

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 13**

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 September 22, 2025, and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor and Council Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused Tardy
<i>Mayor Peter S. Guindi</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Donna Balazs</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Matthew DeSantis</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Council President Tony Ciulla</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, Business Administrator Art Londensky, DPW Director Adriano Soares, Fire Chief William Smith, Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt, and Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 5, 2025, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PRESENTATION

- Mayor Guindi presents a Certificate of Recognition to Teresita Homza for her hard work with beautifying a portion of South River. Ms. Homza thanks everyone that helped her achieve this.

AGENDA SESSION

- Discussion on Ordinances – Borough Attorney Wyatt explains the ordinances on first reading.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-23 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2025 –23

**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 § 193-31.1 entitled, "Schedule IIA: Handicapped Parking," so as to delete the following location:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Albert Street	East	153 feet south from the intersection of Hillside Street and continuing 22 feet south

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 9-22-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-24 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2025 –24

**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" so as to amend subsection A.1 to read as follows:

§ 193-9.1 Parking Fines.

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

1. First offense: \$400
2. Second offense: \$800
3. Third and any additional offense within one calendar year: \$1000

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 9-22-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-25 by title only

ORDINANCE 2025 –25

**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 209 ENTITLED “LICENSED TRADES AND
OCCUPATIONS”**

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 209 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Licensed Trades and Occupations," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 209-10 entitled, "Termination of licenses," so as to read entirely as follows:

§ 209-10. Expiration and renewal.

- A. Except where expressly provided otherwise, all licenses are valid for two years from the date of issuance. Applications for the renewal of licenses shall be made not later than 30 days prior to expiration.
- B. All licenses issued more than two years prior to the enactment of this provision shall expire on December 31, 2025. Applications for the renewal shall be made not later than December 1, 2025.

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 9-22-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-26 by title only

ORDINANCE 2025 –26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 155 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "FEES"

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 155 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled Fees, is hereby amended as supplemented to amend §155-19 entitled Chapter 209, Licensed Trades and Occupation to read entirely as follows:

§155-16 Chapter 209, Licensed Trades and Occupations.

- A.** Initial license fee: \$75.00
- B.** License transfer fee: \$50.00
- C.** License replacement fee: \$25.00
- D.** Renewal license fee: \$25.00

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 9-22-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-27 by title only

ORDINANCE 2025 –27

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 258, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

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 258 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Property Maintenance” is hereby amended so as to amend **§258-42** entitled “Violations and Penalties” to read entirely as follows:

Article X Blue Acres Property

§258-43 Prohibited Actions on Blue Acres property.

No person, business or entity shall leave or permit to be left any property or vehicles at any time upon any land or property owned by the State of New Jersey preserved as open space for conservation and passive recreation, also known as Blue Acres property.

SECTION 2. Chapter 258 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Property Maintenance" is hereby amended so as to add **§258-43** entitled "Violations and Penalties" to read entirely as follows:

§258-44 Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Chapter 1, Article I, General Penalty. Each violation of any of the provisions of this article and each day that such violation continues shall be deemed and taken as a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Introduced 9-22-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2025-28 by title only

ORDINANCE 2025 –28

**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 22 ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS
AND AUTHORITIES"**

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 22 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled “Boards, Commissions, and Authorities” is hereby amended so as to amend Article III entitled “Economic Committees, Boards and Authorities” so as to amend §22-15.1 entitled “Membership” as set forth in entirety below:

§22-15.1 Membership.

A. Said Committee shall consist of five members, who shall include one member of the governing body, one member of the South River Land Use Board, two resident members and the Mayor.

B. In addition to the five voting members set forth in Section A, the Committee shall have one nonvoting member that shall serve as the Committee secretary. The secretary shall serve without compensation.

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 9-22-25

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willet Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave. to Wilcox.

- The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.
- The contractor has milled and paved all the roads and striping and signage has been installed. We issued the project Punchlist.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - The Borough received a \$575,000 grant for the improvements to 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. We resubmitted the plans and bid documents to the NJDOT for review.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
 - The Borough received a \$506,913 grant for the following roads:
 - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue;
 - Tice Avenue from the Old Bridge Turnpike to David Street;
 - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus.
 - We are working on the project design
- **2025 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - We are preparing the bid documents
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department is currently working on this year's portion of the project.
- **NJDOT Municipal Aid Applications**
 - We submitted the grant application for Mercer Street, Lyons Street, and Michell Avenue on June 25, 2025.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on resolutions 2025-278 and 2025-279

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Leaf bags will be available on 10/6
- DPW will be closed on 10/13
- Curbside pickup on the south side of South River will start on 10/14
- Fall hydrant flushing will be 10/14-10/30

Fire Chief William Smith

- All vehicles are in service. All pumps have been tested.

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- The last day to register to vote for the 2025 General Election is 10/14

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report

Business Administrator Londensky

- Speaks on the lead-based paint testing. It needs to be done by the end of the year.

- There will be road work on Main Street by the County. It will be a 50-week project. If you have any questions, please call the County.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Gurchensky

- The OOA will be having Flu Shots for Seniors
- FBI have sent out notices regarding retirement scams. Please be aware

Councilman DeSantis

- Board of Education Homecoming Parade will be on 9/20.
- Recreation will be hosting the annual Trunk or Treat on 10/18.
- Grekoski Park will be having Movies in the Park. It is free of charge.

Council President Ciulla

- No report

Councilwoman Balazs

- South River Day will be on 10/11. Please get in touch with Cultural Arts if you would like be a part of the festivities.
- The Board of Health will be having a paint party on 10/28 at the Ria Mar. It is \$30 per ticket.
- The Food Bank had a lemonade stand which raised \$450

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on supplies for the upcoming budget for TV35, Fire and OEM

Councilman Giannakopoulos

- There will be a free recycling program hosted by the Environmental Commission on 10/4 and 10/5. The deadline to sign up is 9/29.
- The next Environmental Commission meeting is 10/16.

Mayor Guindi

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Emily Grasso, Darrow St, Ms. Grasso speaks further on the free cycling event. Maps will be available and there in a link on the borough website to register.

Shari Garretson, 153 Kamm Ave, Ms. Garretson states if there is no link on the website or if you cannot find the link, you can just search "free cycling" and it will pop up.

Teresa Hutchison, 38 Virginia St, Speaks on South River Day that will be on 10/11 from 12-5 pm.

Felicia Fodor, 39 Claremont Ave, speaks on the traffic and speeding issue by the school. Discussions ensue regarding painting portions of the curbs yellow.

Jason Oliveira, 46 Mercer St, explains resolution 2025-282

Barbara Griggs, 35 Steven St,

Barry Brill, 20 Monticello Way, speaks on the closing of Collins Drive. Mayor Guindi makes a comment.

Joe Donato, 30 Dailey St, speaks on work on Main Street. Mr. Donato would like an update on the water main replacement project and BA Londensky answers.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Human Relations Commission – Tamara Aarons Walker
Judith Granizal

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2025-272 TO 2025-283

WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2025-01 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 2025-272

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORTUGUESE CLUB A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR AN EVENT THAT WAS HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the Portuguese Club, located at 100 John Street, South River New Jersey, had applied for a Special Events Permit on August 18, 2025, for an Annual Picnic that was held at 100 John Street, South River for Sunday, August 31, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 an Annual Picnic that was held at 100 John Street, South River on Sunday, August 31, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is hereby approved.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on September 22, 2025

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-273
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORTUGUESE CLUB A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR AN EVENT THAT WAS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Portuguese Club, located at 100 John Street, South River New Jersey, had applied for a Special Events Permit on August 20, 2025, for a Folklore Festival of Traditional Dances that was held at 100 John Street, South River for Sunday, September 7, 2025, 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 that was held at 100 John Street, South River on Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is hereby approved.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-274

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO THE PROJECT GRADUATION CLASS OF 2026 TO CONDUCT A
VOLUNTARY CANNING FUNDRAISER**

WHEREAS, the Project Graduation Class of 2026 has requested permission to conduct a voluntary Canning fundraiser to help raise funds for the 2026 graduates at the intersections of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, September 27, 2025, and Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Project Graduation Class of 2026 has permission to conduct a voluntary Canning fundraiser at the intersections of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, September 2, 2025 and Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the Canning fundraiser shall wear a reflective safety vest while coin tossing.
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.

<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-275

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENNETH NALE TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE SOUTH RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the position of Sergeant became available due to retirements/promotions; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Nale 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 Kenneth Nale be promoted to the position of Sergeant in the Police Department of the Borough of South River;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, appoint Kenneth Nale to the position of Sergeant in the South River Police Department, effective September 1, 2025.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2025-276
VARIOUS TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the official tax records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and uncollectibles 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.

LOT & BLOCK	REASON	NAME & ADDRESS	PROPERTY LOCATION	AMOUNT
B40 L2	Overpayment	Norman & Beatrice Thomas 22 Belmont Avenue South River NJ 08882	22 Belmont Ave	\$219.07
B181 L12	Overpayment	Thomas & Diane Flynn 13 Arlington Ave South River NJ 08882	13 Arlington Ave	\$1804.38
B363.03 L8	Overpayment	Arthur & Mary Mayer Payable to : Mary K Mayer Estate C/O Deborah Colegrove 513 W Chestnut Ave Metuchen NJ 08840	24 Grand Avenue	\$360.00
B279 L7		WH Venture LLC	Jeffrie Ave	\$632.93
B279 L6		WH Venture LLC	162 Whitehead Ave	\$666.04
B279 L8		WH Venture LLC	Jeffrie Ave	\$630.39
B279 L5		WH Venture LLC 238 Ernston Rd Ste 1R Parlin NJ 08859	164 Whitehead Ave	\$573.08
B45 L4		Marie Elena & Timothy Roberts 21 Kyle Circle Millsboro DE 19966	108 William St	\$1714.37

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2025-277
PROPERTY TAX REFUND**

WHEREAS, The following property listed below applied for tax exempt status under the provisions for a totally 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 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year for Frank & Barbara Molnar, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is recommending a refund of taxes for the 4th quarter 2025 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2026.

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 refund taxes for the 4th quarter 2025 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2026 in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Location:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
272	7.01	Frank & Barbara Molnar	\$1698.62 (4 th qtr 2025)
		87 Division St	\$1621.64/\$1621.64 (1 st & 2 nd qtr 2026)
		South River NJ 08882	

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

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-278
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH OPSOLVE LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River entered into a contract for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 with the following vendor:

Opsolve LLC

WHEREAS, the term of said contract has an option to renew on a calendar year basis, up to a maximum of two (2) calendar years, upon both parties agreeing to the extension no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current award; and

WHEREAS, said written confirmation has been received by aforesaid vendor; and

WHEREAS, the option to renew shall be solely at the discretion and approval of the Borough Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that contract with the aforesaid vendor is renewed for the period July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on September 22, 2025

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-279
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, there exists the need to acquire two (2) new Police Vehicles by the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there exists a state contract with a registered vendor known as Gentilini Motors under contract numbers 21-FLEET-01485, 17-FLEET-00758, 17-FLEET-00719 and 17-FLEET-00739 through which 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, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of South River has advised that the funds are available in account 5-01-26-317-201 for the current year and will be appropriated in the next two succeeding budgets for the lease payments for two (2) new vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) payable in three (3) lease payments of \$54,424.27 each for two (2) vehicles to Bancorp; and

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 and the State of New Jersey that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to sign those documents necessary for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Chevy Tahoes from:

Gentilini Motors
2703 Fire Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

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 DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-280

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW GROUP

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River's has a need for special legal counsel services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough solicited a proposal for special legal counsel services; and

WHEREAS, SL Environmental Law Group has submitted an advantageous proposal in accordance with the Borough's request; and

WHEREAS, SL Environmental Law Group has the experience, ability and knowledge to perform the required services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to award a contract to SL Environmental Law Group for special legal counsel services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, SL Environmental Law Group has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that neither he nor his firm has made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of South River in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit SL Environmental Law Group from making any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of South River through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of contracts for "Professional Services" and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to award a contract for the aforesaid services to SL Environmental Law Group.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the execution of a contract with SL Environmental Law Group for Special Legal Counsel services.
2. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with SL Environmental Law Group in a form acceptable to the Borough attorney in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.
3. The term of the contract shall be one year commencing on September 22, 2025 terminating September 21, 2026.
4. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts law because it is for services to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession
4. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification be placed on file with this resolution.
5. That a notice of this action shall be printed in the official newspaper of the as required by law.
6. This contract shall be an open-ended contract with funds being encumbered contingent upon the availability of funds in the budget year. No purchase(s) shall be made under this contract until the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for such purchases.
7. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief Finance Officer and SL Environmental Law Group.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, **JOSEPH ZANGA**, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of South River, do hereby certify that no amount shall be chargeable or certified and no services shall be rendered under this contract with SL Environmental Law Group
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until a certification of available funds has been issued and attached to the file copy of the purchase order or other such document.

JOSEPH ZANGA, Chief Financial Officer
Borough of South River

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-281
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 \$1,471,902.10 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$3,413,230.20 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 DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-282

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH RIVER RECREATION DEPARTMENT AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO RESIDENT YOUTH ATHLETICS TO PARTICIPATE IN RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Friends of the South River Recreation Department is a non-profit organization providing scholarships to resident youth athletes to participate in South River Recreation Department Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the South River Recreation Department mission is to solicit donations from various Borough businesses and to pay registration fees and other Borough fees on behalf of low-income youth residents that wish to participate in the Borough's Recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to formally recognize the Friends of the South River Recreation Department and authorize the Borough to accept payments from the organization for fees on behalf of low-income youth athletes.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby recognizes the Friends of the South River Recreation Department is a non-profit organization providing scholarships to resident youth athletes to participate in South River Recreation Department Programs and authorizes the Borough to accept payments from the organization for fees on behalf of low-income youth athletes.
2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Friends of the South River Recreation Department is a non-profit organization providing scholarships to resident youth athletes to participate in South River Recreation Department Programs and the South River Recreation Department.

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2025-283

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL

WHEREAS, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes the Borough of South River to enter into a contract for various governmental services with the Township of East Brunswick; and
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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires such a contract to be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River and the Township of East Brunswick have agreed upon various terms for the sharing of the governmental services for traffic control; such agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Township of East Brunswick for the provision of certain governmental services for traffic control.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of East Brunswick for various governmental services for traffic control. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Schedule A.

2. That the Mayor and the Borough Clerk of the Borough of South River are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of East Brunswick in a form acceptable to the Borough attorney and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

3. The term of this Shared Services Agreement shall be for a term of one year, subject to renewal/extension by consent of the parties.

4. That a copy of the agreement shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

5. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of East Brunswick, the Chief of Police and the Chief Financial Officer.

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

****Council President Ciulla abstained from voting on purchase orders 25-01543, 25-02159, and 25-02404.**

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

Councilwoman Balazs

- Speaks on the canning fundraiser. They should reach out to Cultural and Arts to hopefully set up something for South River Day.
- Happy Holidays for anyone celebrating Rosh Hashanah

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers
- Kids are outside, please be cautious
- Speaks on the outcome of the 9/11 ceremony

Councilman Giannakopoulos

- No report

Councilman DeSantis

- No report

Councilman Dziemian

- The Imperial Band will have a concert on 10/5
- St. Peter & Paul will be having a fall festival on 10/25

Council President Ciulla

- No report

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on the ongoing brown water issue, along with letter for the pipes in town
- Speaks on multiple projects that are underway
- Speaks on scooters/ ebikes. Please be aware of them as they do not follow the rules of the roadways
- Discusses illegal parking

EXECUTIVE SESSION**2025-284**

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. The Borough Council of the Borough of South River may or may not take formal action at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:01 pm

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

Reconvene to Public Session at 8:54 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Balazs motioned to adjourn; seconded by Council President Ciulla. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Borough Clerk