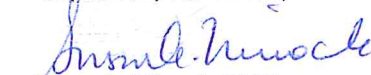
Mayor Krenzel

- The raising of the Ukrainian Flag was put together in less than 48 hours. Special thanks to Kevin and Nick who worked with the community to bring everyone together. It was a very moving ceremony. Thanked all who could participate. Mayor mentioned the Clergy who couldn't make it due to the quick notice.
- The next meeting on March 21st will be held in-person.
- Thanked the Clerk who has been a breath of fresh air and will be missed.
- Thanked Marty for his many years of service and wished him well.
- We are changing clocks in 2 weeks; spring ahead.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day and wished well to the celebrants of the Indian Festival of Holi.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Guindi motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


 Susan A. Minock, RMC
 Borough Clerk