

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2023
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 19**

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 18, 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 Andrea Wyatt, and Borough Engineer Bruce Koch.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 2023-346

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
- Contract Negotiations

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

Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:02 pm

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

Reconvene to Public Session at 7:15 pm

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

AGENDA SESSION

- Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023A-1--CFO Zanga speaks on the Ban Sale.
- Vacant Council Seat--Mayor Krenzel speaks on the empty Council seat appointment. The Republican party has presented 3 names for the position and there will be a Special Meeting on December 27th to vote on the new council member.

ORDINANCE-- SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-31 by title only. Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-31 only.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bisset Place, Mr. Byrne thanks the Council for adopting this Ordinance.

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

Adopted 12-18-23

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

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

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

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.

Council President Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-32 by title only. Mayor Krenzle opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2023-32 only.

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

Adopted 12-18-23

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

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.
- **NJDOT FY 2024 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - According to the NJDOT SAGE site, applications are being accepted for the above program. Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2024.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department is working on this year's portion of the project.
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Councilwoman Meira speaks the Grekowski Park study and would like to know what that entails regarding the Engineer. Mr. Koch answers.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga

- No report.

Borough Clerk

- No report.

Borough Attorney

- No report

Business Administrator

- No report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**Councilwoman Balazs**

- No report.

Councilman Gurchensky

- OOA had their Christmas Party at the Ria Mar. A good time was had by all.

Councilwoman Meira

- Environmental Shade Tree meeting will be on Thursday, 12/21. The members of the Shade Tree and Green Team are very dedicated and thank you for always helping out and coming to meetings.
- The Library will be open during Winter Break, if any kids want to hang out at the Library.

Councilman Oliveira

- Basketball, cheerleading, and wrestling is underway. Cheerleading will have their first competition on January 6th. Wrestling had their first match and basketball has been practicing.
- Recreation is going after a Green Acre grant, which will help with walking paths at Daileys Pond. The other grant will be for an inclusive playground equipment and will cover 75% of the total costs of the project. There will be a survey for residents to give their feedback. Thank you to the Shade Tree and Green Team.

Council President Ciulla

- No report

Mayor Krenzel

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Krenzel opened the floor for Public Comment.

Richard Byrne, 11 Bissett Place, Mr. Byrne speaks on the Senior Fix It Program. Mr. Byrne states it has been a pleasure working with Councilwoman Meira.

Dan Kinneally, 16 Alexander Court, Mr. Kinneally speaks on the ongoing water issue in South River and other issues going on in the borough.

Sam, owns 68-67 Causeway, speaks on the flooding and cleaning the sewers. Mayor Krenzel asks if the county has come out to clean the sewers and BA Londensky says no. Mayor Krenzel would like BA Londensky with write a letter

to the county to have them come and clean the sewers. Councilman Oliveira states he will bring this issue up at the next County Commissioner meeting.

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2023-347 TO 2023-359 (resolution 2023-351 will be voted on separately)

"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 2023-347

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 November 22, 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 January 5, 2024.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<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 18, 2023.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-348

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR, UTILITY COLLECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
TO CANCEL ALL BALANCES LESS THAN \$10.00**

WHEREAS, the official tax, utility, consumer deposit and developer escrow records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and uncollectibles should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, Utility Collector and Chief Financial Officer recommend these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector, Utility Collector and Chief Financial Officer be and are hereby authorized to cancel all balances less than \$10.00.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<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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RESOLUTION 2023-349

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CME TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR GREKOSKI PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

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 CME Associates is authorized to provide engineering services for Grekoski Park Feasibility Study as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated November 29, 2023 not to exceed \$28,007.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 3-01-20-165-205.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<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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RESOLUTION 2023-350

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STIPEND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIX IT REPAIR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has received funding for Title 111B Older American Act Grant – Residential Maintenance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Residential Maintenance funding is to be used for a stipend of \$1,000.00 to James Hutchison to implement the Fix It Repair Program.

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, the State of New Jersey that James Hutchison receive a \$1,000.00 stipend for the implementation of the program through Title 111B Older American Act Grant – Residential Maintenance Grant.

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-352

RESOLUTION CANCELLING UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recently performed a review of unexpended balance of improvement authorizations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his review of the various improvement authorizations, it was determined that various inactive, unexpended and unneeded improvement authorization balances exist that should be considered for cancellation; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to sound financial practices in a municipality to review improvement authorizations and other accounts from time to time for cancellation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following improvement authorizations are hereby cancelled and/or transferred charges as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Date(s) Adopted</u>	<u>Authorization Canceled</u>
<u>General Capital Fund:</u>			
Acquisition of Various Capital Improvements and Equipment	19-09	6/24/19	\$ 65,770.81
		General Total:	<u>\$65,770.81</u>
Cancellation of Intergovernmental Account Receivable			<u>\$65,770.81</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. Certified copies of this resolution are sent to the Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Auditor.
2. 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 Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Councilwoman Meira</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Oliveira</i>		X	X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-353
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>
65-999-952-788 CD	CHARLOTTLE ABOUSSLEMAN 1668 HOLLY RD NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$250.28
65-999-008-065 CD	DANIEL ROMUALDO CARDOSO PAULINA FERNANDA SOUZA 48 JOHNSON PL SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$162.96
65-999-006-201 CD	DAVINA CARDOSO	\$72.92
65-999-006-201 ELEC CURRENT	48 JOHNSON PL SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$82.03
65-999-007-439 CD	EDDIE CASTRO 825 ROSE AVE CLIFTON FORGE, VA 24422	\$98.39
66-999-002-394 WATER CURRENT	MICHAEL DAMICO 110 JACKSON ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$18.59
65-999-003-871 CD	RICARDO & ANNA FERRETTI 120 LEONARDINE AVE APT B2B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$97.38
65-999-002-462 CD	JUDITH GRANIZAL & MANUEL DOSSANTOS 19 GROCHOWIAK ST 1 ST FLR SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$53.83
65-999-007-831 CD	ERIN GLABERSON 7 FISHER DR FRANKLIN PARK, NJ 08823	\$140.17
65-999-007-959 CD	MINA ISHAK 29 PARKVIEW WAY ENGLISHTOWN, NJ 07726	\$158.15

65-999-000-927 ELEC PREVIOUS	JOHN KULAKOVICH 3 OLCHASKEY AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$940.82
65-999-008-031 CD	RICHARD MONTALBANO 3 FOOTHILLS DR SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$114.22
65-999-980-156 ELEC CURRENT	NU WORLD TITLE 201 ROUTE 17 NORTH SUITE 606 RUTHERFORD, NJ 07070	\$131.77
65-999-008-524 CD	ROMNICK REYES 157 WHITEHEAD AVE APT 2G SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$100.06
65-999-008-515 CD	SAMANTHA ROVILLOS 67 B RUBIN ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$157.96
65-999-004-859 CD	VERENICE & FELIX VILLA 122 TEXAS RD OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	\$56.69
65-999-004-858 CD	ARTURO VILLE & DIANA PALAEZ 80 OLD BRIDGE TPKE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$95.32
65-999-008-512 CD	MANUEL SANTIAGO DANIELA ZAMORA 25 WYCOFF MILLS RD MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$82.82

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

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Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2022-354
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CARRY OVER/BUY BACK

WHEREAS, several municipal employees, have requested that they be allowed to carry over unused vacation and personal time into the next calendar (2024) year; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 68 of the Code of the Borough of South River permits the Governing Body to grant requests based on exceptional unforeseen circumstances which prevents the usage in the current year; and

WHEREAS, after careful deliberation, the Governing Body has agreed that employment circumstances and Covid-19 Pandemic did prevent the use of said vacation and personal time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that said employees are granted permission to carry-over their unused 2023 vacation and personal time to the following year of 2024 with the condition that said vacation time be used by March 31, 2024.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount to be Carried Over</u>
Kim Bell	3 days
Robert Bodak	4 days
Robert Chando	5 days
Cassandra Garrick	5 days
Michael Johnson	5 days
Carolyn LaBella	5 days
Marc LaBella	5 days
Debra Lackey	5 days
Marie Lupo	1 day
Kevin Martins	3 days
Pedro Marques	4 days
Julie Moy	2 days
Michael Smith	5 days
Nicholas Sommer	4 days
Donna Stoddard	5 days
Kenneth Szabo	2 days
Michelle Urbanowicz	1 day
Naomy Young	1 day
Joseph Zanga	5 days

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<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<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 2023-355
RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH RIVER SEWER AND WATER ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reached an Agreement with South River Sewer and Water Association for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that said Agreement with South River Sewer and Water Association for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Borough of South River.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<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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RESOLUTION 2023-356
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:

WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

From:

Professional Services	\$ 15,000.00		
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00		
Operating	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>		
Total		\$20,000.00	

To:

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

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 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 18, 2023

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2023-357
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 December 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<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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The Borough Clerk reads Resolution 2023-351 separately.

RESOLUTION 2023-351

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4536/SENATE BILL NO. S304 TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSING STAFF STANDARDS

WHEREAS, a one-patient increase in a nurse’s workload increased the likelihood of an in-patient death within 30 days of admission by 7 percent, and

WHEREAS, mortality risk decreases by 9 percent for ICU patients and 16 percent for surgery patients with the increase of one FTE (fulltime) RN per patient day; and

WHEREAS, nurse staffing shortages are a factor in one out of every four unexpected hospital deaths or injuries caused by errors; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 study published in the American Journal of Infection Control found that each additional sepsis patient per nurse was associated with 19% higher odds of in-hospital mortality; and

WHEREAS, a study of New York hospitals in 2021 showed significant decreases in patient deaths would occur if patient care was limited to a ratio of 4 patients to 1 Nurse: 4,370 deaths would have been avoided in New York just among Medicare patients during the two-year study; and

WHEREAS, understaffing at hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities, and State developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals has been demonstrated to be an underlying cause of the current nursing shortage, because higher patient assignments create higher levels of job dissatisfaction, burnout, and turnover rates among nurses;

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

1. The Borough of South River hereby urges its elected representatives in the New Jersey State Legislature to adopt [Assembly Bill No. 4536/Senate Bill No. S304](#).
2. A copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall be furnished to Senator Patrick Diegnan, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, and Assemblyman Sterley Stanley
3. A copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall also be furnished to the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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

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

Councilwoman Meira

- Speaks on her time on council and hopes the upcoming administration will benefit South River.
- States she will not be on any commissions.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Council President Ciulla presents Councilwoman Meira with a plaque for her years of service.

Councilman Oliveira

- Happy Holidays.
- Thank you to Mayor Krenzel and Councilwoman Meira for all their hard work.
- May not be at the special meeting.
- Thank you to the Fire and Police Department for Santa Sunday.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Thank you to the Fire Department and Police Department for Santa Sunday.
- Speaks on working with Councilwoman Meira and Mayor Krenzel.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- Happy Holidays.

Council President Ciulla

- Speaks on working with Councilwoman Meira.
- Presents Mayor Krenzel with a plaque for his years of service.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Krenzel

- Speaks on his time working with Councilwoman Meira.
- Mayor Krenzel speaks on his years as Mayor of South River.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Krenzel requested motion to adjourn. Council President Ciulla motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Oliveira. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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