

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2024
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 8**

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 March 25, 2024, and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

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

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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

AGENDA SESSION

- Discussions on First Reading Ordinances – Council President Oliveira speaks on Ordinance 2024-14. There have been some changes to the recreation fees and recreation has taken over Pop Warner Football. Mayor Guindi explains Ordinance 2024-15. A resident requested handicap parking on Albert Street. Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt speaks on Ordinance 2024-16. The first amendment is if there is no event after a flag raising, the applicant does not need to obtain a Special Events permit. There will be an additional amendment where department heads can request a meeting with the applicant to discuss the special event.

ORDINANCE– SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Attorney Wyatt speaks on changes that needed to be added to Ordinance 2024-13 and there needs to be a motion to approve the amendments. Once the amendments are approved, the ordinance will go back to first reading. Councilman Dziemian motioned to approve the amendments, second by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 350 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, ENTITLED “ZONING”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 350, entitled "Zoning" so as to amend subsection D(17) of Section 350-27 entitled "Off-Street Parking Requirements", to add subsection D(17)(d) which shall read as follows:

§ 350-27 Off-Street Parking Requirements.

D.

(17) Prohibited parking in Residential Zones

d. All school buses registered as Type A which transports 10-16 passengers, Type B which transport 10-54 passengers, Type C which transports 10-54 passengers and/or Type D which transports 10-54 passengers are prohibited from parking on private property in a residential zone, except as authorized by Section 193-10.

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.

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 March 25th, 2024, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 8th day of April, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom

meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 3-25-24

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE– FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-14 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 –14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 155 ENTITLED “FEES”**

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 155 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Fees” is
hereby amended so as to amend Section 155.19.1 entitled “Section 22-62, Recreation program and park fees” as
follows:.

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

A. Baseball (t-ball, rookie, minor, major leagues): \$45.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

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(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

B. Basketball (fundamentals, K through 2, 3rd through 5th, 6th through 8th): \$60.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

C. Softball (gidgets, juniors, seniors): \$45.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

D. Wrestling: \$100.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

E. Street hockey and Street Hockey Fundamentals: \$45.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

F. Aerobics, men's fitness, zumba and yoga: \$30.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

G. Summer Recreation Early Dropoff Program.

(1) One child: \$100.

(2) Two children: \$150.

(3) Three or more children: \$200.

H. Soccer and Soccer Fundamentals \$75.

Additional fees:

- (1) After registration closed: \$10.
 - (2) For nonresidents: \$10.
- I. Tennis: \$50.
Additional fees:
 - (1) After registration closed: \$10.
 - (2) For nonresidents: \$10.
- J. Athletic field lighting fees:
 - 1. When any sports team, league or organization seeks to reserve the use of a Borough athletic field at night(s), with the use of lighting, it shall be charged a lighting fee of \$25.00 per hour for the use of the electricity on lighted fields.
 - 2. Fees shall be billed in one-half-hour increments per use, rounded up, based on the amount of the time reserved.
 - 3. All fees will be collected up front, based on the amount of field time reserved, at the beginning of each season.
 - 4. If there are any hours paid for and not used, due to rainouts or other cancellations, said fees shall be refunded in a reasonable time following the end of the sports season.
 - 5. Borough Sponsored Recreation Leagues and Borough Schools shall be exempt from the lightening fee in Section J(1). Borough Recognized Youth Sport Organizations will be exempt from the fee in Section J(1) pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement.
- K. Athletic field use fees:
 - 1. When any sports team or league seeks to reserve the use of a Borough athletic field, it shall be charged a fee for the use as set forth below:
 - i. \$25 per two-hour increment for resident teams or Non-Profit organizations;
 - ii. \$50 per two-hour increment for non-resident or For-Profit organizations.
 - 2. All fees will be collected up front, based on the amount of field time reserved, at the beginning of each season.
 - 3. If there are any dates paid for and not used, due to rainouts or other cancellations, said fees shall be refunded in a reasonable time following the end of the sports season.
 - 4. Borough Sponsored Recreation Leagues and Borough Schools shall be exempt from the use fee in Section K(1). Borough Recognized Youth Sport Organizations may be exempt from the fee in Section K(1) pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement.
- L. Cheerleading Gymnastics:
 - (1) One Session: \$45.
 - (2) Mommy and Me Program: \$45.
 - (3) Teams:

- a. Varsity Cheer: \$ 1,000.
- b. Imp ACT Cheer: \$ 500.
- c. Pop Warner Cheer \$ 130.
- d. Pop Warner Flag Football Cheer: \$75.

(4) Additional fees:

- a. After registration closed: \$10.
- b. For nonresidents: \$10.

M. Volleyball-Adult and Youth: \$50.

Additional fees:

- (1) After registration closed: \$10.
- (2) For nonresidents: \$10.

N. Football:

- (1) Flag Football: \$75.
- (2) Pop Warner Football: \$175.
- (3) Pop Warner Flag Football: \$75.00

A sibling discount will be offered in the amount of \$25.00 for any family registering more than 1 child.

Additional fees:

- (1) After registration closed: \$10.
- (2) For nonresidents: \$10.

O. Agility Class- Adult and Youth: \$45.

Additional fees:

- (1) After registration closed: \$10.
- (2) For nonresidents: \$10.

P. Art: \$80.

Additional fees:

- (1) After registration closed: \$10.
- (2) For nonresidents: \$10.

Q. Running and Track: \$45.

Additional fees:

(1) After registration closed: \$10.

(2) For nonresidents: \$10.

R. All head coaches will receive a free registration for that particular sport. If the sport requires equipment/uniforms/choreography/music, the coach will be responsible for the difference.

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.

NOTICE

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Introduced 3-25-24

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC

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BOROUGH CLERK

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-15 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2024-15

**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
Albert Street	North	107 Feet West of Hillside Avenue, extending 22 feet Thereof

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

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

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

NOTICE

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-16 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 –16

**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 288A ENTITLED “SPECIAL EVENTS”**

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 288A of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Special Events," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 288A-1 (B) entitled, "License required; exemptions; term defined." to read entirely as follows:

B. The following shall be exempt from obtaining an outdoor special event permit:

1. The Borough of South River or any of its boards, commissions or agencies.
2. Bona fide scholastic and interscholastic contests or officially sponsored affairs.
3. Flag raising ceremonies provided that the flag raising ceremony is a singular event with no subsequent outdoor special event which would require a permit and the person, persons, firm corporation or entity submits a flag raising application to the Borough and receives approval therefor.

SECTION 2. Chapter 288A of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Special Events," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 288A-4 (B) entitled, "License Application Procedures" to read entirely as follows:

- B. Upon receipt of an application submitted 30 days prior to the event, the said department heads shall review the application and determine whether an in-person meeting is necessary for a recommendation on the application. In the event an in-person meeting is required, the applicant must attend an in-person meeting with the Department Head to discuss the event, application and various requirements for approval. After the in-person meeting or upon a determination that no in-person meeting is required, the department head shall recommend approval or denial of the application setting for the reasons for the recommendation and forwarding it to the Borough Clerk within 20 days of receipt of the application.
1. In the event that an applicant submits an application for a permit between 15 and 29 days of the event, the Department head shall hold any required in-person meeting and submit its recommendation within 15 days. If an applicant refuses to attend the in-person meeting, the Department Head shall recommend that the application be denied.

2. In the event that an applicant submits an application for a permit between one and 14 days of the event, the Department head shall hold any required in-person meeting and submit its recommendation within the available time period. If it is determined that an in-person meeting is required but cannot be scheduled due to time limitations, the Department Head shall recommend that the application be denied.

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

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Introduced 3-25-24

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willet Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave., to Wilcox. We are working on the project design.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**

- We applied for Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue.
- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street. We are working on the project design.
- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - According to the NJDOT SAGE site, applications are being accepted for the above program. Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2024.
- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The contractor is working on the testing of the batteries and various relays.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department is working on this year's portion of the project.

Mayor Guindi speaks on the Police Department parking lot and would like the parking lot to be included in road projects. Mr. Kochs will speak with the Chief of Police.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on amended Resolution 2024-146.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- There will be a shred event on 5/11 from 9-12 pm at the DPW yard.
- Speaks on potholes.

Fire Department Chief Craig Miller

- 95 alarms for the year.
- Thanks the Business Administrator and Mayor Guindi for welcoming home the Rambotics team.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- 4/25 will be the first Neighborhood Watch meeting. You can register online. There are 15 participants so far. There is no location yet.
- The Police Department is still in need of Crossing Guards and a Special Law Enforcement Class 1 officer.

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- No report

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report

Borough Administrator Londensky

- The RFP for water engineering is out. There will be a recommendation at the next council meeting.
- There are 2 sewer main breaks on Division Street and Old Bridge Turnpike. There will be nixels regarding street closures.
- Letters have been sent to Federally elected officials to assist with grant money.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Krenzel

- Speaks on pothole repairs and the shred event.
- The sewer breaks are going to take some time to repair and will be costly.
- Speaks on road grants.

Councilman Gurchensky

- OOA and Borough offices will be closed on 3/29 for Good Friday.

Council President Oliveira

- Flag Football registration will be open online through midnight tonight. If you want to register after midnight, you can register in person until Wednesday.
- There will be player evaluation on Wednesday from 5:30-7 pm.
- There are 86 registrants for flag football as of now.
- Softball is still looking for more players.
- Tumbling/Stunting clinics are now open for cheerleading. Register online or stop at 55 Ried Street.
- The first budget meeting was on 3/23. The next meeting will be on 4/20.

Councilman Ciulla

- The next EDC meeting will be on 3/27 at 7 pm at the senior building.

Councilman Dziemian

- First public budget meeting was on 3/23. The next meeting will be on 4/20 at 8 am.
- The Shade Tree Commission is looking for volunteers for a rain garden event at the high school from 9am-12pm on 3/23.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Friends of the Library will be having their book/bake sale starting on 4/1. The hours will be Monday 10-7, Tuesday 12-7, Wednesday 10-4, and Thursday 4-7.
- The Library will be hosting an eclipse party on 4/8 at 3pm.
- Thanks the members of the Board of Health for the rabies clinic. There were 143 dogs and 28 cats.
- Tomorrow is the next Library Board meeting and there will be a Cultural Arts meeting on Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, thanks the council for the Vision Zero resolution. Mr. Byrne speaks on the upcoming eclipse on 4/8.

Lisa Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, would like an update on the lights on the bridge. BA Londensky states no one has reached out.

Joe Donato, 30 Dailey Street, thanks the Police Department for responding to his accident. Mr. Donato speaks on the lights on the bridge and JCP&L. Mr. Donato speaks on the ongoing water issue in South River and the water main replacements. Mr. Donato speaks on a public meeting to discuss the target area and BA Londensky comments on the chlorine issue.

Julie Meira, 189 Main Street, would like an update on the Whitehead Traffic Study and Police Chief Tinitigan answers. Ms. Meira speaks on the Vision Zero resolution and Safe Streets for All funding. There is discussion regarding the Human Relations Commission.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Human Relations Commission – M. Casey Rampersaud
Jolin Leong
Shenetta Smith
Nancy Roque
- Mayor’s Advisory Committee of Persons with Disabilities – Irina DaSilva

Mayor Guindi invites Anita Chadha, Chairman of Human Relations, to speak on the Human Relations Commission and its purpose in South River.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2024-137 TO 2024-146

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

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

RESOLUTION 2024-137

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as a member of the Board of Health:

Robyn Smith, Alt 2

Term: 3/25/2024 – 12/31/2025

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on March 25, 2024

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-138

AUTHORIZING OF TAX SALE ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 54:5-113, authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and

WHEREAS, Enhanced HC Solutions LLC has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificates of sale #23-00010 and 23-00131 which were issued to the Municipality of South River at a tax sale held on December 11, 2023, on Block 41 Lot 2, known as 34 Belmont Ave., South River, NJ and assessed to Harinder Singh, in the amount of \$11,216.13, and on Block 301 Lot 14, known as 12-14 Levinson Ave., South River NJ and assessed to Danny Li & Hoi Chan in the amount of \$23,734.52, being the full amounts of each certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges .

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough of South River hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of the above-referenced Certificate of Sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on March 25, 2024

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-139

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

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WHEREAS, a requisition dated March 19, 2024 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,480,978.00
RESTORED FUNDS:	0.00
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,480,978.00

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 May 9, 2024.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on March 25, 2024

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-140
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR E911 SOLUTION FROM WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS VIA STATE CONTRACT #20-TELE-00910 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,112.00 FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase Installation Services for E911 Solution for the Borough of South River Police Department in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there exists a State Contract with a registered vendor known as Wireless Communications & Electronics, under vendor contract #20-Tele-00910 through which contract municipalities are authorized by law to acquire same without meeting the requirements of the public bidding laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the governing body's desire to purchase Installation Services from Wireless Communications & Electronics via the said State Contract authorized vendor in the amount of \$23,112.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has advised that funds are available in Account C-06-23-020-102; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute the appropriate documents for Installation Services from the above referenced vendor.

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

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

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RESOLUTION 2024-141

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION FOR THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ENHANCED RECYCLING GRANT
SUBMISSION**

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex in continuing to recognize the importance of recycling and the role that the individual municipalities play in conjunction with the County towards achieving an exemplary recycling rate has proposed to provide grant monies to municipalities through the 2024 Recycling Enhancement Grant (REG) Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the REG Program to provide funds to qualifying municipalities to be used for improvements at recycling drop-off centers to enhance a municipality's recycling program; and

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

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

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

Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilman Krenzel	X		X			
Council President Oliveira			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-142
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>
65-999-008-630 CD	ANDREW KAMEL 526 RYDERS LANE EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$112.99
65-999-005-333 CD	JOAO PAULO COELHO 8 WOODMERE RD MONROE, NJ 08831	\$111.40
65-999-008-657 CD	CARLOS FIALLOS JASMIN BLUM 23 SMITH ST APT 8 PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861	\$159.06
65-999-005-102 CD	RENATA & ALAIDELOM AMORIM	\$28.22
65-999-005-102 ELEC CURRENT	15 GROCHOWIAK ST FL 2 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$73.13
65-999-007-905 CD	DOUGLAS GERALDO INACIO RODRIGUES 1 CHESTNUT ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$98.17
66-999-920-601 WATER PREVIOUS	LINDA & CRYSTAL CARRERA	\$912.39
65-999-861-554 CD	6 GILLEN ST	\$269.96

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MINE HILL, NJ 07803

65-999-008-778 ELEC CURRENT	GALILEO TIGNINI & DAWN LABARBERA	\$60.27
65-999-008-690 ELEC CURRENT	1043 80 TH ST	\$46.64
	BROOKLYN, NY 11228	

65-999-007-504 CD	CLERISTON GOVEIA CARDOSO	\$74.31
	IZABEL BISPO MIRANDA	
	20 YATES AVE APT 2	
	SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	

65-999-004-470 CD	ISABEL ROSADO	\$24.21
	119 HILL ST APT 1	
	WILKES BARRE, PA 18702	

66-999-000-876 WATER PREVIOUS	CHRISTOPHER & TAMMY ROWE	\$123.45
	321 TIMBER RIDGE COURT	
	NEPTUNE, NJ 07753	

65-999-009-284 CD	SAMARA NUBIA SILVA	\$200.00
	C/O NODER HANNA	
	42 DALLENBACK LANE	
	EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	

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

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-143

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HECTOR GARCIA AS WATER/SEWER LABORER

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby make the following appointments:

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Hector Garcia– Water/Sewer Laborer - \$31.72 per hour in accordance with the South River Water & Sewer Association Union Contract, effective April 1, 2024

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

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RESOLUTION 2024-144
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VISION ZERO

WHEREAS, traffic fatalities and serious injuries have been climbing since 2020; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, The Middlesex County Board of Commissioners has pledged to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries on roadways in the County by 2040 and will work in partnership with municipalities, agencies, and other stakeholders to achieve that goal; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman sponsored bills which created a commission to study the effectiveness of Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of South River supports policies and programs which reduce traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Borough of South River supports the goals of Vision Zero and supports the plan of the Middlesex County Commissioners to eliminate motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries by 2040.

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

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RESOLUTION 2024-145
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 March 11, 2024 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

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RESOLUTION 2024-146
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 \$586,167.64 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$600,366.29 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			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Krenzel</i>	X		X			
<i>Council President Oliveira</i>			X			

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

Councilman Ciulla

- Thank you to all public safety officers.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- Congratulations to the Rambotics team.
- Happy Easter.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- Borough Offices closed on Good Friday.
- Congrats to the Rambotics team.
- There will be no bulk pickup this Friday.
- Happy Easter.

Councilman Dziemian

- Attended an interfaith community dinner with the Mayor and Chief of Police at the Islamic Center on Thomas Street. Thank you for the hospitality.

Councilman Krenzel

- Good thing to be a part of the Muslim community. Ramadan ends on 4/8.
- Please wear your protective gear for the upcoming eclipse.
- Congrats to the Rambotics team. Follow them on Facebook.
- Happy Holy Asian/Indian celebration of spring, and 3/31 is Easter.
- Don't forget to pay your income taxes.

Council President Oliveira

- Congrats to the Rambotics team. Thank you to DPW for helping.
- Thank you, Dawn McDonald, for her hard work with grants.
- I Bank is a great resource.

Mayor Guindi

- Public budget meeting was on 3/23. The next meeting is 4/20. This meeting is open to the public, please come out and voice your opinion.
- More work is being done to get a new film in South River.
- Had two opportunities to have dinners with different cultures. One was for Ramadan and the other was at the Portuguese Club. Please explore South River's different cultures.
- Thank you to DPW for their work during the recent storm.
- Congrats to the Rambotics team.
- Easter Egg hunt will be this Saturday at 2pm at Grekoski Park. Happy Easter to all who celebrate.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Dziemian motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Ciulla. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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Borough Clerk