

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 14**

A special 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 September 12, 2023, 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, Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt, Police Chief Mark Tinitigan, DPW Director Adriano Soares, 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, 2023, 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.

PROCLAMATION

- None

AGENDA SESSION

- None

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Engineers Report

- **NJDOT FY 2022 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$457,410.00 grant for Appleby Avenue, Morningside Avenue, and 5th Street. The NJDOT has given us approval to close-out the project.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program**
 - We applied for Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave. from Willett Ave. to Sheldon Ave. & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave. to Wilcox Ave. According to the NJDOT PMRS site the borough has received a \$681,405.00 grant. We are working on the project design.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects**
 - We applied for Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue.

- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - We applied for Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.
- **2020 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - We are working on the Bid Documents for the 2023 Maintenance.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - We are scheduling the survey work for this year's portion of the project.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- No report

Chief of Police Mark Tinitigan

- No report

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Leaf bags will be given out on 10/10. Each household gets 20 free leaf bags for the year. You can present the coupon that is in the calendar, a drivers license, or utility bill. Pick up is Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 12 pm. Saturdays will be later in the year.

Borough Clerk

- No report

Mayor Krenzel speaks on the mail in ballots and the Clerk states that the County will send an email as to when they will be sent out.

Borough Attorney

- No report

Borough Administrator Arthur Londensky

- A letter was left for the council regarding an issue on Spring Street.

Mike Furey from AGRA and Felipe Contreras from Kleinfelder discuss the water plant and the ongoing water issues in the Borough.

Mayor Krenzel opens for public comment concerning the water.

A resident speaks of her concern regarding harmful chemicals in the water and Mr. Furey answers.

Joe Donato, 30 Dailey Street, Mr. Donato speaks on discolored and rusty water and suggests having a public meeting for residents to speak about their issues with the water.

Lisa Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, requests a copy of the report to be provided to the Environmental Commission to review. Discussions ensue regarding the report. Mayor Krenzel would like an amended report by the next meeting to provide to the public.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, would like the diagrams to be imported into a pdf file to view. It can be sent to the BA to distribute.

Shaun Haussermann, 211 Willett Ave, Mr. Haussermann discusses the pipes with Mr. Contreras and Mr. Furey and discusses the cost for this. There is more discussions on the well water and the replacement of pipes. Mr. Haussermann speaks on the discussion between Mr. Contreras and Mr. Koch. Mr. Haussermann speaks on the discussion of the valves that need to be open and closed exercised annually. These reports have been sent to the DEP. These exercises have all been done by employees of the borough. Mr. Haussermann speaks on minutes in 2019 for brown water and Mayor Krenzel makes a comment. Mr. Haussermann speaks on Councilman Guindi being the chairman of the Utilities Committee and discusses whether there have been meetings and Councilman Guindi answers. There are no minutes but there are reports. Discussions ensue regarding who the members of the committee are and what was discussed at the meetings. Discussions ensue regarding when these things will be taken care of.

Joseph Donato, 30 Dailey Street, Mr. Donato speaks on the crosswalks on Whitehead Avenue and River Road and would like an update on the vegetation and BA Londensky answers. Discussion ensues regarding the jurisdiction for the East Brunswick property owner. Mr. Donato speaks on Main Street milling and paving. BA Londensky makes a comment regarding the paving.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, Mr. Byrne speaks on the trees that were planted at 812 Washington Street. Traffic and pedestrian safety signs will be provided. On 10/14 there will be an installation of a rain garden at the end of the high school. Adult volunteers are much appreciated. Mr. Byrne speaks on the 75,000 grant for Daley's Park and discussions ensue regarding the grant.

Emily Grasso, 13 Darrow Street, On 10/14 and 10/15 there will be a free cycling event in South River. This is for items that will be taken out from a resident's home that cannot be sold. There will be information on the borough website.

Salvatore Ciuccio, 104 OBT, Mr. Ciuccio makes statements regarding the County and the water issue that has been ongoing since 2019.

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2023-275 TO 2023-280

"Whereas Resolution 2023-01 authorizes the Borough Council to utilize a Consent Agenda to adopt various resolutions of a routine and noncontroversial nature at one time. Now Therefore, Be It and It is Hereby Resolved that the below listed resolutions are hereby adopted by the Borough Council in whole as if the same were individually acted upon".

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

RESOLUTION 2023-275

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 August 21, 2023 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,480,978.00
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RESTORED FUNDS:

0.00

DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:

\$779,460.00

TOTAL

\$2,260,438.00

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 October 6, 2023.

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			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on September 12, 2023.

Alyssa Guglietti, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-276

PROPERTY TAX REFUND

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
147	16	1 st & 2 nd qtr payment 2023 (Dis Vet)	Maria Small Pay to: Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell TX 75019-9760	78 George St	\$2430.43

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

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RESOLUTION 2023-277
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

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

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

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

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-008-546 CD	NICHOLAS FARINOLA 52 JACOBSTOWN RD NEW EGYPT, NJ 08533	\$43.95
65-999-007-522 CD	MARK MOURAO 112 MAIN ST SPOTSWOOD, NJ 08884	\$154.25
65-999-005-052 CD	PRESTIGE STANDARD CO 52 CHEYENNE ST TINTON FALLS, NJ 07712	\$201.35

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>	X		X			

Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira						X
Council President Ciulla			X			

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RESOLUTION 2023-278

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORTUGUESE CLUB A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR A FOLKLORE FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL DANCES TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Portuguese Club, located at 100 John Street, South River New Jersey, has applied for a Special Events Permit for a Folklore Festival of Traditional Dances to be held at 100 John Street, South River on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the application of the Portuguese Club for a Folklore Festival of Traditional Dances to be held at 100 John Street, South River on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is hereby approved contingent upon the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages can only be served from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. during the Festival
2. There must be at least five (5) identifiable non-drinking members either by tag, badge, shirt, etc. assigned by the organization to provide security.
3. A one-day permit for the Festival, if necessary, will be obtained by ABC.
4. Proof of Liability Insurance provided to the Borough of South River.
5. Said event must follow all the rules, regulations of State, County, and Local Government.
6. Subject to approval by the South River Police Department and compliance with any condition included in their approval.
7. No parking in the area of the entrance and driveway of the picnic area from front to back.
8. Entrance gate to the picnic area is to remain unlocked from the start time to the finish time.
9. All agency approvals such as Code Compliance, Police, County Board of Health and Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal to be contacted by the applicant.

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

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RESOLUTION 2023-279
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following individual as a Recreation Department Employee effective as of September 13, 2023.

Employees: Basketball
Tim Darrar (Instructor) \$52.50/class

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			

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RESOLUTION 2023-280
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 \$631,634.43 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$1,992,219.62 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
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Councilwoman Balazs		X	X			
Councilman Guindi	X		X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira						X
Council President Ciulla			X			

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**Councilman Guindi abstained from voting on purchase order 23-01320.

**Council President Ciulla abstained voting on purchase orders 22-03001, 22-03054, 23-01320, 23-02351, 23-02520, and 23-02241.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Guindi

- Discusses Daley's Pond with CFO Zanga.
- 9/10 Proclamations for the Mexican Flag Raising and the 92nd Union Baptist Church anniversary.
- 145 total members registered for sports for Parks and Recreation.
- Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Library to host Trunk or Treat 10/21 from 3-5.
- 9/11 Memorial Services.
- Car show has been cancelled due to rain. It will be postponed to spring/summer of next year.
- Homecoming is 9/23.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thank you to DPW for painting lines at the schools.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the 9/11 Memorial services.
- 9/23 is Homecoming. They are still looking for people with convertibles. Contact Chris Matts at the school.
- Congratulations to Alyssa on her nuptials.

Council President Ciulla

- School is back in session. Please drive safe and be fully alert.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Fire Department 9/11 Memorial Services. Never Forget.

Councilman Gurchensky

- OOA will be closing their thrift store.
- Speaks on Monthly Mingle. Please call the OOA to see if there are any spaces left.
- The OOA will be offering a high dose flu vaccine. Call the office and set up an appointment.
- The 3rd week in September is POW MIA Day.

- VFW did receive a grant for a community garden.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the 9/11 ceremony.

Councilwoman Meira

- Homecoming is on 9/23.
- BOE meeting will be on 9/21.
- Speaks on speeding issue in the borough.
- Back to School week is ongoing. Be aware of social media.
- Library meeting is at the end of the month. The library is a hot spot and are open on Saturdays.
- Rain Garden and planting of trees.
- Portuguese Club special event on 9/16. They will also be having their annual golf outing to raise money for scholarships.
- The Mexican Flag Raising event was successful. The Honduran Flag Raising event will be 9/30.
- Speaks on the grant from the State.
- Please drive slower and be more aware of your surroundings.
- September is Suicide Prevention Month.

Mayor Krenzel

- Speaks on grant process. BA Londensky speaks on grants that have been applied for. Councilwoman Meira speaks on a grant that the BOE has just received.
- Speaks on the residents about caring more about the signs and postage that are put up.
- 9/11 Memorial Services. The South River Fire Department assisted in the aftermath of 9/11.
- Come out for Homecoming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 2023-281

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:

- Contract Negotiations

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

Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:02 pm

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			

Reconvene to Public Session at 9:06 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; Mayor Krenzel requested motion to adjourn. Council President Ciulla motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Guglietti

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Borough Clerk