

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2022
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 9

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 23, 2022 and was called to order by Council President Ciulla 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

Council President Ciulla lead the salute to the Flag and a moment of silence. Council President Ciulla announced there would be an executive session meeting at the end of the regular meeting.

PROCLAMATION

None

AGENDA SESSION

None

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

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 of 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

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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.

Councilman Gurchensky motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 2022-15 by title only. Council President Ciulla opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-15 only.

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

Adopted 5-23-22

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

ORDINANCE 2022-16

**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~~ (\$21 as amended)
2. Overtime parking: ~~\$10~~ (\$21 as amended)
3. Other violations: ~~\$10~~ (\$49 as amended)

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.

Councilwoman Balasz motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 2022-16 by title only. Council President Ciulla opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-16 only.

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

Borough Attorney Wyatt announced that the Borough's Court Administrator has recommended an amendment to Section A changing fines to from \$10 each to \$21, \$21 and \$49 respectively. As a result, Ordinance 2022-16 should not be adopted as written; it should be introduced with the suggested amendments on first reading again. Councilwoman Meira asked how long it has been since we changed the fees. Council President Ciulla stated it had been a long time. Borough Attorney Wyatt agreed to check and contact Councilwoman Meira.

Councilman Oliveira motioned to accept the amendments as recommended by Borough Attorney Wyatt; seconded by Councilwoman Balasz. All in Favor.

Introduced (with amendments) 5-23-22

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			

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 23, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 13TH day of June, 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.

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.

Councilman Gurchensky motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Oliveira. All in Favor. The Municipal Clerk read Ordinance 2022-17 by title only. Council President Ciulla opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-17 only.

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

Councilwoman Meira inquired about salaries and why only some are being addressed on this ordinance. Borough Attorney Wyatt stated that only ranges can be discussed and cautioned against discussing set salaries. CFO Zanga stated that Administration discusses during the budget process and explained why only certain ranges needed to be addressed. Councilwoman Meira asked if salaries were budgeted. CFO Zanga responded yes and added that some salaries are set by union contracts. Councilman Oliveira asked if it is ok to not use minimum wage for bottom of the range for the hourly employees. CFO Zanga responded yes; we are still within the range.

Adopted 5-23-22

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

At this point of the meeting, Council President Ciulla responded to Councilwoman Meira's question regarding Ordinance 2022-16, as to when the parking fines were last changed....1980.

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.

Councilwoman Balazs motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Guindi. All in Favor. The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 2022-18 by title only. Council President Ciulla opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2022-18 only.

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

Adopted 5-23-22

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 2022-19 by title only.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOROUGH'S WATER TREATMENT, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as Water Utility improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$950,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including the sum of \$825,782.56 received from the American Rescue Plan ("ARP" funding) and \$24,217.44 as the down payment for said purposes. Said down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Borough's Water Utility Capital Fund. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11c of the Local Bond Law, no down payment is required as this bond ordinance authorizes obligations solely for purposes which are self-liquidating and deductible from the gross debt of the Borough as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7h.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$100,000, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued consist of various improvements to the Borough's water treatment, storage and distribution system, including but not limited to, water mains, lead and galvanized pipes, valves, meters, and hydrants, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$100,000, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$950,000, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$950,000 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of \$825,782.56 ARP funds and the \$24,217.44 down payment.

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

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is twenty (20) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is not increased by the authorization of the \$100,000 bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance because the purposes authorized herein are self-liquidating and are deductible from the Borough's gross debt in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44c and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$120,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs, legal fees and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included as part of the cost of said improvements and is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for said improvements.

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

(f) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in subparagraph (h) of §40A:2-7 of the Local Bond Law, and the obligations authorized herein are to be issued for

purposes which are self-liquidating within the meaning and limitation of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-45 of said Law and are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44c and N.J.S.A. 40A:2-46 of said Law.

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

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

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

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduced 5-23-22

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

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 23, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 13th day of June, 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 2022-20 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-20

**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 72 ENTITLED "PUBLIC SAFETY,
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 72 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Public Safety, Department of” is hereby amended so as to amend Section 72-14 entitled “Establishment; Composition” to read as follows:

§ 72-14 Establishment; Composition.

- A. There is hereby created in and for the Borough of South River a Police Department which shall consist of one Chief of Police, one Deputy Chief of Police, no more than three Lieutenants, no more than six Sergeants, and no more than 24 regular police officers to carry out the functions of the Police Department for the protection and promotion of the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of South River.
- B. The Mayor & Borough Council, in consultation with the Chief of Police may, from time to time, leave one or more of the above positions vacant, as they see fit. The express purpose for identifying these positions is to establish a statutory line of authority from all police employees to a higher elected authority. Whenever any such position is intentionally left vacant, it will be deemed not to exist, and it will be passed in the chain of command. The Mayor & Borough Council, in consultation with the Chief of Police, may determine to hire or promote to a vacant position as it deems appropriate and in the best interests of the Borough, the Police Department and the public.

SECTION 2. Chapter 72 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Public Safety, Department of” is hereby amended so as to amend Section 72-19 entitled “Deputy Chief of Police” to read as follows:

§ 72-19 Deputy Chief of Police.

The Deputy Chief of Police shall be a direct subordinate of the Chief of Police and assist the Chief of Police in management of the Police Department and performs other related duties. In addition, the Deputy Chief of Police shall:

- A. Assist in the analysis of police problems and help formulate police rules/regulations.
- B. Assist in planning police work to make the best use of available funds, personnel, equipment, and supplies.
- C. Give assignments/instructions to subordinate members of the police department, provide them with needed advice/assistance when difficult/unusual problems arise and check their work to see that proper procedures are followed, that reasonable standards of workmanship, conduct, and output are maintained, and that desired police objectives are achieved.
- D. See that communication facilities are properly used.
- E. Take the lead in establishing/maintaining helpful, cooperative relations with civic, recreation, and business group, police authorities in other jurisdictions, and others interested in the maintenance of law and order.
- F. Provide police protection/assistance to gatherings, children and other pedestrians in crossing streets, those engaged in extinguishing fires, those handling large sums of money and other valuables in transit, and to vacant/unused dwellings and business properties.
- G. Make provision for police assistance at the time and places where traffic is heavy.
- H. Act as the Chief of Police in his/her absence.

- I. Such other duties and responsibilities as shall be determined and assigned by the Chief of Police.

In the event that the Deputy Chief of Police is unable to perform his/her duties due to vacation, ill health, leave of absence, suspension or any other reason, the Chief of Police may designate a Lieutenant or Sergeant who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Chief of Police in his/her absence as long as they have met the requirements listed in 72-24D(1)(a).

SECTION 3. Chapter 72 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Public Safety, Department of" is hereby amended so as to amend Section 72-24 entitled "Method of promotion for Deputy Chief, Lieutenants and Sergeants" to amend Section 72-24(D) entitled "Procedure for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief" to read as follows:

§ 72-24 Method of promotion for Deputy Chief, Lieutenants and Sergeants.

- D. Procedure for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief.

In the event of a vacancy for the position of Deputy Chief, it shall be filled based on general qualifications and personnel file review to determine the applicant's police knowledge, skills and abilities. Procedures for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief shall be as follows:

- (1) Eligibility requirements. All candidates for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- (a) A member of this Police Department to be promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Police shall have served in the position of Lieutenant for a period of two (2) years or Sergeant for a period of at least four (4) years in a permanent capacity in the South River Police Department.
- (b) Candidates for promotion must have completed their necessary year(s) of service prior to the time they provide written notification to the Chief of Police of their intention to compete for the vacant position of Deputy Chief.

- (2) Promotional Selection Process

- (a) The Chief of Police will announce a vacancy for the position of Deputy Chief. This notification shall be contained in a written announcement that shall either be posted in a prominent location within the Police Department, and/or shall be issued to each eligible candidate personally.
- (b) Personnel eligible for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief shall within two weeks of the posting of the vacancy announcement, provide written notification to the Chief of Police of their intention to compete for the vacant position.
- (c) All eligible candidates for the promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief shall also be required to submit, in memorandum form, a memorandum detailing their respective experiences with the South River Police Department. This memorandum should reflect the assignments held by each individual within the Department, a description of any program or programs that the individual participated in or initiated. Additionally, such things as productivity, attendance, experience, education, training and departmental awards should be mentioned in this writing. The memorandum will also include the candidate's vision for the police department over the next five years.

This memorandum shall be submitted to the Chief of Police no later than three weeks from the date of the promotional procedure announcement.

(d) Candidates for the promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief will be interviewed by an Interview Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee or his/her designee, the Borough Administrator and the Chief of Police.

- i. The interview will focus on but not be limited to the candidates' knowledge of the Borough of South River, leadership and management abilities, Borough Ordinances, initiative, community policing, the candidates submitted memorandum and personnel jacket.
- ii. Following the completion of interviews, the Interview Committee shall recommend to the Mayor and Council for promotion the candidate it deems most qualified, after consideration of merit and seniority, to perform the duties of Deputy Chief of Police.

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

SECTION 5. 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 6. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Introduced 5-23-22

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

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Deputy Municipal Clerk McDonald read Ordinance 2022-21 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-21

**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 § 193-37 entitled, "Schedule VIII: Stop Intersections," so as to add the following locations to the schedule of locations designated as stop intersection:

Intersection

Devoe Street and Darrow Street
Wilcox Avenue and Darrow Street
Albourne Street and Carmen Street

Stop Sign on

Devoe Street
Wilcox Avenue
Albourne Street

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

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Introduced 5-23-22

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

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 23, 2022, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 13th day of June, 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 Administrator Art Londensky

- No Report
- Councilman Oliveira asked Mr. Londensky questions regarding recent power outage; Mr. Londensky responded.
- Councilwoman Meira asked Mr. Londensky if battery storage project was live. Mr. Londensky responded no, but it was very close. A report will be issued at the next meeting on this topic.
- Councilwoman Meira inquired about the Part-Time Assistant being appointed and the status of the Full-Time Municipal Clerk. Mr. Londensky explained that the p/t position would be a floater for municipal building and no applications have been received for Municipal Clerk.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Elaborated further details on the recent power outage.

CFO Joe Zanga

- Bond Ordinance 2022-19 is utilizing \$825,000 in ARP funding for water projects.
- Explained resolutions with expenditures.

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch

- NJDOT 2020 Roadway Improvements – Working on punch list.

- NJDOT 2021 Roadway Improvements – Auto flushers are holding up the project; paving should begin after the holiday.
- NJDOT 2022 Roadway Improvements – Project is in the design phase.
- NJDOT 2023 Roadway Improvements – Applications are being accepted until July 1st. A letter was provided listing 6 streets; need to narrow down to 3 for next meeting.
- 2020 Electrical Substation Maintenance – Work is ongoing.
- Well No. 2 Replacement – Moving along; NJDEP issued allocation permit and approved using water sample reports from earlier in the project.
- Councilwoman Meira inquired about the Water Treatment Plant work. Mr. Londensky referred to the letter issued by CME on Friday and provided further explanation.

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- Deputy Chief ordinance on first reading tonight. Several questions were directed to Chief Tinitigan from councilmembers regarding this ordinance; discussion ensued regarding history of position, process for selection and changes from prior ordinance vs. tonight's ordinance as written on introduction.
- Resolution promoting Mario Pinto to Sergeant. There will be a swearing in on June 9th at 2:30pm.
- Resolution purchasing tasers is another tool for officers.

Deputy Borough Clerk Dawn McDonald

- Primary Election to be held on June 7, 2022; reviewed three ways to vote.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Meira

- Shade Tree Commission is revising applications for tree removal; almost done with review of pending applications.
- Environmental Commission apologized for Nixle on Earth-Fest; had to cancel.
- There is a Library Board meeting tomorrow. Reminded all to check summer programs for kids available at Library.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Office on Aging meeting was held today; unfortunately Mr. Gurchensky could not make it. Encourages all to check offerings on their webpage.

Councilman Oliveira

- Parks & Recreation will have Fishing Derby on June 5th.
- Summer Rec will be held at South River Middle School.
- Board of Education meeting schedule for May 26th at 7pm. There will be a curriculum fair from 5-7pm.

Councilman Giundi

- The last Planning Board meeting was May 17th; next meeting is June 21st. Board is working on master plan.
- The next Zoning Board meeting is tomorrow via Zoom.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Board of Health meeting was not held due to lack of quorum.
- Memorial Day Parade starts at 1pm. Councilwoman Balazs reviewed the parade route and advised anyone wishing to march to please contact Teresa Hutchison.
- Portugal Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on June 11th at 11am at Daly's Pond.

- South River Day will be held on June 18th on Montgomery Street.

Council President Ciulla

- Noted that Fire Chief was in attendance and asked him to provide report.
- Economic Development Commission will have a meeting on June 22nd at Ria Mar.
- Announced that a letter was received from a concerned resident regarding commercial parking on Kamm Avenue. Council President asked that the anonymous resident get in touch with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President opened the floor for Public Comment.

- Mike Gurcharsky, Avenue A, Monroe Township – Spoke of concerns regarding proposed Deputy Chief ordinance. Expressed that the PBA/SOA are in favor of position, but not as currently drafted. Requested that the Council reconsider and thanked them for their consideration.
- Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place – Discussed tree situation by Portuguese Club and letters from the Code Enforcer regarding the uneven sidewalks. Also expressed concern that the power outage information was not posted prominently on the home page of the website; should have been at the top of the page.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2022-148 TO 2022-164

“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 2022-148

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 3, 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 June 7, 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 2022-149

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING ELECTRIC DEMAND CHARGE RELIEF FOR NOT-FOR- PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER AND SOUTH RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is desirous of providing electric demand charge relief for not-for-profit organizations residing within the Borough of South River and South River Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the Borough of South River Chapter 155 entitled “Fees” Section 155-11, Chapter 147, Electrical Connections as amended by Ordinance 2017-4 on March 27, 2017 by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that it is in the public interest to approve electric demand charge relief for the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the electric consumption demand charges for the following not-for-profit organizations, institutions and South River Public Schools are hereby waived for the period July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Organization</u>
999-960-741	Jewish Federation
999-984-820	Byelorussian Community Center
999-884-049	Universal Church
999-001-613	Garden State Christian Church
999-947-992	St. Mary’s Church
999-948-025	St. Mary’s CYO
999-948-014	St. Mary’s School
999-001-223	St. Mary’s Community Center
999-001-224	St. Mary’s Community Center
999-969-915	Sts. Peter & Paul Church
999-966-109	Corpus Christi Church
999-946-122	Union Baptist Church
999-907-446	Church Jesus Christ Is Lord
999-968-100	Imperial Music Center
999-931-503	Tabernacle Baptist Church
999-973-303	Holy Trinity Episcopal
999-931-382	Conklin Methodist

999-994-181	SR Portuguese Club
999-889-681	Redentor Presbyterian Church
999-962-160	22 David St.
999-904-696	22 David St.
999-852-523	15 Montgomery St.
999-962-149	Elem/Middle
999-005-926	Iglesia Jesucristo Es El Senor
999-007-249	Legacy Church

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Borough Administrator, are hereby authorized to execute and/or amend, modify or make such necessary changes to the electric demand charges and any other agreements or documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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 2022-150
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROMOTION OF MARIO PINTO TO POSITION OF SERGEANT
IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

WHEREAS, the position of Sergeant became available due to a retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mario Pinto has participated, successfully completed and passed all aspects of the promotional testing procedures pursuant to Chapter 72-24 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Mark E. Tinitigan recommended to the Mayor and Borough Council that Mario Pinto be promoted to the position of Sergeant in the Police Department of the Borough of South River;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, appoint Mario Pinto to the position of Sergeant in the South River Police Department, effective June 1, 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 2022-151
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DIANE NALE TO POSITION OF COORDINATOR
OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

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 Diane Nale to the position of Coordinator of the Municipal Alliance Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at a stipend of \$4,000.00 per year.

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 2022-152
RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY REPAIR FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
CONTRACT TO RAPID PUMP AND METER SERVICE CO., INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough's Water Operator has declared an emergency repair necessary to the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the backwash pumping system has failed and is in need of replacement, requiring immediate attention since the conditions have an imminent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 the governing body hereby determines that such an emergency condition affects the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough as described above and such circumstances and substantial expense could not have reasonably been foreseen; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate municipal officials have obtained an estimate from Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co., Inc. for the cost to repair and replace the backwash pumping system in order to relieve this emergency situation and provide essential services to borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in account 2-02-55-512-211; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the award of a contract to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co., Inc. in the amount of \$38,710.00 is hereby ratified since bid submissions for such replacements could not and cannot be effectuated due to the circumstances recited above and the appropriate officials of the Borough are hereby authorized make payment to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co., Inc. for said repairs and replacement.

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 2022-153
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TASERS FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. VIA STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00738 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,400.04 FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase tasers 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 Axon Enterprise, Inc., under vendor contract #17-FLEET-00738 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 tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc. via the said State Contract authorized vendor in the amount of \$110,400.04; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has advised that funds are available for the purchase of tasers in Account C-06-22-009-101; and

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 in order to acquire the tasers 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	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 2022-154
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2022 SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is in need of certain officials and employees to administer, manage, and perform the day to day operations at the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, these officials and employees shall be compensated for the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the compensation proposed for the incumbency in the following office and positions shall fall within the salary range approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has attempted to break down the title by operating unit for the sole purpose of indicating which office and position typically work together and not for the purpose of determining which title belongs to which unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the official and employee listed is to be paid annual salary effective from January 1, through December 31, for the following years subject to appropriation of funds for the said years:

DEPARTMENT/TITLE

DEPARTMENT OF UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE
Construction Official – AL
Deputy Construction Official/Building Subcode – DW

2022
\$12,000.00/yr
\$45.00/hr

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT
Court Administrator -CG

2022
\$75,327.00/yr

DEPARTMENT OF AGING
Office on Aging Director – KB

2022
\$80,025.00/yr

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 2022-155

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS SOMMER AS A LINEMAN APPRENTICE FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the South River Director of Public Works, Adriano Soares, recommends Nicholas Sommer for the 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. Sommer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council, do hereby authorize the appointment of Nicholas Sommer 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 June 13, 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 2022-156

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN HARRIS 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 Jonathan Harris 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 24, 2022 to October 28, 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 2022-157
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.

ACCOUNT #	PAYABLE TO:	AMOUNT OF CHECK
65-999-003-728 CD	FALCO A FIGUEIREDO 71 MORNINGSIDE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$17.79
65-999-004-359 CD	JORGE FOZZATTI & IRONNE OVIEDO 1403 HYDE BLVD PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865	\$44.69
66-999-961-917 WATER CURRENT	DOMOKOS F FULOP 316 MCDOWELL ST EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$235.79
65-999-889-989 ELEC CURRENT	GMT MANAGEMENT	\$54.61
65-999-890-000 ELEC CURRENT	171 MAIN ST	\$80.41
65-999-889-978 ELEC CURRENT	SOUTH RIVER, NJ	\$103.14
66-999-929-038 WATER CURRENT		\$40.28
66-999-929-049 WATER CURRENT		\$71.28
65-999-007-395 CD	ABIGAIL GRAY 69 D RUBIN ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$142.84
65-999-005-677 CD	TIFFANY GUERRA & VITOR MARGARIDO 46 BURTON AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$130.85
65-999-874-534 CD	YANG LAI JIN 20 WOJIE WAY APT 211 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$104.03

65-999-006-692 CD	JOAO LUZ 121 FEDERAL RD MONROE, NJ 08831	\$127.22
66-999-002-402 WATER CURRENT	GABRIELA, FERNANDA & CHRISTIAN MIRASSOL PO BOX 623 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$11.10
65-999-006-673 CD	BERENICE NIEVES 37 LARKIN RD BURLINGTON, NJ 08016	\$113.63
66-999-929-060 WATER CURRENT	RICHARD PELLIGRA 4 AZALEA LN SOMERSET, NJ 08873	\$121.88
65-999-006-183 CD	KEVIN PEREZ 1 RUSTIC RIDGE RD APT C26 LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424	\$151.02
65-999-008-099 CD	YUDDY PINEDA 530 MAIN ST SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$157.25
65-999-952-194 CD	ELIZABETH QUIPUSCO 47 CHARLES ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	82.91
65-999-007-408 CD	MELINDA & SHARON HILL ROYAL 626 SHERMAN AVE PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060	\$39.51
65-999-931-129 CD	RARITAN BAY FED CREDIT UNION 491 RARITAN ST SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$188.84
65-999-006-475 CD	RASHAD NASHID & LILIA SHUTKA 184 MAIN ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$154.44
65-999-889-989 ELEC CURRENT	UNIVERSAL ABSTRACT	\$98.28
65-999-890-000 ELEC CURRENT	101 CHASE AVE STE 304	\$179.38
65-999-889-978 ELEC CURRENT	LAKEWOOD, NJ 07801	\$215.63
66-999-929-049 WATER CURRENT		\$3.95

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 2022-158

AUTHORIZING HOMESTEAD CREDIT REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN – BLOCK 274, LOT 8

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends these changes as listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector be and he is authorized to make the necessary adjustments, indicated below and any attached list.

Block	Lot	Reason	Name & Address	Property Location	Amount
274	8	Homestead Credit Refund	Alfonso & Elaine Cirelli	45 Willett Avenue	\$322.75

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 2022-159

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR NJDOT 2023 TRUST FUND APPLICATION
FOR VARIOUS ROADS BY CME ASSOCIATES**

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 CME Associates is authorized to prepare the NJDOT 2023 Trust Fund Application for Various Roads, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated May 16, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$2,554.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds in the amount of \$2,554.00 are available in the 2022 municipal budget under budget code 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 2022-160
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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 Sylvia Garcia to the position of Part-Time Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$15.00 per hour on or about May 31, 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 2022-161
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 May 2, 2022 Regular 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 2022-162
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 \$990,615.89 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$2,109,774.46 listing attached, have been duly

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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*			

**Council President Ciulla abstained from voting for payment of PO #22-00375*

**RESOLUTION 2022-163
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RICHIE MONTALBANO AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO RELIABLE FIRE
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 Reliable Fire Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective May 6, 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 2022-164
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH L. THOMAS**

WHEREAS, Ms. Lakisha Thomas submitted her resignation to the Borough on February 21, 2022;
and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River accepted Ms. Thomas' resignation effective on February 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas has alleged various claims against the Borough of South River in which the Borough was represented by defense counsel appointed by Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's insurance carrier have determined it is in the best interest of the Borough to settle any potential dispute in exchange for a release of all claims against the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's insurance carrier has authorized and recommended settlement of this matter and will be responsible for the balance of monies payable under the Agreement except the deductible amount and other contractual obligation of the Borough pursuant to its policy with by Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to authorize the execution of the settlement agreement and release.

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 settlement agreement and release with Ms. Lakisha Thomas.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, the Settlement Agreement and Release and any other necessary documents in order to effectuate the settlement of the litigation.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Borough Labor Counsel and the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for distribution to the plaintiff.

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)

Councilman Guindi

- Memorial Day

Councilwoman Balazs

- Commended Public Works and Police on handling of power outage.
- Reviewed Memorial Day Parade details.
- Wished her mom, Janice, a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Meira

- Was not able to attend Planning Board meeting; however, she did watch it. Planner Todd Bletcher did a good job explaining.
- Noted that previously the Mayor placed upcoming ordinances on for discussion during the agenda session and he is no longer doing this. If done, could improve communication and eliminate confusion (citing Deputy Chief ordinance).

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thanked Police, Fire, Robert Wood Johnson & DPW for work on power outage.
- Memorial Day is upon us. There will be parties; please respect your neighbors.
- Honor speed limits and watch children at play.
- Respect men/women who served our country.

Councilman Oliveira

- Thanks to those who have served, especially Councilman Gurchensky.
- Thanks to those who helped with power outage.
- Agrees with Councilwoman Meira on Deputy Chief ordinance; we can do better.
- Happy Memorial Day!

Council President Ciulla

- Added to Public Works report...thanks to residents who were affected for their patience. He understands their frustration.
- Thanks to staff working all weekend in the heat.
- Thanks to those who have served and continue to serve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**RESOLUTION 2022-165****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:

- Litigation

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

Council President Ciulla announced that no action would be taken upon return to open session.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:17pm

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 8:25 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

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Council President Ciulla requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Guindi motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn McDonald

Dawn McDonald, RMC
Deputy Borough Clerk