

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2024
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 17**

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 October 7, 2024, 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 Anthony Ciulla</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Councilman John Krenzel</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Business Administrator Arthur Londensky, Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, 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 HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 5, 2024, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS, HONOR, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

- CDM Smith Presentation- Felipe Contreras, Project Manager, speaks on borough wide water main replacement project. Members of the public addressed certain concerns regarding this project and discussions ensued.

AGENDA SESSION

- None

ORDINANCE-- FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2024-43 by title only.

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-43

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BOROUGH-WIDE WATER MAINS, VALVES AND HYDRANTS, INCLUDING LEAD AND GALVANIZED PIPES, APPROPRIATING \$2,600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,600,000 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 \$2,600,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor. No down payment is required or appropriated herein, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11c of the Local Bond Law, as this bond ordinance authorizes obligations solely for an environmental infrastructure project intended to be funded through the New Jersey Water Bank.

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 \$2,600,000, 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 the replacement of Borough-wide water mains, valves and hydrants, including lead and galvanized pipes, 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 \$2,600,000, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$2,600,000, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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 forty (40) 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 increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,600,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,600,000 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. This ordinance shall constitute a declaration of official intent for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 1.150-2(e) of the United States Treasury Regulations.

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.

NOTICE

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 October 7th, 2024, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 28th day of October, 2024, 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.

Introduced 10-7-24

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT 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 and Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.
 - Construction began on Leonardine Avenue on Monday, September 9th.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - The borough received a \$575,000 grant for 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 are working on the project design.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
 - The NJDOT has announced that applications are being accepted for State Aid Programs. The deadline for grant applications is July 1, 2024. We submitted an application for the following roads on June 25, 2024:
 - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue
 - Tice Avenue from David Street to James Street
 - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus
- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The contractor is working on the testing and maintenance. There is a repair required for the Load Tap Changer on Transformer T-6.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department has performed the services on this year's portion of the project up to the initial allocation.

CFO Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on a \$4,000 grant received by the OOA.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Hydrant Flushing will be 10/15-10/31.

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- 10/15 starts leaf bag pickup. 20 per household.

Councilman DeSantis confirms if residents can bring items down to the yard and DPW Soares says they can bring things down to Ivan Way.

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- No report

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report

Borough Administrator Londensky

- No report

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Ciulla

- The EDC will have a meet and greet for businesses on Main Street sometime in December.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Frost on the Pumpkin race will be on 10/27 at 9:30.
- 10/26 will be Trunk or Treat. Register online. The event will be rain or shine.
- The Library will be hosting a Haunted Halloween History on 10/28.

Councilman Gurchensky

- The OOA has a new member, Annabell Swineford.
- 10/30 will be the Halloween Mingle.
- The OOA will be providing Medicare prescription help.
- MVC will be at the OOA to help with Real ID.

Councilman DeSantis

- The next Planning Board meeting will be 10/15 at 7 pm.

Council President Krenzel

- Speaks on the Utilities meeting.
- Speaks on electric maintenance issues and the Jackson Street substation.
- Hydrant repairs.
- Residents water meters need to be changed.

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on the Shade Tree Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Residents from Kamm Avenue discuss issues with speeding and their desire for stop signs on Kamm Avenue:

Luz Guanume, 7 Kamm Avenue

Larry Ruch, 5 Kamm Avenue

Dom Carraturo, 6 Kamm Avenue

Resident from 180 Whitehead Avenue, speaks on 18 wheelers and unregistered vehicles on the property.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, thanks the Borough for the stop signs on Virginia Street. Thanks, Mr. Contreras, for his presentation. Speaks on the Office on Aging Halloween Mingle.

Lisa Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, speaks on vandalism on the new turf field. Mrs. Byrne requests cameras and gates.

Richard Gomez, 45 Monticello Way, speaks on road closures by Monticello Way.

Joe Donato, 30 Dailey Street, speaks on matter from the County and would like an update on the lighting issue on the bridge.

Daniel Vargas, 7 Kamm Avenue, speaks on speeding issues on Kamm Avenue, and discusses how he cannot cross Kamm because vehicles do not stop. Mr. Vargas speaks on how South River does not have NJ State Law pedestrian signs and encourages South River to put stop signs on Kamm Avenue.

Ed Grimes, Mr. Grimes speaks on disability accessibility in South River. Mr. Grimes questions why the council meetings are not done via zoom as well as in person. Mr. Grimes sings a song for disability rights.

Julie Meira, 189 Main Street, Ms. Meira speaks on the Whitehead Avenue traffic study and asks for the traffic study to be on all of Whitehead rather than from Gate/Jackson Street.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2024-01 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.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2024-308 TO 2024-319

RESOLUTION 2024-308

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER LOADER FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FROM JESCO COMPANY UNDER EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists the need to acquire a Skid Steer Loader by the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey under contract 22/23-12; and

WHEREAS, Jesco Company, located in Piscataway, NJ is an authorized dealer of Skid Steer Loader under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of South River has advised that the funds are available in account 4-03-55-512-211; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) in the amount of \$147,588.57; 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 a Skid Steer Loader from:

Jesco Company
1260 Centennial Ave.
Piscataway, NJ 08854

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-309
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159.P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provided that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount.

SECTION 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South River hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget under the caption of:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Public and Private Programs offset with appropriations:

County of Middlesex:
Office on Aging
Information and Assistance \$4,000.00

SECTION 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum be hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Operation: Excluded from Cap
Public and Private Programs offset by revenues

County of Middlesex:
Office on Aging
Information and Assistance \$4,000.00

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla			X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky		X	X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-310
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 September 27, 2024 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,522,545.00
RESTORED FUNDS:	0.00
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,522,545.00

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 November 8, 2024.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-311
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATOR/DISPATCHER

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy in the position of Telecommunicator/Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the hiring of Kristy Pagan contingent upon successful completion of a medical exam and drug screening; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to appoint Kristy Pagan to the position of Telecommunicator/Dispatcher.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby appoint Ms. Kristy Pagan as the Telecommunicator/Dispatcher at a salary per the Dispatchers Association contract effective October 2, 2024.
2. That the appointment in paragraph one is contingent upon Ms. Kristy Pagan successfully completing a medical exam and drug screening.
3. The Ms. Kristy Pagan shall be compensated pursuant to the applicable collective negotiations agreement between the Borough and the Union.

4. That the permanent appointment of Ms. Kristy Pagan to the position of Telecommunicator/Dispatcher is contingent upon Ms. Pagan obtaining her driving license by the conclusion of the working test period.
5. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief of Police, Chief Finance Officer and Borough Administrator.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-312
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD MONTALBANO AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO RELIABLE FIRE
COMPANY OF SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Richard Montalbano as a Member of Reliable Fire Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective September 6, 2024.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC

Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-313
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MATHEW RIBAU AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO RELIABLE FIRE COMPANY OF
SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Mathew Ribau as a Member of Reliable Fire Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective September 6, 2024.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-314
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH JAMES MARIN AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO RELIABLE FIRE
COMPANY OF SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Joseph James Marin as a Member of Reliable Fire Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective September 6, 2024.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-315
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH KEEGAN AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO RELIABLE FIRE COMPANY OF SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Joseph Keegan as a Member of Reliable Fire Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective September 6, 2024.

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-316
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE SOUTH RIVER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as member of the South River Free Public Library Board of Trustees:

Emily Roselli

10/7/2024 – 12/31/2025

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-317

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF EMPLOYEES AS SUMMER HELP TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby authorize the extension for the following part-time position of summer help in the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$15.13/per hour through December 27, 2024;

Zephirinus Stanislas
Jonathan Henderson
Thomas DeJohn

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

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-318

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 September 23rd, 2024, Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

October 7th, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 10/28/24

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 October 7, 2024

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-319
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 \$1,105,520.81 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$531,998.72 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 Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
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**Councilman Ciulla abstained from voting on resolutions 2024-312, 2024-313, 2024-314, 2024-315.

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

Councilman DeSantis

- Pop Warner and Cheer will be playing Edison.

Council President Krenzel

- 10/15 is the deadline to register to vote for the upcoming General Election.
- Speaks on the events in South River.
- Happy Columbus Day and any other day that is celebrated.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Speaks on the park vandalism.
- Speaks on the speeding issue on Kamm Avenue.

Councilman Ciulla

- Borough offices will be closed on Columbus Day, 10/14.
- 10/15 will begin curbside pickup. 20 bags will be provided to each household. Please only put leaves in the bags.
- 10/15 will begin hydrant flushing.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- Borough offices will be closed on 10/14.
- Please be more vigilant with it getting darker quicker.

Councilman Dziemian

- The Frost on the Pumpkin race will be on 10/27.
- Speaks on library activities.

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on speeding in South River.
- Makes a comment regarding the water bill issues. The Borough may go with another company.
- 10/15 will show the American Horror Story episode. Watch on HULU.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Speaks on the Whitehead speeding issues and the traffic study.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Balazs motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Ciulla. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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