

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2022
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 May 2, 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, especially for the people in Ukraine.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Krenzel read the following proclamation and encouraged residents to donate to the food drive.

Proclamation

Whereas, on the second Saturday of May each year, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food items, and donate the items to local food banks as part of the nation’s largest one-day food drive; and

Whereas, an estimated 12% of American households in the United States may experience food insecurity in any given year and as such members of the National Association of Letter Carriers created the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive; and

Whereas, since 1993 the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has generated more than 1.8 billion pounds of donated food and distributed donations; and

Whereas, this year marks the 30th anniversary of the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive which will take place on May 14, 2022 of which South River citizens are encouraged to participate by placing non-perishable food items next to their mailboxes on this day; and

Now, therefore, I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, along with the Members of the Council of the Borough of South River do hereby proclaim May 14, 2022 to be National Letter Carrier Food Drive Day in the Borough of South River.

Given Under My Hand & the Seal of the Borough of South River, New Jersey, This 2nd Day of May 2022.

2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for public hearing of the 2022 Municipal Budget only. Being no public came forth, Council President Ciulla motioned to close public hearing; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor.

Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for Council discussion regarding the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Guindi

- Thanked CFO Zanga & Borough Auditor Gerry Stankiewicz for response to his questions.
- Concerned that this budget does not provide funds for full-time Business Administrator or Construction Official. CFO Zanga responded that this budget provides for part-time and discussed the possibility of line-item transfers in November; however, there is no guarantee. Discussion ensued regarding the application process and timing for same.
- Concerned about contractor lag time waiting for permit/inspection process with the current staffing of the building department. CFO Zanga explained that there are funds in the budget for extra inspectors but reminded that UCC revenue must outweigh expenditures.
- Line item jump of \$25,000 in Economic Development Commission. Council President Ciulla explained the reason for the jump. CFO Zanga reminded that procedures need to be implemented for assisting local businesses (may need RFP and attorney review).
- Line item jump of \$25,000 for Shade Tree Commission. CFO Zanga explained that the increase is related to tree removal that cannot be safely done by DPW.

Councilman Oliveira

- Inquired about process for various boards/commissions submitting budget requests. CFO Zanga explained the process.
- Cultural & Heritage requested \$3000 but received a budget of \$5500. CFO Zanga responded that Councilman Gurchensky donates his council salary to Cultural & Heritage and the increase reflects his request.

Councilwoman Meira

- Requested explanation for increase in health benefits. CFO Zanga responded. Discussion ensued regarding retiree and fringe benefit expenses.
- Requested explanation for court costs from last year. CFO Zanga explained that a full-time Deputy Court Administrator was not hired; funds were used for transfers. Court Administrator agreed to continue with part-time Deputy due to Zoom court sessions and will re-evaluate for 2023.
- Asked if the Borough is down on DPW employees. CFO Zanga responded no and explained that increased funds required due to step increments in collective bargaining unit agreement.
- Office on Aging budget went up. Mr. Zanga responded that grants were received in previous years to offset expenses. No news on 2022 grants yet.
- Parks & Recreation and UCC also went up. Mr. Zanga explained transfer process and how that parlays into budget for new year.
- Asked about funds allocated for bond ordinances for roads. Mr. Zanga responded advising of the 5% down payment required, which is provided for in the capital improvement fund.
- Echoed concern regarding lack of full-time Business Administrator or Construction Official.
- Stated that nothing is in the budget for infrastructure. Council President Ciulla disagreed and reviewed projects completed/planned. He further asked Councilwoman Meira to specify what she wants done. Councilwoman Meira cited water infrastructure projects and asked CFO Zanga how much was spent. Mr.

Zanga responded \$397,746.61 was expended in last year’s ordinance. Councilwoman Meira asked for this discussion to be an agenda item and believes that we need a proposal. Mr. Londensky replied that an asset management 15-year plan was done in 2019 by CME. Discussion ensued regarding inspection of water lines prior to paving, cost of replacement for lead lines, supply chain delays and equipment repairs. Councilman Oliveira suggested a workshop for residents to educate on the plan and associated costs. Mr. Londensky explained the problem with costs not settling, thus making it hard to predict true cost. Councilwoman Meira states that other towns clean water lines every other year. Mayor Krenzel cited the difference between cleaning lines vs hydrant flushing. Discussion ensued regarding differences and associated costs.

Councilman Oliveira

- Asked about resolution from last meeting waiving/reducing interest and confirmed that the funds cannot be used until the following year. CFO Zanga confirmed those funds go into surplus and are not available until 2023.

Councilwoman Meira

- Inquired if we are paying for Construction Official’s duties. CFO Zanga responded yes we will be; it is on the salary ordinance being introduced tonight. Councilman Guindi reminded that the Construction Official is a 4-year appointment, not up until 2025. Mayor Krenzel requested a schematic from Mr. Londensky of Construction Department staffing.

Council discussion regarding the budget concluded and Mayor Krenzel asks the Chair of the Finance Committee if they are in favor of this budget. Council President Ciulla responds yes and Mayor Krenzel asks if this is an official motion. Borough Attorney Wyatt informs that you can just call for a vote. Mayor Krenzel requests the Clerk to call the roll.

Adopted 5-2-22

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

Mayor Krenzel announces that the budget has been adopted and thanks everyone involved in the process, especially Mr. Zanga who did an excellent job.

AGENDA SESSION

- Water Main Infrastructure – Councilwoman Meira requested this agenda item. This discussion was covered, during the budget discussion. Further discussion ensued regarding water infrastructure projects and how to prioritize.
- Demand Relief Non-Profits/BOE – Mayor Krenzel requested this agenda item to gain a consensus if Borough Council would like to adopt similar resolution for summer months (July 1 – September 30) as done last year. CFO Zanga explained the process. All agreed to have a resolution for this year; it will be prepared for a future agenda.
- Air BNBs – Mayor Krenzel requested this agenda item to have the Borough Council start thinking about how to handle Air BNBs in South River. This subject will be revisited at a future meeting.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

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	Location:
Marion Street	South	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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-14 by title only. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-14 only.

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

Councilwoman Meira asked if residents have been contacted regarding the one-way and it was confirmed that they were. She feels that Willett was not an issue and is concerned that Council is implementing something where there is no problem. Mayor Krenzel requested Chief Tinitigan to respond. Chief Tinitigan commented that there has been no issue because an officer has been there for about 15 minutes each morning to move traffic along and getting rid of the ability to make a left turn will avoid bottle-necking.

Adopted 5-2-22

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	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			

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Deputy Municipal Clerk McDonald read Ordinance 2022-15 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS FEDERAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That pursuant to the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, there is hereby authorized:

- i. Daley’s Pond, Park Improvements, \$70,765.00;
- ii. ADA/Sidewalk Improvements at Grekoski Park, \$11,076.00; and

Section 2. That the sum of eighty-one thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars and nine cents (\$81,841.00) and the same is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in Section 1 therefore and that the prior Capital Budget is hereby amended to provide for said appropriation.

Section 3. That there is presently available Federal Housing and Community Development Act funds in the amount of eighty one thousand eight hundred forty one dollars and nine cents (\$81,841.00), which sum is hereby appropriated for the purpose described in Section 1 thereof.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after the first publication thereof after final passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Introduced 5-2-22

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 May 2, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 23rd 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.

Deputy Municipal Clerk McDonald read Ordinance 2022-16 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-16

**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 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 so as to amend Section 193-9.1 entitled "Parking Fines" to read as follows:

§ 193-9.1 Parking Fines.

A. Except as provided for in §193-9.1(A.1) below, fines for parking violations in the Borough, are hereby fixed as follows:

- 1. Prohibited parking areas: \$10.
- 2. Overtime parking: \$10.
- 3. Other violations: \$10.

A.1 Fine for violations of §193-5.2 are fixed as follows:

- 1. First offense: \$100
- 2. Second offense: \$200
- 3. Third and any additional offense within one calendar year: \$400

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 5-2-22

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			

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Deputy Municipal Clerk McDonald read Ordinance 2022-17 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-17

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

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

SECTION I.

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

TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Construction Official	\$12,000.00	\$95,000.00
Deputy Construction Official	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00
Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Fire Inspector	\$13.00/hr	\$45.00/hr
Office on Aging Director	\$20,000.00	\$85,000.00
Court Administrator	\$25,000.00	\$85,000.00
Aerobics, Yoga, Zumba, Soccer, Cheerleading, Youth Agility, Basketball, Quilting, Volleyball Instructors	\$30.00/class	\$90.00/class
Volleyball Official	\$20.00/game	\$60.00/game
Flag Football Official	\$20.00/game	\$60.00/game
Recreation Coordinator (Part-Time)	\$13.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
Recreation Coordinator Assistant	\$13.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
Recreation (Part-Time)	\$13.00/hr	\$30.00/hr

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

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

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

Introduced 5-2-22

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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Deputy Municipal Clerk McDonald read Ordinance 2022-18 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2022-18
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER CHAPTER 155-19.1, SECTION 22-62 TO ADD
ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND CLASS FEES

WHEREAS, the governing body has established a schedule of miscellaneous Licenses and Fees for the Borough of South River under Ordinance Chapter 155; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to offer additional programs and classes; and

WHEREAS, the governing body does not want the Borough to incur this additional expense; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that same be amended to reflect a fee for the additional programs and classes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, that Chapter 155-19.1, Section 22-62 be amended to include:

SECTION I. ADDITION:

- N. Cheerleading
 - 3. Mommy and Me Program \$ 40.00

- O. Volleyball - Adult and Youth \$ 50.00
 - 1. After Registration Closed \$ 10.00
 - 2. Non-Residents \$ 10.00

- P. Spring Flag Football \$115.00
 - 1. After Registration Closed \$ 10.00
 - 2. Non-Residents \$ 10.00

- Q. Youth Agility Class \$ 40.00
 - 1. After Registration Closed \$ 10.00
 - 2. Non-Residents \$ 10.00

- R. Quilting Class – Adult and Youth \$100.00
 - 1. After Registration Closed \$ 10.00
 - 2. Non-Residents \$ 10.00

SECTION II. The various parts, sections, clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION III. Any ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as may be required by law.

Introduced 5-2-22

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

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DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

CFO Joe Zanga

- Stated that Ordinance 2022-15 for HCD Projects is last year's money.
- Explained the Dedication By Rider resolution.
- Councilwoman Meira asked Mr. Zanga to explain the water surcharge occurring one quarter per year. Mr. Zanga responded that the idea behind the surcharge is to encourage conservation. He also explained that a thorough review was done and all surcharges (and credits) are now correct.

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch

- NJDOT 2020/2021 NJDOT Roadway Improvements – Work is ongoing. Starting Ferris to Clayton next. A complaint was made regarding hazardous liquid being left overnight; this issue has been addressed with the contractor.
- NJDOT 2022 Roadway Improvements – Project is in the design phase.
- NJDOT 2023 Roadway Improvements – Applications are being accepted until July 1st by NJDOT for 2023 grant. Resolution will be needed before July 31st.
- 2020 Electrical Substation Maintenance - The contractor has begun 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 – Met with NJDEP on April 28th and all seems ok; another meeting will occur next week.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Spring hydrant flushing started today and will continue through May 19th.
- DPW will hand out reusable bags for the next two (2) Saturdays from 8am-12pm.
- Seeking additional summer help. Councilwoman Meira asked how many summer helpers are typically hired, to which Mr. Soares responded four (4). Only one (1) application has been received so far. At Council President Ciulla's request, Mr. Soares reviewed overall staffing status for DPW.
- Manhole mentioned at the last council meeting has been replaced.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- Announced that there will be a Police Memorial Service on May 11, 2022 at 5pm and invited all to attend. Two (2) officers will be added to the list.
- Councilwoman Meira inquired about a Bike Rodeo. Chief Tinitigan responded that there will be a raffle through the school of donated bikes from Walmart.

Deputy Borough Clerk Dawn McDonald

- No report.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report.

Borough Administrator Art Londensky

- Part-Time Administrative Assistant position is still open.
- Reminded that delinquent bills are eligible for 12-month payment plans. If there is no payment plan in place, delinquent accounts will be shut off.
- Announced that the County has postponed paving on Whitehead; new dates will be sent out.
- Councilman Oliveira inquired about installation of playground equipment and replacement of park benches (some are lifting). Mr. Soares responded that he has been discussing new benches with Mr. Zanga.
- Councilwoman Meira asked about the bill for a Water Operator and if we would be hiring our own. Mr. Londensky responded that a bill would be forthcoming and that the job must be posted/advertised.
- Councilwoman Meira inquired about the Borough's web domain and hosting. Mr. Zanga responded that it was not necessary with Civic Plus.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**Councilman Giundi**

- The next planning board meeting is May 17th and will include master plan discussion. The meeting will take place at the middle school.
- The next Zoning Board meeting is May 24th. Ria Mar facelift was approved at the last meeting.
- The Alliance is tentatively planning a car show for September 15th.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Memorial Day Parade plans are underway. Reminded everyone to send in the form if they will be marching or email the form to Teresa Hutchison.

Councilman Oliveira

- Reviewed the new programs that are planned by Parks & Recreation. Their next meeting will be held on May 17th. Commended Terri from Recreation on a good job.
- Noted it was a fun opening day for Little League.
- Board of Education will hold an Art Show on May 26th.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Paving has started; be cautious with raised manhole covers.
- Reminded about hydrant flushing.
- Reviewed new programs at Office on Aging.

Councilwoman Meira

- Shade Tree has a meeting this week.
- Approximately 197 lbs of Legos were collected and donated to Boys & Girls Club during recent Lego Drive.
- Library Board held a successful book drive.
- Reminded Mayor Krenzel that there is still a vacancy on the Library Board.
- Community Garden opened this past weekend; beds are still available.

Council President Ciulla

- The Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on May 18th.

Mayor Krenzel

- Requested that Deputy Clerk McDonald cancel the special meeting for Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened the floor for Public Comment.

- Salvatore Ciuccio, 104 Old Bridge Turnpike – Informed of a recent bipartisan bill that would fund replacement of water mains. Mr. Ciuccio agreed to email the information to Mr. Londensky, who would forward to our Borough Engineer.
- Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place – The Environmental Commission is holding a freecycle event on May 14 & 15, 2022; the registration deadline for participation is 6pm on May 12th. Shade Tree Commission has been inspecting trees by Portuguese Club (most are pear trees) and will continue to review. Reminded all of Planning Board meeting for master plan.

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 2022-139 TO 2022-147

“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 2022-139

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 April 11, 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			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

RESOLUTION 2022-140

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT DONATIONS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides for receipt of donations by the Recreation Department to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Recreation Department Trust Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

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

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Recreation Department donation activities per N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
3. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-141
RESOLUTION REQUESTING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES AND
APPROVAL FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN STATUS**

WHEREAS, the following property listed below applied for tax exempt status under the provisions for a total disabled veteran status in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30et seq, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor reviewed and approved the application for the remainder of the 2022 tax year, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is recommending that these taxes for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter of 2022 be canceled accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector cancel 2nd quarter taxes (and 3rd and 4th quarter taxes which haven't been billed yet) in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Location:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
112	1	James Gurchensky 51 Dailey Street South River NJ 08882	\$1398.11 – Cancelled (2 nd quarter)

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-142
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>
65-999-997-327 CD	SHOSHANA BAKSHIEV 103 DIAMOND LANE OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	\$125.29
65-999-002-004 CD	JUAN PABLO HERNANDEZ & MAGERI DIGIORGI 9 CHERRY BLOSSOM DR MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$31.10
65-999-002-229 CD	JANETTE GALAN 9 SUMMIT RD BLDG C4B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$153.09
65-999-005-887 CD	WALESKA HANSON & BRYAN HANSON FIGUEROA 5048 DOUGLAS THALMAN ST BRUNSWICK, GA 31523	\$147.50
65-999-005-820 CD	NIKITAS LAMBRINOS SOPHIA LOGOTHETIS FRANK KALAMATIANOS 363 MINSTREL CT OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	\$53.71
65-999-008-060 CD	MAHMOUD MOHAMED 157 WHITEHEAD AVE APT 1G SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$173.18
65-999-001-449 CD	JUAN MARTINEZ, DORIS RODRIGUEZ KELVIN MONTES 42 WASHINGTON ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$101.42

65-999-004-737 CD

JENNIFER SMITH
RIVERVIEW DR B11
SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882

\$95.76

65-999-003-250 CD

NATHANIEL R WALKER
157 WHITEHEAD AVE APT 2D
SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882

\$4.42

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

RESOLUTION 2022-143

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JERROLD P. SOLOMON AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO SUMMIT ENGINE COMPANY OF SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, John M. Krenzle, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Jerrold P. Solomon as a Member of Summit Engine Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective May 2, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-144

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH SZABO AS A LINEMAN APPRENTICE FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the South River Director of Public Works, Adriano Soares, recommends Kenneth Szabo for position of Lineman Apprentice within the Electric Utility Department with starting salary of \$26.96 per hour pursuant to the IBEW Local 1303 Union Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council desire to approve said recommendation of appointment for Mr. Szabo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council, do hereby authorize the appointment of Kenneth Szabo for the position of Lineman Apprentice within the Borough of South River Electric Utility Department with a starting salary of \$26.96 per hour pursuant to the IBEW Local 1303 Union Contract on or about May 9, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-145
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MARC LaBELLA AS SUMMER HELP TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Marc LaBella to the part-time position of summer help in the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$15.00/per hour for the period of May 3, 2022 to October 28, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-146
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH RIVER KNIGHTS YOUTH FOOTBALL
TO CONDUCT COIN TOSS EVENTS**

WHEREAS, South River Knights Youth Football has requested permission to conduct coin toss events at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- July 16, 2022 (Rain Date July 23, 2022)
- August 20, 2022 (Rain Date August 27, 2022)
- September 17, 2022 (Rain Date September 24, 2022)
- October 15, 2022 (Rain Date October 22, 2022)

WHEREAS, South River Knights Youth Football 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 Knights Youth Football is hereby authorized to conduct coin toss events at the intersection of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on the dates listed above from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is granted to conduct coin toss events at the above locations on the aforesaid date subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the coin toss events shall wear a reflective safety vests.
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			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

**RESOLUTION 2022-147
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$2,077,778.82 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$1,123,275.97 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			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X		**	

****Council President Ciulla abstained from payment of Purchase Order 21-02865.**

NEW BUSINESS

- None

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

Councilwoman Meira

- Had questions regarding Ordinance 2022-16 and Ordinance 2022-17. Council President Ciulla explained Ordinance 2022-16 and advised that the Court keeps track of the number of times fines are issued. Council President Ciulla also elaborated on the parking issues by Causeway and problems with idling. Mr. Zanga reviewed Ordinance 2022-18, which is a salary range, and advised that a resolution would be done with the exact dollar amounts. Discussion continued regarding building department positions.
- Participated in a webinar today regarding Safe Streets & Roads grant funding. Will get more information.
- Reminded that May is Bike Month. Keep Middlesex Moving has some great programs for the event.
- Discussed benefits of Master Plan meeting and hopes that lots of people go to keep South River growing.
- Inquired about status of South River Day. Councilwoman Balazs noted that she put in application for the stage, street closures are in place and advertising is done in June.
- Wished all a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thanked Police, Fire, Robert Wood Johnson for all they do and especially DPW for keeping the town clean.
- Spring has sprung! Watch out for children, mow your grass and mind your pets.
- Reminded residents not to put out their bulk pick-up items early.

Councilman Oliveira

- Thanked Mr. Zanga for preparing the Dedication by Rider for Recreation.
- Commended DPW for an awesome job with parks and fields. Need more trash cans at parks.
- Happy Mother's Day!

Councilwoman Balazs

- Reminded of new stop signs in town and inquired about installation. Mr. Soares stated that they are being put up gradually on Wednesdays.
- Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Happy Mother's Day!

Councilman Guindi

- Kids are out...be careful!
- Reminded about new stop signs.
- Happy Mother's Day!

Council President Ciulla

- Kids are out playing...be aware!
- Reminded about speed limits and four-way stops.
- Reminded residents not to blow grass into the street; it clogs the storm drains.
- Happy Mother's Day!

Mayor Krenzel

- Celebrated Ramadan event at Sayreville High School.
- Reminded residents to bring their reusable bags to the stores beginning May 4th.
- Noted that the Police Memorial Event on May 11th is open to the public.
- Happy Mother's Day!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Guindi motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn McDonald

Dawn McDonald, RMC
Deputy Borough Clerk