

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2022
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 7**

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 April 11, 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Krenzel read the following proclamation and thanked dispatchers for their hard work.

**Proclamation
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
April 10-16, 2022**

Whereas emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians are critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas the safety of our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians are dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the South River Police Department's emergency communications center; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators of the South River Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

Now, therefore, I, Mayor John M. Krenzel, along with the members of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby proclaim April 10 through 16, 2022, to be

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in South River

In honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and citizens safe.

AGENDA SESSION

- Municipal Lien Redemptions – Borough Attorney Wyatt explained that the two (2) properties in question sold in 2012 and are not collecting tax revenue. The owner has requested a partial waiver of the accrued interest, which is permissible by state statute. Councilman Giundi commented that the building has been abandoned and is happy to put the property back on the tax rolls. He added that it is long overdue and demonstrates that South River is business friendly.
- Grant Street Tree Concerns & Sidewalk Issues – Councilwoman Meira requested for this discussion. She stated that residents have contacted her in response to a letter recently sent out by the Code Enforcement Officer. In many cases, trees in the area have caused the sidewalk to lift. Borough Engineer Koch visited the area to take photos and in turn had a tree expert on staff at CME review the pictures. He noted that one tree is dead in the center and the sidewalk is lifted 4-6” in some areas. Councilwoman Meira suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer extend the timeframe for residents to rectify the situation. Mayor Krenzel inquired if there is a process in place for removal of trees. Councilwoman Meira briefly explained the process with Shade Tree and thought it to be problematic that the Borough does not have an arborist. Borough Engineer Koch offered that CME can provide those services. Councilman Giundi and Councilman Oliveira agreed that it is an issue. Mayor Krenzel requested Business Administrator Londensky to have Shade Tree review and make recommendations. Mr. Londensky will report back at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 –12

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 ADD CHAPTER 80 ENTITLED “RECREATION, DEPARTMENT OF”

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 80 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Recreation, Department of” is hereby created to read entirely as follows:

Article 1 Scope of the Department

§ 80-1 Organization and Authority

There shall be a Department of Recreation in the Borough of South River under the supervision and control of the Recreation Director hereinafter created. The Recreation Director shall report directly to the Borough Administrator of the Borough of South River. The Department of Recreation shall exercise supervision and control over the Recreation Coordinator and the Assistant Recreation Coordinator and such other agencies, officers and employees as may be designated from time to time by the Borough Council. A member of the governing body shall be appointed as the Council Liaison to the Recreation Department.

Article 2: Recreation Director

§ 80-2 Creation of Position

The Recreation Director shall be either a full-time or part-time position as determined by the governing body and shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Said appointee shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body.

§ 80-3 Duties of Recreation Director

The Recreation Director shall be responsible for the planning, promotion, development and supervision of a community-wide program of recreation activities for various age groups in the Borough. The Recreation Director shall be required to do related work as directed by the Business Administrator. The Recreation Director plans, initiates, organizes and supervises an extensive program of recreation activities for the entire community. She/he supervises, trains, evaluates, and advises assigned recreation personnel.

Article 3: Recreation Coordinator

§ 80-4 Creation of Position

The Recreation Coordinator shall be either a full-time or part-time position as determined by the governing body and shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Said appointee shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body.

§ 80-5 Duties of Recreation Coordinator

Under the direction of the Recreation Director, the Recreation Coordinator shall be responsible for the planning, promotion, development, supervision and monitoring of a community-wide program of recreation activities for the Borough residents. The Recreation Coordinator shall also be able to disseminate information to the general public on recreation programs, prepare necessary correspondence, answer inquiries from the public regarding recreation programs and other duties as assigned by the Recreation Director.

Article 4 : Recreation Assistant

§ 80-6 Creation of Position

The Recreation Assistant shall be either a full-time or part-time position as determined by the governing body and shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Said appointee shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body.

§ 80-7 Duties of Recreation Assistant

Recreation Assistant shall be required to do Recreation related work as directed by the Recreation Director or Recreation Coordinator.

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

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

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

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-12 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-12 only.

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

Adopted 4-11-22

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 –13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 152, Lot 16 FROM 6-8 REID SR LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(A)(1)

WHEREAS, 6-8 Reid SR LLC is the assessed owner of Block 152, Lot 16; and

WHEREAS, 6-8 Reid SR LLC has offered to donate to this property to the Borough of South River;
and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1) authorizes a municipality to accept property by the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of same.

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. That the governing body does hereby authorize the acquisition of Block 152, Lot 16. This property is being acquired by the Borough of South River pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1) by purchase/donation from 6-8 Reid SR LLC.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the subject property from 6-8 Reid SR LLC.

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Giundi. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-13 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-13 only.

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

Adopted 4-11-22

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

Deputy Municipal Clerk McDonald read Ordinance 2022-14 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 –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 193 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 193-43 entitled, "Schedule XIV: Prohibited Turns at Intersection," so as to add the following locations:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Prohibited Turn	At intersection of
Willet Avenue	North	Left	Hillside Ave, 07:30 am to 8:30 a.m., school days

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 § 193-35 entitled, "Schedule VI: One-Way Street," so as to add the following street:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Limits
Obert Street	North	From Charles Street to Jackson Street

SECTION 3. Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 193-30 entitled, "Schedule I: No Parking," so as to add the following street:

Name of Street **Direction of Travel**
Marion Street South

Location:
From a point beginning at the northeast corner of East Street, extending 340 feet east thereof.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Introduced 4-11-22

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 April 11, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 2nd day of May, 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 – April 11, 2022 Capital Project Status Report

- NJDOT 2020/2021 NJDOT Roadway Improvements - Project is basically done with exception of milling and paving. There is an 8 week lead time on the auto-flushers. We are coordinating the schedule for the pavement resurfacing with the contractor.
- NJDOT 2022 Roadway Improvements – Resolution for project is included on tonight’s agenda.
- 2020 Electrical Substation Maintenance - The contractor has began the work of replacing feeder lines & their sweeps. They are waiting for the work on the Battery Project to conclude so they can continue the work.
- Well No. 2 Replacement – The well is operational and we submitted the pump test data to the NJDEP. We are waiting for them to schedule the water quality test.
- Housing and Community Development (HCD) – The Borough’s project proposal has been submitted.

Being no questions from Mayor or Council, Mr. Koch exited the meeting upon completion of his report.

CFO Joe Zanga

- Reviewed resolutions on agenda involving expenditures.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Spring hydrant flushing will be May 2-19, 2022.
- Water service line inspections are ongoing.
- No bulk pick-up this Friday due to holiday.

- Reusable bags are available. Councilwoman Meira inquired about bags available for pick-up on Saturdays. Director Soares responded not yet due to some residents doubling up.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- Thanked Mayor Krenzel and Borough Council for the dispatcher proclamation.
- The police department has Project Medicine Drop Box for safe disposal of prescription medications.
- There is a rise in motor vehicle thefts. Chief Tinitigan reminded all to not leave key FOB/keys in your car or have cars running unattended.

Deputy Borough Clerk Dawn McDonald

- Reminded Borough officials to file their 2022 Financial Disclosure Statements; deadline is 4/30/22.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report.

Borough Administrator Art Londensky

- The audio repair in court is complete.
- Explained resolution to be added to the agenda for Animal Shelter Services and thanked Officer Danielle Stone for her assistance with the endeavor.
- Announced that paving will commence on Whitehead Avenue (Jackson to Kamm) 4/25/22-5/2/22.

Councilman Oliveira

- Inquired as to who makes the call to euthanize for the Animal Shelter. Business Administrator responded that the shelter makes that decision. He further stressed the importance of licensing and chipping pets. The police department has a chip scanner.
- Requested an update on Division Street. Business Administrator Londensky informed that the homeowner is aware of the stop work order and the need to obtain a variance.

Mayor Krenzel

- Advised of a sinking manhole in the area of Division Street. Director Soares will take care of it tomorrow.

Councilwoman Meira

- Requested an update on the Foothills retaining wall issue. Business Administrator Londensky responded that the property owner withdrew their request for an inspection. The code enforcement officer found no violations; it is a zoning issue. Councilwoman Meira asked if the Borough can reach out to the homeowner, to which Mr. Londensky responded that the Borough typically does not get involved with neighbor to neighbor issues.
- Wanted confirmation that the Building Inspector's last day was 4/15/22. Mr. Londensky responded no and that it was a miscommunication. Borough Attorney Wyatt cautioned that terms and conditions of employment are not to be discussed in public session.
- Inquired about raises and number of employees in Construction Department. Mr. Londensky will check the salary guide and an ordinance will be forthcoming. Mayor Krenzel reminded Councilwoman Meira that she can discuss this with Mr. Zanga.
- Expressed concern about Construction Department not having a full-time head and possible delays in residents getting work done. Discussion ensued on this topic and it was noted later in the meeting that no complaints have been filed in this regard.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Meira

- Friends of the Library having a book sale this week.
- Many events scheduled at the Library for spring break.
- Shade Tree met, but Councilwoman Meira was unable to attend.
- Curbside freecycle is being planned and coming soon.

Councilman Gurchensky

- April is Prescription Drug Spring Cleaning Month and reminded all about the police's drop box.
- Water service line inspections are ongoing.
- Reminded residents to make sure pets are leashed and tagged.

Councilman Oliveira

- The Board of Education is conducting a Ukraine donation collection.
- If no other snow/emergency days are needed prior to Memorial Day weekend, then the district will be allocating days as follows: ES/MS/HS - Schools will be closed Friday, May 27 and Tuesday, May 31. PS - School will be open with an early release schedule on Friday, May 27 (make up day for emergency day used on January 21); school will be closed Tuesday, May 31.
- Reported problems with vaping on school grounds.
- Commended Terri Chandler from Recreation on a fine job.

Councilman Giundi

- Reminded about Alliance and Planning Board upcoming meetings.
- DPW is catching up on pothole repair.
- Reminded that hydrant flushing will cause temporary discoloration of water.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Reported that 211 vaccines were distributed at Rabies Clinic and thanked all that worked the event.
- Board of Health meeting is scheduled for 4/19/22.
- Cultural & Heritage meeting is scheduled for 4/26/22.

Council President Ciulla

- The Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on 4/20/22.

Mayor Krenzel

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened the floor for Public Comment.

- Richard Byrne of 11 Bissett Place spoke about the Grant Street issue discussed earlier in this meeting. He stated that Shade Tree is in favor of saving as many trees as possible and has not been as permissive to take down. He noted that Professor Garbowski recommended hiring an arborist for certified risk assessment as to tree viability. Mayor Krenzel requested that the Shade Tree Commission submit a formal recommendation on the matter. Mr. Byrne added that there are concerns as to the timeline for Shade Tree to address resident requests and did not want to have them waiting for the next meeting.

Being that no one else 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

- None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2022-123 TO 2022-135 and 2022-137

Deputy Clerk McDonald 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 2022-123 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 21, 2022 Regular & Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-124 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE WAWA DIESEL FUEL SITE PLAN AT 656 OLD BRIDGE TURNPIKE ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 73, LOT 10.02

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer originally calculated a performance bond to be posted by the developer in connection with the Wawa Diesel Fuel Site Plan, for the property at 656 Old Bridge Turnpike, Block 73, Lot 10.02; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has determined that all required work has been completed in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer by letter dated October 22, 2019 recommended that the performance bond be released subject to posting of a two (2) year cash maintenance bond in the amount of \$4,590.00, together with payment of all outstanding engineering inspection or other borough fees.

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, the State of New Jersey that the improvements required of the developer are accepted, and the performance bond and maintenance bond previously posted may be released, provided that payment by the developer of all outstanding engineering inspection fees as well as any other fees due the Borough of South River.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balasz</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 2022-125

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

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

WHEREAS, a requisition dated May 10, 2022 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw the above stated amount from the proper accounts and pay to the Custodian of the School Monies the amount so drawn pursuant to the applicable Statutes of the State of New Jersey by May 10, 2022.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balasz</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 2022-126

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO 2022 IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADWAYS

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that CME Associates is authorized to perform professional engineering services related to 2022 Improvements to Various Roadways, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated November 29, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$94,205.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account C-06-22-009-202.

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 2022-127
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO
SUBMISSION OF NJDEP STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that CME Associates is authorized to perform professional engineering services related to submission of the NJDEP Stormwater Discharge Report, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated March 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$2,990.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 2-01-20-165-205.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-128
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

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

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

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

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-006-934 CD	FERDINARD ARROYO 1410 NANO ST APT 211 KISSIMMEE, FL 34744	\$68.03
65-999-000-518 CD	JANICE & DOUGLAS BLOODGOOD 9540 BALD CYPRESS CT MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29579	\$306.94

65-999-005-539 ELEC CURRENT	COSMOS TITLE AGENCY 523 AMBOY AVE 2 ND FLR WOODBIDGE, NJ 07095	\$17.32
65-999-003-767 ELEC CURRENT	SEBASTIAO & OZILENE CURTY 2 WILCOX AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$149.80
65-999-007-832 CD	HUMBERTO DE SOUZA 173 MAIN ST 2 ND FLR SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$151.10
65-999-007-087 CD	ZUIMA C. FLORES RIVERO & ANDREINA E. DANIELS FLORES 117 HILLSIDE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$133.17
65-999-977-164 CD	ALICE KELLEY	\$46.68
66-999-984-280 WATER CURRENT	37 EXTON ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$4.94
65-999-895-720 CD	JANINA KONOPKO 1 ARLINGTON AVE APT 220 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$ 198.52
65-999-006-939 CD	SANTOS A. SALAMAN 20 WOJIE WAY APT 309 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$157.82
65-999-004-853 CD	SEAN SULLIVAN 468 GREYSTONE RD OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	\$86.24
65-999-002-167 ELEC CURRENT	TOBIAS TITLE AGENCY LLC 3 BECKER FARM ROAD, SUITE 305C ROSELAND, NJ 07068	\$126.72
66-999-001-440 WATER CURRENT	38 OBERT PROPERTY LLC 34 CHARLES ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$383.75

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-129
AUTHORIZING SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE CO. #1 APPOINTMENT**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Enzo Chacoa Diaz as a Member of Engine Co. #1 of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective April 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 2022-130
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as members of the Economic Development Commission:

Hartman Walker, Regular Member
John Frost, Alternate 2
Cynthia Wilk, Alternate 3

Unexpired term of 4/11/22 to 12/31/22 of P. Barna
Unexpired term of 4/11/22 to 12/31/23 of M. Lundi
Term: 4/11/22 – 12/31/25

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 2022-131
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL WAIVER OF INTEREST ON BLOCK
325 LOT 1 UPON PAYMENT OF BALANCE OF \$90,102.92 BY JUNE 10, 2022**

WHEREAS, a municipal lien was placed on 77 Water Street also known as Block 325 Lot 1 at a tax sale held on for delinquent/unpaid taxes and other municipal charges in the amount of \$157.68 on December 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the total amount due on Block 325, Lot 1, Tax Sale Cert #12-0090 is \$119,447.36 which includes subsequent municipal charges and the 1st quarter taxes; and

WHEREAS, the owner of 77 Water Street has requested an abatement on the interest owed on said certificate; and

WHEREAS, the interest on Tax Sale Cert #12-0087 is \$58,688.87 as of April 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the governing body may abate interest, penalties and costs in the best interest of the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-99; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to partially abate the outstanding interest on the above certificate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the governing body does authorize and direct the Tax Collector to partially abate the interest charges imposed on Block 325, Lot 1 in the amount of \$29,344.44 and the taxpayer be permitted to pay the remaining balance of \$90,102.92 on or before June 10, 2022.
2. If said payment is not made June 10, 2022, the resolution is hereby rendered null and void.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Borough Tax Collector, Chief Finance Officer and owner of the property located at Block 325 Lot 1.

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 2022-132

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL WAIVER OF INTEREST ON BLOCK 321 LOT 18 UPON PAYMENT OF BALANCE OF \$395,225.71 BY JUNE 10, 2022

WHEREAS, a municipal lien was placed on 1 Martin Street also known as Block 321 Lot 18 at a tax sale held on for delinquent/unpaid taxes and other municipal charges in the amount of \$50,152.31 on December 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the total amount due on Block 321, Lot 18, Tax Sale Cert #12-0087 is \$540,874.03 which includes subsequent municipal charges and the 1st quarter taxes; and

WHEREAS, the owner of 1 Martin Street has requested an abatement on the interest owed on said certificate and outstanding balance; and

WHEREAS, the interest on Tax Sale Cert #12-0087 is \$291,296.64 as of April 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the governing body may abate interest, penalties and costs in the best interest of the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-99; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to partially abate interest on the above certificate.

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

1. That the governing body does authorize the Tax Collector to partially abate the interest charges imposed on Block 321, Lot 18 in the amount of \$145,648.32 and the taxpayer be permitted to pay the remaining balance of \$395,225.71 on or before June 10, 2022.
2. If said payment is not made June 10, 2022, the resolution is hereby rendered null and void.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Borough Tax Collector, Chief Finance Officer and owner of the property located at Block 321 Lot 18.

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 2022-133

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE TO CONDUCT CANNING EVENT

WHEREAS, South River Little League has requested permission to conduct a canning event at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike and the corner of Milltown Road and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of June 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, South River Little League does perform fundraising to provide services to the citizens and residents of the Borough of South River; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that South River Little League is hereby authorized to conduct a canning event at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike and the corner of Milltown Road and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of June 4, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is granted to conduct a canning event at the above locations on the aforesaid date subject to the following:

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2022-134

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME PARKS & RECREATION COORDINATOR

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint Jessica Figueiredo to the position of Part-Time Parks and Recreation Coordinator at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective April 12, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is subject to the successful completion of:

1. Police background and fingerprint investigation
2. Drug/alcohol testing

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 2022-135

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 \$850,102.27 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$4,415,655.15 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 Balasz</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 2022-137

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SAVE, A FRIEND TO HOMELESS ANIMALS FOR EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES

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

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

WHEREAS, SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals has submitted an advantageous quote in accordance with the Borough request, attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to award a contract to SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals for the sheltering services in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River desires to award a contract to SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals for the specified services in an accordance with the rate schedule attached in amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby award a contract for emergency animal sheltering services for the animal control services to SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00, in accordance with the attached Schedule A, an advantageous proposal.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, a contract with SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.
3. This contract shall be an open-ended contract with funds being encumbered contingent upon the availability of funds in the budget year. No purchase(s) shall be made under this contract until the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for such purchases.
4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Borough Administrator, Chief Finance Officer and SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, **JOSEPH ZANGA**, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of South River, do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for a contract with SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals for emergency animal sheltering services for animal control within the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. The funds for this contract are available in Account 2-12- -990-102.

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 Balazs

- Noting the nice weather, reminded all to watch out for kids playing.
- Happy Passover/Easter!

Councilman Guindi

- Thanked Dawn McDonald for helping out during vacancy of Municipal Clerk position.
- Thanked all dispatchers by individual name.
- Commended Terri Chandler on the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Reminded everyone to lock your cars.
- Happy Easter!

Councilman Oliveira

- With the nice weather, please slow down – especially on Willett and Kamm Avenue.
- Great job by Terri from Recreation.
- Happy Easter and God Bless!

Councilman Gurchensky

- Be mindful of pets and recycling containers.
- Happy Easter!
- Watch out for kids.

Councilwoman Meira

- Regarding completion of the battery project, requested a report from the company on how it works.
- Inquired about rain garden.
- Congratulated the recreation cheer program.

Council President Ciulla

- Council President Ciulla listed numerous beneficial projects completed over the past two (2) years.
- Thanked dispatchers.
- Kids are out, please be safe.
- Happy Easter and Passover!

Mayor Krenzel

- Repeated information regarding hydrant flushing; be sure to tell your friends/neighbors.
- Offered congratulations to Tiffany Fisher as 2022 Home News Tribune Basketball Player of the Year and both the boys/girls high school basketball teams on their season.
- Happy Easter, Passover and Ramadan!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 2022-136

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:

- Pending 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 8:08 pm

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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			

Reconvene to Public Session at 8:19 pm

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	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			

*The Borough Council did not take formal action after the Executive Session

Upon return to open session, Council President Ciulla asked Business Administrator Londensky if any complaints have been filed with regards to the Construction Department. Mr. Londensky replied that none have been filed to his knowledge.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to adjourn; seconded by Council President Ciulla. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn McDonald

Dawn McDonald, RMC
Deputy Borough Clerk