

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2023
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 16**

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 23, 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, Fire Chief Scott Wolf, 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, 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

- Vacant Propert Ordinance

Councilwoman Meira would like to know what has been done since the last change of the ordinance and if there is still a requirement to have people register and pay a fee. CFO Zanga answers and says people still pay when they provide a registration form. Councilwoman Meira speaks on the Code Enforcement Officer and states there is a list that he has compiled and speaks on 10 Spring Street. Discussions ensue regarding not having a name or number on file and the process of a lien being put on a property. Councilwoman Meira speaks on putting liens on utility bills and CFO states any unpaid bill will become a lien.

ORDINANCE– SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 –26

**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
Prentice Ave	North	88 feet west of the northern curbline from East Street and continuing 22 feet west thereof

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-26 by title only. Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-26 only.

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

Adopted 10-23-23

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

**ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 –27

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.

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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
Police Dispatcher – Part Time	Minimum Wage	\$35.00/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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-27 by title only. Mayor Krenzle opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-27 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President Ciulla motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Oliveira. All in Favor.

Adopted 10-23-23

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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. We processed the project close-out documents.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave. from Willett Ave. to Sheldon Ave. & Beryl St. from Cleaveland Ave. to Wilcox Ave. 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.
- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - Bids were received on Friday, October 13, 2023/
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department is working on this year's portion of the project.

Councilwoman Meira speaks on handicapped ramps by Fitz's Park and would like to know if that will play into any projects that are not finished and Mr. Koch answers and discussions ensue. Councilwoman Meira and Mr. Koch speak on the curb and sidewalk program. Discussions ensue regarding where at Fitz's Park the handicapped ramps will be placed.

**Councilman Guindi arrived at 7:15 pm.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- Resolutions 2023-296, 2023-298, 2023-299, 2023-300, and 2023-306

Councilwoman Meira has some questions regarding the Best Practices checklist and CFO Zanga answers.

Fire Chief Scott Wolf

- No report

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- Resolution 2023-303.

Borough Clerk

- Discusses locations for early voting.

Borough Attorney

- No report

Business Administrator

- No report

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Guindi

- No report

Councilwoman Balazs

- Free Mobile Health Clinic will be happening on the 10/25 at the VFW parking lot from 11 am to 2 pm.
- The South River Food Bank is doing a Thanksgiving Dinner at Sts Peter and Paul Church on 11/23 between 12-2. Please RSVP by 11/15.
- South River Food Bank is doing their Holiday food drive. Anything that anyone would need to make their own holiday meal or have food delivered. They are accepting donations at 98 Jackson Street and the Library.

Councilman Gurchensky

- This Saturday will start the leaf bag pickup at the recycling bins. The dates are 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, and 11/25. Please provide proof of residency and you will receive 20 bags.
- 2nd round of Hydrant flushing. Go to southrivernj.org/249/hydrantflushing and will give you the complete schedule. It will provide you with all the necessary information.

Councilwoman Meira

- The Environmental Commission Rain garden event was a success.
- The Environmental Commission had a free cycle event that was postponed to last weekend.
- The Environmental Commission is looking to have a Community Clean up for this weekend. Please visit their facebook page for the times.
- Thank you to the Library and Parks and Recreation on their hard work for the Trunk or Treat.
- The Library will be having a book sale in November.
- The Library was successful with their Eclipse program on 10/14.
- They will be having another program on 11/14 for the 100th anniversary with a presentation from the NJ State Parks at 6:30 pm.

Councilman Oliveira

- Tree Lighting will be held at 12/1 at Daley's Pond.
- Wrestling and basketball signups are open for registration at 55 Reid Street.
- Huge shout out to Parks and Rec and the library on their work at the Trunk or Treat. There were about 500 kids in attendance.

Council President Ciulla

- No report

Mayor Krenzel

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for Public Comment.

Shawn Haussermann, 211 Willett Avenue, Mr. Haussermann speaks on the issue with the vacant property with finding the person who owns the property. CFO Zanga and BA Londensky make a comment. Mr. Haussermann asks if the owner has been fined and discussions ensue with CFO Zanga and Councilwoman Meira. More discussions ensue regarding this matter. Mr. Haussermann questions if the process has been started to coat the rust in the lines and BA Londensky answers. Mr. Haussermann speaks on a plan that will be drawn up by the borough and Mayor Krenzel answers.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, Mr. Hutchison inquires about the Virginia Street Traffic plan and Mayor Krenzel answers. Discussions ensue regarding not being able to get on the website to view the plans. Mailing a notice will also be done. Mr. Hutchison speaks on the water system repairs and to inform the public on how it will work.

Dan Kinneally, 16 Alexandra Court, speaks on the ongoing water issue in the Borough and what is the legality of the borough to provide potable water to the residents and Borough Attorney Wyatt answers. Mr. Kinneally speaks on this issue that has been ongoing for the past 5 years and Mayor Krenzel answers. Mr. Kinneally also speaks on tree branches hanging over telephone wires and Councilman Guindi answers. Discussions ensue regarding trees rotting and a form that was filled out to come and inspect a certain tree.

Bill Koss, 16 Monush Street, Mr. Koss speaks on the noise and parking issues from the Honduran Flag Raising event. Mr. Koss also speaks on the ongoing water issue on Monush Street and how great the borough has been with eliminating the issue on Monush Street. Mr. Koss brought a water filter that shows the discoloration of the water. Councilwoman Meira questions if the improvements are from the water flowing on and off and Mr. Koss answers and discussions ensue.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2023-292 TO 2023-312

"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 2023-292

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 29, 2023 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,480,978.00
RESTORED FUNDS:	0.00
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,480,978.00

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 9, 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 authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on October 23, 2023.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-293

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that a Cyber Incident Response Plan be 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			

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RESOLUTION 2023-294

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale to be held on the 11th day of December, 2023 at 8:30 am EDT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of South River, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

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 2023-295
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX SALE NOTICE FEE**

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Borough of South River wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of South River that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2022 electronic tax sale to be held on the 11th day of December 2023 at 8:30 am EDT.

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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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-296
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT UTILITY BALANCES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, in a continued effort to aid residents, the Borough waived interest, for all customers, on delinquent balances for water and electric through June 30, 2023 per resolution 2023-67 and will continue to waive interest through December 31, 2023.

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

1. That interest for delinquent water and electric balances is hereby waived through December 31, 2023.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator and Borough CFO.

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			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-297
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE JACKSON STREET FIREHOUSE VIA THE PEPPM COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM UNDER CONTRACT 533902-155

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase and install a Security System by the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey at the Jackson Street Firehouse; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is a member of the PEPPM Cooperative Pricing System under contract 533902-155; and

WHEREAS, Office Solution Inc. is the vendor of the Security System under the PEPPM Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has advised that funds are available in account C-06-15-010-201; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to the provision of *NJSA 40A: 11-11(5)* in the amount of \$19,849.50 to Office Solution Inc.; 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 sign those documents necessary for the purchase of and install of a Security System for the Jackson Street Firehouse.

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	

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-298
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER
OF YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in certain accounts of the 2023 Budget to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year;

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in other such accounts over and above the demands for the balance of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A:4-58, the surplus in the accounts herein before mentioned be, and the same is hereby transferred to the accounts mentioned as being insufficient to meet demands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers effective November 1, 2023:

CURRENT FUND

From:

Salaries and Wages:

Finance Administration	\$ 25,000.00		
Municipal Court	\$ 25,000.00		
Road Repairs	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>		
		Subtotal	\$70,000.00

Other Expenses:

Group Health Benefits	<u>\$50,000.00</u>		
		Subtotal	\$50,000.00

To:

Total \$120,000.00

Other Expenses:

Communication and Technology	\$ 5,000.00
Human Resources	\$10,000.00
Health Benefit Waiver	\$10,000.00
Legal Services	\$ 25,000.00
Building and Grounds	\$ 40,000.00
Sewer	\$ 30,000.00

Total \$120,000.00

WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

From:

Salaries and Wages	\$100,000.00
Purchase of Water	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

Total \$ 150,000.00

To:

Operating	\$75,000.00
Professional Services	<u>\$75,000.00</u>

Total \$150,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional transfer required prior to January 1, 2024, shall be by the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, approved in writing by the Borough Administrator and ratified by the Borough Council.

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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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-299
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CERTIFYING THE 2022
AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South River pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, at a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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 2023-300
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY AND RESULTS

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that, as required by the State of New Jersey, the governing body has reviewed and discussed the Best Practice Inventory and results for the year 2023 at a public meeting held on this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Best Practice Inventory and results have been certified by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer.

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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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-301

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSAL OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey implemented the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay- to-Play” Law under P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, said Statute affects all Municipalities and Counties, and their agencies that enter into contracts with a value over \$17,500.00 and further requires that all such contracts with a value over \$17,500.00 (aggregation rules apply) be awarded pursuant to a “Fair and Open” or a “Non-fair and Open” process, both of which are defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined to solicit proposals of qualifications for professional services under a “Fair and Open Process”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River shall also establish criteria for its proposal/qualification evaluation in considering a fair and open contract award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Borough of South River shall proceed with a notice for solicitation of proposals and qualifications for professional services under a “Fair and Open Process” for the positions of:

- Bond Counsel
- Borough Attorney
- Borough Auditor
- Borough Engineer
- Borough Planner
- Borough Prosecutor
- Borough Public Defender
- Electrical Engineer
- Electric Attorney
- Energy Axis Automated Meter System Support
- Information Technology Specialist
- Instrumentation, Automation & Computer System – Water Utility
- Planning Board Attorney
- Planning Board Engineer
- Planning Board Planner
- Risk Management – Health Benefits
- Risk Management – Property Casualty
- Special Counsel/Conflict Attorney
- Special Employment/Labor Counsel
- Special Tax Counsel
- Water Quality Testing Services
- Zoning Board Attorney
- Zoning Board Engineer
- Zoning Board Planner
- Water Operator
- Water Treatment Plant Engineer (Non Electrical)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of the proposals that are submitted will be evaluated by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River by determining those deemed to be the most advantageous and beneficial to the Borough of South River including the following criteria:

- a) Experience and reputation in the field;
- b) Knowledge of the Borough of South River and the subject matter to be addressed under the proposed contract as well as familiarity with the Borough of South River and its procedures as well as its ongoing matters;
- c) Availability to accommodate any required meetings of the agency;
- d) Such other factors, if demonstrated, to be in the best interest of the Borough of South River

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall utilize the attached Public Notice and have the same placed on the Borough website or such other location as determined by the Mayor and Council to be appropriate permitting receipt of proposals and qualifications for a period of not less than 10 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of said proposals and qualifications by the Borough Administrator the same shall be reviewed for compliance with the criteria aforesaid and provided to the Borough Clerk for the appropriate appointments to be made by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council pursuant to statute.

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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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-302

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO THE JERSEY ALLSTARS TO CONDUCT A VOLUNTARY CANNING FUNDRAISER

WHEREAS, the Jersey Allstars has requested permission to conduct a voluntary Canning fundraiser to support youth sports programs at the intersections of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, November 4, 2023 and Sunday November 5, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday November 11, 2023 and Sunday November 12, 2023 from 9 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 Jersey Allstars has permission to conduct a voluntary Canning fundraiser at the intersections of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, November 4, 2023 and Sunday November 5, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday November 11, 2023 and Sunday November 12, 2023 from 9 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.

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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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-303
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

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 the following as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III (SLEO III) for the term of October 24, 2023 to December 31, 2023:

Zoraida Martinez

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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Alyssa Hager, RMC

Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-304

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING
PERMANENT STATUS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LABORER A**

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough
of South River, do hereby appoint:

Kevin Martins

to the permanent position of Laborer A in the Department of Public Works of the Borough of South River effective as of
October 17, 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			

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adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on October 23, 2023

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-305

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE 2023 ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION MAINTENANCE
TO HIGH ENERGY ELECTRICAL TESTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,182.00**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, State of New
Jersey, had previously authorized and directed the Borough Clerk to advertise for receipt of sealed bids for the 2023
Electrical Substation Maintenance in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough
Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on October 13, 2023, and opened and read aloud in public and an
examination thereof shows that High Energy Electrical Testing of Farmingdale, NJ was the apparent low bidder
thereon with a bid of \$151,182.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has noted that the bid of the apparent low bidder contained no material
departures from the bidding documents; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 3-03-55-502-205.

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 the above recited bid be and the same is hereby accepted and the appropriate officials are authorized to sign a contract with High Energy Electrical Testing of Farmingdale, NJ, when all required bid documents are received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction.

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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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2023-306
RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TRANSFORMERS**

WHEREAS, the Borough's Electric Supervisor has declared an emergency condition for the purchase of Transformers for the Electric Utility Department; and

WHEREAS, due to supply chain issues, higher demand, and the availability of materials needed to build Transformers have caused 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 a few estimates for the purchase of (15) 25KVA Transformers and have determined that Turtle & Hughes has provided a favorable price and lead time for the purchase 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 3-03-55-215-211; 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 Turtle & Hughes, Inc. in the amount of \$40,425.00 is hereby ratified since bid

submissions for such purchase 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 Turtle & Hughes, Inc. for said purchase.

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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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-307

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 AND CLOSE OUT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS IMPROVEMENTS TO APPLEBY AVENUE, MORNINGSIDE AVENUE, AND 5TH STREET

WHEREAS, the governing body has received a final payment Estimate No. 3 and Close-Out Change Order Request from the Borough Engineer for the project known as Improvements to Appleby Avenue, Morningside Avenue, and 5th Street, which work is being undertaken by Fernandes Construction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has advised in a letter dated October 17, 2023 that the Close-Out Change Order Request reflects the final contract quantities and supplementary items including reductions and increases in same due to field conditions encountered which resulted in an overall decrease in the amount of \$187,078.41; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends acceptance of the work, as well as approval of the final Payment Estimate No. 3 and Close-Out Change Order Request to Fernandes Brothers in the amount of \$27,813.26, subject to the posting of a one year maintenance bond in the amount of \$76,884.08.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the work performed by Fernandes Construction is accepted, the final payment Estimate No. 3 and Close-Out Change Order Request are approved, and the appropriate Borough officials are authorized to make payment to the contractor in the amount of \$27,813.26.

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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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-308
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>
65-999-007-700 CD	LINDA BARBELY 43 MAIN ST APT 1 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$127.73
65-999-008-693 CD	CHELSEY & WILLIAM BORKE 910 DEERFIELD CROSSING DR APT 1114 ALPHARETTA, GA 30004	\$100.94
65-999-002-757 CD	FAYSSAL BOUSKOUR & GERARD RAHAL 3705 BALSAM WAY BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920	\$157.54
65-999-007-717 CD	KAYLA SOSNOVICH & DEVANTE COLEMAN 2818 TERN DR UNIT 12 OCEAN CITY, MD 21842	\$151.22
65-999-004-868 CD	RIGOBERTO TABORA JHOMARA ARACELY ERAZO 2712 BIRCHWOOD CT NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$68.82

65-999-904-091 CD	ARNOLDO FERNANDES 123 CAUSEWAY SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$208.68
65-999-007-496 CD	SARAH FIGUEROA RIVERVIEW DR F6 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$171.93
66-999-001-201 WATER PREVIOUS	YASSER HELAL 34 CHARLES ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$2,805.22
65-999-006-676 CD	SAMANTHA LUKENDA 71 B RUBIN ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$148.78
65-999-005-673 CD	MARIUXI MAGDALENA VILLACIS MACAS 1025 COZZENS LANE NORTH BRUSNICK, NJ 08902	\$137.23
65-999-008-402 CD	LYDIANNET SEDA MILLAN ULISES J CUBERO CUBERO 95 LAUREL AVE KINGSTON, NJ 08527	\$87.44
65-999-007-398 CD	JESUS ISRAEL JUAREZ DIAZ EULALIA REYES MONDRAGON 216 OLD BRIDGE TPKE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$154.50
66-999-964-843 WATER PREVIOUS	CHARLES AND JANET MONGELLI 3 ALLGAIR ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$6.46
65-999-005-093 ELEC CURRENT	ESTEBAN MORALES 50 WILLETT AVE 13 B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$176.05
65-999-007-839 CD	NICOLE HINESTROZA & KEVIN PAZ	\$78.94
65-999-007-839 ELEC CURRENT	47 REDCLIFFE ST ELIZABETH, NJ 07206	\$82.44
65-999-008-356 CD	CYNTHIA TYRRELL & MATTHEW GALLEG0 32 DOUBLE CREEK PKWY FREEHOLD, NJ 07728	\$98.05
65-999-007-126 CD	28-30 FLORENCE REALTY LLC 2 LINCOLN AVE JAMESBURG, NJ 08831	\$170.91

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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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-309

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH O'GRADY AS A CADET FOR THE SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the South River Junior Firefighter Advisor recommends appointment of Joseph O'Grady as a Cadet to the South River Fire Department retroactive to October 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the South River Junior Firefighter Advisor has received the completed New Jersey State Firemen's Association Membership application; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council desire to approve said Cadet appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council hereby authorize the appointment of Cadet for Joseph O'Grady within the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River retroactive to October 13, 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	

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-310
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH MCLAUGHLIN AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TO RELIABLE FIRE
COMPANY OF SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Kenneth McLaughlin as a Member of Reliable Fire Company of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective September 1, 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	

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-311
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 October 2, 2023, Regular and Executive 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	

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October 23, 2023 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- ADOPTED 11/13/23

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-312
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$2,820,046.21 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$2,876,426.61 listing attached, have been duly itemized, audited, approved and signed by the proper officers of the Borough, be and the same are hereby ordered paid.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i>		X	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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**Councilman Guindi abstained from voting on 2023-297, 2023-309, and purchase orders 22-03089, 23-01319, 23-02511, 23-02521, 23-02522, 23-02103, and 23-02762

**Councilwoman Meira voted no on Resolution 2023-293.

**Council President Ciulla abstained from voting on Resolution 2023-297, 2023-309, 2023-310, 2023-311, and purchase orders 22-03089, 23-01319, 23-02511, 23-02521, 23-02522, 23-02645, 23-02103, and 23-02762.

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

Councilwoman Meira

- With construction on Whitehead Ave. finished, Councilwoman Meira would like the traffic study on that street.
- League Foundation Conference, 10/15 at St. Marks was a success.
- Mexican Community event on 10/28 at 40 Thomas Street.
- Speaks on a water plan and what comes next.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Leaf bag pickup will be on Saturday at the Recycling center.
- Borough offices will be closed on Veterans Day, 11/10. There will be a short ceremony on 11/11 at the War Memorial building.

Councilman Oliveira

- Congrats to the boys' varsity soccer team.
- Thank you to all who have served. Veterans Day is a very important day to remember.
- Vote on 11/7.

Councilman Guindi

- Parks and Recreation did a great job for Trunk or Treat.
- Attended the League Foundation Conference.
- Speaks to CFO Zanga regarding parks and wants to know where the borough stands today. CFO Zanga answers.
- Speaks to Mr. Koch regarding road repairs.
- Speaks on the ongoing water issue and plans to alleviate the issue.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Free Cycle event over the weekend. Please clear out the things that remain on the sidewalks and put it out another day.
- Remember Veterans on Veterans Day.
- Happy Halloween
- Vote on 11/7.

Council President Ciulla

- Speaks on Main Street fire and urges people to become volunteer members. Thank you to all South River fire departments, Ladies Auxiliary, the Police Department, all responding fire companies, Robert Wood Johnson, and South River WAWA.

Mayor Krenzel

- Trunk or Treat
- Sts Peter and Paul will be having their Fall Festival on 10/28.
- Veterans Day on 11/11, come to the ceremony.
- Halloween and mischief night. There will be a curfew on the 30th and 31st. Be careful driving around.
- Election Day is 11/7.
- The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, there will be a service at the First Reformed Church with the new pastor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**RESOLUTION 2023-313****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.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:16 pm

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

Reconvene to Public Session at 8:53 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. Councilman Guindi motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Oliveira. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Guglietti

Alyssa Guglietti, RMC
Borough Clerk