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A Special 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 December 15, 2011 and was called to order by Mayor Raymond T. Eppinger at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey with the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison, Trzeciak, Vaughn

Also attending this meeting were Andrew J. Salerno, Borough Administrator and Gary M. Schwartz, Esq., Borough Attorney.

Councilman Vaughn asked if the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2011 should be adjourned before we begin this meeting.

Mr. Schwartz advised that a Special Meeting is held for a specific purpose. The meeting of November 28, 2011 will be carried to the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2011.

Councilman Vaughn disagreed with Mr. Schwartz and referred to Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Schwartz disagreed with Mr. Vaughn's interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order and reiterated that the meeting of November 28, 2011 continues to the meeting of December 27, 2011.

Filling of Council Vacancy

Mayor Eppinger stated that the only item on the agenda will be the filling of the Council vacancy. As per Section Two of the Rules of the Borough Council, the reason that this item cannot be held over to the next regular council meeting is the 30 day time period in which the Council can appoint a replacement would expire prior to that next council meeting.

Nominations

Councilman Hutchison moved that Michael Clancy be nominated to fill the Council vacancy. Councilman Trzeciak seconded the motion.

Councilman Almeida stated he was pleased to see Mr. Clancy's name on the list of names that was submitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison, Trzeciak, Vaughn,
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Mr. Clancy came forward and thanked the Council for the nomination. He stated that he was unable to accept the appointment due to an increase in his work schedule.

Councilman Guindi moved that Marilyn S. Meloni be nominated to fill the Council vacancy. Councilman Almeida seconded the motion.

Councilman Guindi stated that Ms. Meloni has much experience and a great background. He hopes to have the chance to work with her.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison, Trzeciak, Vaughn,
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Ms. Meloni thanked Councilman Guindi for the nomination. She stated that she was unable to accept the appointment due to an increase in her work schedule.

Councilman Trzeciak moved that Donna Farren be nominated to fill the Council vacancy. Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Hutchison, Trzeciak
NAYS: Almeida, Vaughn
ABSTAIN: Guindi
ABSENT: None

Mayor Eppinger indicated yes.

Ms. Farren came forward to accept the appointment and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the Borough as a Councilmember.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Donna Farren. Councilmember Farren then took a seat on the dais.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Zelanko

- Expressed concern that business was suspended for two meetings.
- Asked about having this Special Meeting. Mr. Schwartz clarified the statute requirements regarding filling of a Council vacancy.
- Requested that the Council have a special meeting to pay bills.
- Hoped for less politics in 2012.

Tele Koukourdelis, 93 James St.

- Will be putting in an OPRA request to obtain a copy of the recording of this meeting.

Shawn Hausserman

- Asked about the motion that was made by Councilman Vaughn at the 11/28/11 meeting. Mr. Schwartz responded.

Adjournment

Councilman Hutchison moved that this meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Councilman Trzeciak seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on
December 23, 2011.

Patricia O'Connor, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved at the regular meeting
held on December 27, 2011