

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2023
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 18**

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 December 4, 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 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 Matthew Donohue, Police Chief Mark Tinitigan, DPW Director Adriano Soares, 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

- None

Mayor Krenzel states that the consent resolutions will be done after the ordinances as two Councilmen have to leave early.

ORDINANCE-- SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 –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 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 and supplemented so as to create Article VIII entitled, "Privately-Owned Salt Storage," so as to read entirely as follows:

Article VIII -Privately-Owned Salt Storage.

§ 258-35 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater. This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned)* in the Borough of South River protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 258-36 Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "De-icing materials" means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. "Impervious surface" means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. "Storm drain inlet" means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. "Permanent structure" means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;

4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

§ 258-37 Deicing Material Storage Requirements.

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th, but no longer than 30 days without prior written approval from the Department:
1. Materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
 2. Materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, and/or ditches or other stormwater conveyance channels;
 3. Materials shall be formed in a cone-shaped storage pile;
 4. All storage piles shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
 - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind;
 - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
- (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used.
5. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of solid deicing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 - April 15.

- C. The property owner shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met.

§ 258-38 Exemptions.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from salt storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

§ 258-39 Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Borough of South River Police Department and/or the Borough Code Enforcement Officer during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

§ 258-40 Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, Article I, General Penalty.

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 2023-28 by title only. Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-28 only.

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

Councilwoman Meira asks who put this ordinance on the agenda and Borough Attorney Donohue answers.

Adopted 12-4-23

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE 2023-29

**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 CREATE CHAPTER 261 WHICH
SHALL BE ENTITLED "REDEVELOPMENT"**

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. The Borough Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented so as to create Chapter 261 which shall be entitled "Redevelopment," and which shall read as follows:

§ 261-1 Establishment.

The Governing Body of the Borough of South River is hereby established as the Borough of South River Redevelopment Entity, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4.

§ 261-2 Redevelopment Areas.

Redevelopment Areas have been designated by the Mayor and Borough Council and are subject to the specific redevelopment regulations as adopted by the Borough Council for the particular redevelopment area. These specific regulations set forth in the applicable Redevelopment Plans take precedence over the underlying zoning district regulations and are only available to redevelopers. The regulations for each redevelopment area may be obtained from the Borough Clerk.

§ 261-3 Fees.

- A. The following fees shall be established by the Borough Council for review of proposals by parties seeking to be recognized as a designated redeveloper for any property located within a duly designated redevelopment area, for Redevelopment Agency/Entity review of preliminary concept proposals, and/or for re-examination of any Borough Redevelopment Plan that may be adopted or amended in furtherance of a related redevelopment proposal. Said fee shall be nonrefundable and shall be used solely for purposes of processing said application or review. It shall include all work done in connection with said application or review other than those fees charged for professional services. The escrow fee charged for review shall be used exclusively for professional reviews by the "architects, engineers, planners and/or attorneys" employed by the municipality. Said escrow fees shall be so segregated for each application so that the fee to be paid shall be utilized only for the particular project. In the event any of the escrow remains unused at the conclusion of the application, said amount that is not utilized shall be returned to the applicant upon written request. If the escrow fee charged is insufficient so as to cover the professional fees applicable to that particular project, then that applicant shall be required to pay all deficiencies within his or her individual account. When it has been determined that an escrow account has been depleted by two-thirds of the original fee, same shall be replenished by an additional one-third of the original escrow fee.
- B. The following fees shall be established for review by the Borough Council for projects within a duly designated redevelopment area.
1. Application Fee. \$5,000.00
 2. Redeveloper Fee. Upon execution of a developer agreement, developers will make a nonrefundable payment of 1% of the total estimated assessed value of the project, up to a maximum of \$100,000 to the Borough at the time agreements are signed. These funds will be applied to economic development

programs and other business attraction projects.

C. Escrow fee. Upon conditional designation, the developer shall execute an escrow agreement posting an escrow in an initial amount, subject to replenishment if and as necessary, according to the following schedule:

1. \$5,000.00 for projects with a total estimated project cost less of than \$3,000,000;
2. \$10,000.00 for projects with a total estimated project cost of greater than \$3,000,000 and less than \$10,000,000; and
3. \$15,000.00 for projects with a total estimated project cost of greater than \$10,000,000.

D. Any escrow fees remaining on account after the conclusion of review by the Borough's redevelopment agency may be utilized for purposes of escrow deposits for applications before the Borough Planning Board or returned to the applicant at the applicant's option. All such escrow fees shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

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 2023-29 by title only. Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-29 only.

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

Councilwoman Meira asks who put this ordinance on the agenda and Mayor Krenzel answers. Councilwoman Meira asks if this will fall in the redevelopment zone and Mayor Krenzel says yes.

Adopted 12-4-23

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE 2023-30

**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 155, ENTITLED
"FEES"**

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. The Borough Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 155 entitled "Fees," so as to create a new section **§ 155-19.2**, which shall be entitled "Chapter 261 Redevelopment" and which shall read as follows:

§ 155-19.2 Redevelopment.

A. The fee for a Redeveloper application shall be \$5,000.00

B. Upon execution of a developer agreement, redevelopers will make a nonrefundable payment of 1% of the total estimated assessed value of the project, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

C. Escrow fee for professional review of redevelopment projects shall be as follows:

1. \$5,000.00 for projects with a total estimated project cost less of than \$3,000,000;
2. \$10,000.00 for projects with a total estimated project cost of greater than \$3,000,000 and less than \$10,000,000; and
3. \$15,000.00 for projects with a total estimated project cost of greater than \$10,000,000.

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 Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-30 by title only. Mayor Krenzle opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-30 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 12-4-23

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>			X			

**ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2023-31 by title only.

ORDINANCE 2023-31

**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 IV Environmental Committees, Boards and
Authorities so as to amend § 22-18.1 entitled “Membership” so as to amend § 22-18.1 (D) to read as entirely as follows:

§ 22-18.1 Membership

D. In addition to the members appointed to the Environmental Commission/Shade Tree Advisory
Board/Green Team, the Borough of South River Council shall appoint two nonvoting junior members. Junior
members shall be residents of the Borough and under 18 years of age. The junior members shall serve one-year
terms.

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.

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 December 4th, 2023, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 18th day of December, 2023, 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 12-4-23

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<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

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2023-32 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 –32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 105, LOT 18.01 to CHARMAINE LARKIN AND JESS BUFFALINO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is the owner of Block 105, Lot 18.01 which is undersized lot under the current ordinances of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River desires to sell said property via public sale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined that the minimum bid for the property is \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, at public sale held on November 28, 2023, Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino submitted a bid to purchase Block 105, Lot 18.01, from the Borough of South River for the sum of \$2,500.00; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 provides for the authorization of said transfer of property by ordinance.

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. That in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, the governing body does hereby authorize the sale of Block 105, Lot 18.01, to Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino for a sum of \$2,500.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to transfer title to said property by Quitclaim Deed to Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino., for the sum of \$2,500.00. Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino shall be responsible for the payment of the municipality's costs in conveying said property. A requirement of the transfer of the property is that it be consolidated with the adjoining property owned by the purchasers.

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

SECTION 4. 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 5. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by 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 December 4th, 2023, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 18th day of December, 2023, 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 12-4-23

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

**Resigned as of 11/30/23						
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira			X			
Council President Ciulla	X		X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2023-332 TO 2023-345

"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 2022-332
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NO ANNUAL POWER COST ADJUSTMENT FOR 2024

WHEREAS, current ordinance requires that the Governing Body act on a recommendation of the Borough Administrator for an adjustment to the Annual Power Cost Adjustment Factor at the first meeting in December; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended that there be no Annual Power Cost Adjustment for 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that there will be no Annual Power Cost Adjustment for the year 2024.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Guindi **Resigned as of 11/30/23						
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira			X			
Council President Ciulla		X	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 December 4, 2023

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2022-333
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION CANCELLING FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATION_RESERVE BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recently performed a review of the Federal and State Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his review of the Federal and State Grant Fund, it was determined that receivable and appropriation reserve balances exist that should be considered for cancellation; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to sound financial practices in a municipality to review receivable and appropriation reserve balances and other accounts from time to time for cancellation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Federal and State Grant receivable and appropriation reserve balances are hereby cancelled and/or transferred charges as follows:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve Balance Canceled</u>
<u>Federal and State Grant Fund</u>		
<u>Grants receivable:</u>		
County of Middlesex		
Office on Aging Grant:		
	Physical Activity	\$725.00
	Assisted Transportation	\$26,855.00
	Mental Health	\$13,680.00
Recycling Enhancement Grant		\$250.00
Total Charge to Operations		\$41,510.00
<u>Appropriated Reserve</u>		
County of Middlesex:		
Office on Aging Grant:		
	Physical Activity-Grant	\$725.00
	Assisted Transportation- Grant	\$26,855.10
	Assisted Transportation- Match	\$31,721.11
	Mental Health- Grant	\$13,677.61
	Mental Health- Match	\$10,945.21
	Recycling Enhancement Grant	\$250.00
Total Cancellation to Operations		\$84,174.06

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. Certified copies of this resolution are sent to the Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Auditor.
The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make the appropriate accounting entries.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	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 December 4, 2023

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-334
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CULTURAL ARTS AND HERITAGE MEMBERS

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 members of the Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission:

Randy Lundi, Term: 11/13/2023 – 12/31/2025
Peter Barna, Term: 11/13/2023- 12/31/2025

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

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 December 4, 2023

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-334
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM THE PUBLIC SALE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY LOCATED AT
BLOCK 105 LOT 18.01

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has title to Block 105, Lot 18.01 in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the property is without a capital improvement, does not meet the minimum size required for development under the current zoning ordinances of the Borough of South River and is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 grants to adjoining property owners a right of first refusal to purchase such undersized lots; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River offered Block 105, Lot 18.01 for sale to the adjacent property owners in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining property owners did not respond to the Borough's offer to sell; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 authorizes the sale of Borough property by open public sale to the highest bidder after advertisement thereof.

WHEREAS, the public sale by sealed bids was advertised on November 8, 2023 and November 15, 2023;

WHEREAS, all bids were opened on November 28, 2023 at 10:00 am.

WHEREAS, the Borough received one bid for the property;

WHEREAS, the bidder, Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino, bid a total of \$2,500.00 and remitted 10% of this amount prior to the close of business on the date of the opening; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to formally accept the bid submitted by Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino, for Block 105, Lot 18.01 in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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 accepts the bid submitted by Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino, for Block 105, Lot 18.01 in the amount of \$2,500.00.
2. The terms and conditions of the sale shall be memorialized by ordinance authorizing the sale in accordance with the Local Land and Buildings Law.
3. That the purchaser shall be required to pay all of the Borough's fees associated with the sale, including but not limited to, closing costs, legal advertising costs and attorneys fees.
4. That the purchaser shall be required to pay all of the Borough's fees associated with the sale, including but not limited to closing costs, legal advertising and attorneys' fees.
5. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Borough Attorney, Chief Financial Officer and Charmaine Larkin and Jess Buffalino.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	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 December 4, 2023

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-335

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 October 20, 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 December 8, 2023.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			

Councilman Oliveira			X			
Council President Ciulla		X	X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-336

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES YURIK TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME DISPATCHER

I, John M. Krenzel, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint James Yurik to the position of Part Time Telecommunicator/Dispatcher within the South River Police Department, at a rate of \$18.00/hr., effective as of December 4th, 2023, pending results of a comprehensive background and fingerprint investigation, medical examination and drug screen.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Guindi **Resigned as of 11/30/23						
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira			X			
Council President Ciulla		X	X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-337

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:

CURRENT FUND

From:

Salaries and Wages:

General Administration	\$ 10,000.00	
Finance Administration	\$ 10,000.00	
Code Enforcement	\$ 20,000.00	
Office on Aging	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	
	Subtotal	\$47,000.00

Other Expenses:

Liability Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	
Group Health Benefits	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	
	Subtotal	\$ 30,000.00

Total \$77,000.00

To:

Other Expenses:

Public Building and Grounds	\$ 10,000.00	
Police Department	\$ 10,000.00	
Human Resources	\$ 20,000.00	
Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 7,000.00	
Sewer Department	\$ 20,000.00	
Engineering	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	
	Subtotal	\$77,000.00

Total \$77,000.00

WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

From:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 30,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	
Social Security	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	

Total \$50,000.00

To:

Purchase of Water	\$ 30,000.00	
Operating	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	

Total \$50,000.00

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
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-338
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTDATED/STALE ITEMS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River maintains bank accounts in all funds of the Borough for checking accounts, statement savings, passbook savings, money market funds and cash management funds; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough reconciles these accounts on a monthly basis to the books and records of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, there exists reconciling items that relate to the period ending December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such items are deemed outdated and stale; and

WHEREAS, generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted internal control standards require periodic review; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has performed a review and determined that such action of cancellation be taken as follows:

IMPRESS ACCOUNT

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
65401	\$450.94	66801	\$74.13
65521	\$75.85	66932	\$250.00
65527	\$36.46	66939	\$89.62
65551	\$213.84	67003	\$25.99
65567	\$69.02		
65610	\$130.00		
65614	\$28.11		
65723	\$112.36	67262	\$146.41

65724	\$16.06	67274	\$288.95
65795	\$31.42	67298	\$422.84
65889	\$68.03	67413	\$18.04
65908	\$17.32	67421	\$124.86
65969	\$150.00	67470	\$35.78
66001	\$86.24		
66129	\$4.42		
66169	\$235.79		
66174	\$142.84		
66183	\$104.03		
66196	\$11.10		
66239	\$35.00		
66279	\$5.00		
66668	\$169.10		
66677	\$132.30		
66694	\$10.98		
66705	\$13.43		

Total **\$3,826.26**

Disbursement of Funds:

Current	\$405.00
Water Utility	\$429.41
Electric Utility	\$268.26
Consumer Deposit	\$2,688.59
Trust Other	\$35.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,826.26</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to make such adjustments to the books and records.

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-339
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER APPLICATION OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION
LICENSE 1223-33-013-015

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 1223-33-013-015, heretofore issued to Vida Feliz, Inc. for a license with a mailing address of 1405 Cypress Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of South River Mayor and Council do hereby approve, effective December 4, 2023, the Place-to-Place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License from 1405 Cypress Lane, East Brunswick NJ 08816 to 25 Whitehead Avenue, South River NJ 08882 and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premise located at 25 Whitehead Avenue, South River NJ 08884 effective December 4, 2023"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are provided to the applicant of transfer and the State of New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Olivera</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-340
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

WHEREAS, the official utility records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey

show certain refunds which include electric, water and consumer deposits (CD); and

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

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

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-008-495 CD	NICHOLAS AIDOO MENSAH 1675 TEA ST APT 2111 BOUND BROOK, NJ 08805	\$138.26
66-999-003-906 WATER CURRENT	BELLIE HOLDINGS LLC 60 MAIN ST UNIT 631 WOODBIDGE, NJ 07095	\$40.67
65-999-006-113 CD	RAFAEL CARVALHO VIRGINA CALZAVARA 15036 EVERGREEN OAK LOOP WINTER GARDEN, FL 34787	\$30.32
65-999-008-077 ELEC CURRENT	EMESS MANAGEMENT PO BOX 478 MIDDLESEX, NJ 08846	\$946.00
65-999-006-930 CD	OSCAR RIVERA FIGUEROA MERYS ROJAS ARCIA 14 LISA DR E5B #66 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$155.05
65-999-987-724 CD	DONNA J SCHUMACHER 333 LOQUAT DR SEBASTIAN, FL 32976	\$47.33
65-999-009-000 CD	SHERYAL SHUKLA 2305 TIMBER RIDGE CT PARLIN, NJ 08882	\$161.72
66-999-929-973 WATER CURRENT	CARLOS TUBA & OSCAR ARGUETA 1 JEFFRIE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$85.67
65-999-002-360 CD	ELENA RAMIREZ PO BOX 381 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$135.66
65-999-008-460 CD	MICHELLE CUNHA & KEVIN SERODIO 1 HEIMS LN SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$95.86

65-999-864-656 CD

WANDA & RYSZARD WICINSKI
30 HILLSIDE AVE
SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882

\$138.24

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<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-341

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR CYBER SECURITY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and the Borough of South River wish to enter into the attached Memorandum of Agreement to further set forth the duties and obligations under which the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security will provide the NJCCIC AEP solution to the Borough of South River and assist the Borough with implementation, maintenance, operation, monitoring, detection, and response support pertaining to the NJCCIC AEP solution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of South River formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of South River and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			

Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira			X			
Council President Ciulla		X	X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-342
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 November 13, 2023, Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Guindi **Resigned as of 11/30/23						
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Councilwoman Meira			X			
Councilman Oliveira			X			
Council President Ciulla		X	X			

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RESOLUTION 2023-343
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 \$511,914.01 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$1,904,979.54 listing attached, have been duly itemized, audited, approved and signed by the proper officers of the Borough, be and the same are hereby ordered paid.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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December 4, 2023 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- ADOPTED 12/18/23

<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-344
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CULTURAL ARTS AND HERITAGE MEMBERS

I, John M. Krenzels, 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 Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission:

Jim Hutchison, Term: 12/4/2023 – 12/31/2026

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-345
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$75,000 to carry out a project to help cover costs associated with the purchase of protective items (turnout clothing ensembles, pants, etc.) for the South River Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of South River does hereby authorize the application for such a grant and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of South River and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of South River and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Guindi</i> <i>**Resigned as of 11/30/23</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>			X			
<i>Council President Ciulla</i>		X	X			

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****Council President Ciulla abstained from voting on purchase orders 23-03058, 23-02761, 23-02904, 23-02905, 23-02975, 23-03001, 23-03054, and 23-03159.**

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Engineers Report

- **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 Grant**
 - 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**
 - 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. We submitted a proposal for our professionals services associated with same.
- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The Pre-Construction Meeting is scheduled for November 30th.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department is working on this year's portion of the project.
- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - According to the NJDOT SAGE site, applications are being accepted for the above project. Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2024.

Councilwoman Meira speaks on the proposal for Fitzpatrick Park and would like to know how it will move forward and BA Londensky answers. Councilwoman Meira would like to know if anyone has asked Mr. Koch for a proposal on the water infrastructure and BA Londensky answers. Everything is under discussion with the Budget Committee. Discussions ensue regarding the Utility Committee and BA Londensky explains the process.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- No report.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- The DPW office will be closed on 12/25 and New Years Day. No yard waste pickup.

Police Chief Mark Tinitigan

- No report

Borough Clerk

- No report.

Borough Attorney

- No report

Business Administrator

- The new Code Enforcement Officer is adjusting very well.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Balazs

- No report, but congratulations to the Recreation Department on the Tree Lighting.

Councilman Gurchensky

- The OOA Christmas Mingle will be on Wednesday, December 6th.
- The office will be closed on 12/22, 12/25, and New Years Day.

Councilwoman Meira

- The Library will host an event on 12/5 at 6 pm to make gnomes. A lot of Christmas festivities will be going on. The Library is in the process of interviewing for a new Library Director.
- There is one more meeting for the Environmental Commission. There are a lot of great volunteers along with different things the commission is doing.
- The schools are having a lot of holiday concerts between this week and next week.
- A Happy and Healthy holiday to everyone, and stay well.

Councilman Oliveira

- The Tree Lighting was a spectacular event. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Council President Ciulla

- No report

Mayor Krenzel

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for Public Comment.

Dori Ann Kerber, 24 Riva Ave (Milltown), Ms. Kerber speaks on Rutgers doing the project for the Rain Garden and requests that Public Works help remove the soil. The more that everyone pitches in, the more funding we will receive. Sustainable Jersey has multiple grants coming up that will be due in mid-February. Ms. Kerber speaks on Middlesex County signing off on a Vision Zero policy back in 2019. Ms. Kerber continues to speak on the multiple grants that will be coming up that hopefully South River can benefit from. Councilman Oliveira asks when the Rain Garden will be coming in and Ms. Kerber answers.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, Mr. Byrne speaks on the Rain Garden process with Rutgers and Public Works. Mr. Byrne speaks on the latest plan from the Governor called Zero Mission Vehicle Standard and explains this process and mentions that power plant in Woodbridge will not be happening. Mr. Byrne speaks on the Governor wanting everything to be fully electric instead of gas.

Joe Donato, 30 Dailey Street, Mr. Donato speaks on the Water Distribution Evaluation Report that he had OPRA requested that was not available at the time but was later found on October 18th. Mr. Donato continues to request action regarding the ongoing water issue and hopes the new administration follows through with the plans to fix the problem. Mr. Donato congratulates the candidates that were successful during the election.

Francesca Mendoza, 34 Joseph Street, Ms. Mendoza is a nurse at Robert Wood Johnson and speaks on the ongoing strike that has been going on for more than 120 days. Ms. Mendoza explains what the nurses are looking for and what conditions they are working in now. Ms. Mendoza urges the borough to pass a resolution supporting the nurses regarding the State laws. This bill has been passed in California and remains to be the only state with safe staffing in hospitals. Mayor Krenzel would like Ms. Mendoza to email the Borough Clerk with the resolutions to put on the next agenda.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

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

Councilwoman Meira

- Thank you to the USW for having someone advocating for nurses. There are quite a few nurses that live in South River.
- Councilwoman Meira would like an update on the Whitehead Traffic Study and Chief Tinitigan answers. Hopefully this study along with Vision Zero can help alleviate motor vehicle accidents on the busy roads in South River.
- Speaks on commission appointments. Councilwoman Meira hopes the Human Relations Commission does not get dissolved.
- Councilwoman Meira would like to know why Councilman Guindi was sitting in the audience this evening and Mayor Krenzel states he resigned from council. Councilwoman Meira asks the Borough Clerk to send a copy of the letter. It was stated that the BA and Borough Attorney received a copy of the letter.
- Thank you for putting on Ordinance 2023-31 but explains the term for junior member is a school year term rather than calendar year term.

Councilman Oliveira

- The VFW will be having a blood drive on 12/15 from 12 pm to 5 pm.
- Councilman Oliveira may not be at the next meeting, but thanks Councilwoman Meira for her time as Councilwoman.
- Councilman Oliveira thanks Mayor Krenzel for all his work as Mayor for South River. Everyone should be applauded for their efforts and hard work.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Hopes Councilwoman Meira and Mayor Krenzel remain active in the community.
- Commends all nurses.
- Happy Hanukah.

Mayor Krenzel

- Speaks on the nurse staffing issues.
- Tree Lighting was a success.
- Cheerleading Spaghetti Fundraiser was also a success.
- Mayor Krenzel speaks on future projects including the electric utility, water lining repairs, going electric, parks, library accessibility, recreation building, and redeveloping Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Krenzel requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Oliveira motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Guglietti

Alyssa Guglietti, RMC
Borough Clerk