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A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Alliance of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey was held on March 14, 2013 and was called to order by Sgt. John McKenna at 7:00 PM at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey, with the following Committee Members in attendance:

Committee Member(s) Present: DeZarlo, Petras, Geesey, Nale, Tinitigan, McKenna, Nevin

Committee Members(s) Absent: Razzano, Keith, Acs, Kulik, Martins-Cruz, Wyluda, Miller, Rafano, Deerson, Pearce

Coordinator: Jones – Present

Council Liaison James Hutchison

John McKenna welcomed Councilman Hutchison. Councilman Hutchison stated although the entire Mayor and Council are welcomed to the meetings per the Ordinance, he asked that he continued to be the liaison. He also stated that he looks forward in working with the Committee.

John McKenna stated that since there were not enough of members for a quorum, we will hold off the organization of the Alliance along with the resolutions. Mart Tinitigan made the motion to accept and Joe DeZarlo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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MINUTES

Minutes from the October 17, 2012 were also placed on hold due to the lack of a quorum.

REPORTS/FINANCIAL

2013 Grant Application was reviewed. Chief Tinitigan explained where the \$15,000.00 plus funds were used for.

Trust fund balance is \$14,057.40. Debbie Jones stated that she will be working on getting the 2013 fund raiser letter prepared for mailing. Members will be contacted for stuffing envelopes.

COMMUNICATION(S)

Municipal Alliance Ordinance was reviewed and filed.

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OLD BUSINESS

D.A.R.E. ceremonies are as follows: 3/26 at 5 pm Darul Arqam and 4/4 at 7 pm SR Elementary School. Members are invited to attend.

National Night Out. Chief Tinitigan explained the meaning of NNO and stated that if we were to move forward with this, this year, we will need all members to participate before, during and after the event. A motion was made by Joe DeZarlo and seconded by Chief Tinitigan; all were in favor to have National Night Out.

Rachel's Challenge waiting for contract to be presented to Municipal Alliance for \$2,500.00 towards program. Presentation Summary was reviewed and filed.

Project Graduation Debbie Jones called Cheryl Beck for a statement/bill/invoice to show where the \$500.00 donation would be used against. Ms. Beck stated she will send in something. Motion was made by Chief Tinitigan and seconded by Diane Nale to give the \$500.00, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Jones handed out a packet from the American Cancer Society regarding how to educate and facilitate your Municipality in the passage of outdoor air ordinances. Members were interested Debbie Jones will call to set up a date and time. Board of Health members will also be invited to attend. More details to follow.

Project Medicine Drop Box. Chief Tinitigan is very interested in implementing this program. He will be looking into the requirements and if his police department meets the requirements for a secure Project Medicine Drop. He will be in contact with the Attorney General Office. More details to follow.

Letter was received from the South River Little League Baseball regarding the renewal for the outfield sign. Committee is still waiting for a quote for a new sign that they wanted to purchase last year. Committee still wants to move forward with a new sign instead of a renewal. Diane Nale will follow up with someone on the League and report back to the Committee.

Grant application for 2014-2017. Sgt. McKenna gave an overview to the Committee as to what the State will be doing for the upcoming Grant year. It will require a needs assessment which will consist of much time to prepare and the end result would be one targeted area for the entire grant period. This would then eliminate the programs that are funded currently by the grant. Members stated that we should not participate in grant program this year but continue to raise funds for the current programs. Sgt. McKenna will present this to the Mayor and Council at one of their meetings in the near future and report back to the Committee as to whether or not we will be applying for the grant.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Chief Tinitigan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diane Nale. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. Next meeting 4/17, Wednesday, 7 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Jones
Coordinator*