

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS IS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975 AND BY RESOLUTION 2012-14 WITH THE REQUEST OF THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE AND THE SENTINEL NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH SAME AND THIS ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

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 May 2, 2012 and was called to order by Mayor John M. Krenzel at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey with the following Council members in attendance:

Council members Farren, Guindi, Hutchison, Roselli, Trzeciak, Vaughn

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

Mayor Krenzel stated there have been certain developments which have occurred in relation to the purchase of the property on Main Street concerning the firehouse and the Council must go into Closed Session. The Clerk was asked to read the Resolution to go into closed session.

#### RESOLUTION

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 specified subject matter and that such subject matter to be so discussed is as follows:

- Discuss matter related to purchase of real property with public funds

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

DATED: MAY 2, 2012

/s/ Jim Hutchison  
Councilmember

/s/ Peter Guindi  
Councilmember

*Councilman Guindi moved to go back into open session at 8:15 p.m. Councilman Hutchison seconded. So carried.*

Mayor Krenzel stated that the matter involving the purchase of the Elks property on Main St. has been discussed with the Borough Attorney and the matter has been resolved. The Clerk was asked to read the following resolution into the record.

RES:2012-163

MAY 2, 2012

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing body entered into a contract with the South Amboy BPOE Elks Lodge #2033 on April 13, 2011 for purchase of Lots 1, 10 and 10.01 in Block 122 as shown on the Tax Map of the Borough, also known as 205 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the said contract contained 1) a contingency requiring an approval of the transaction by the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America which approval was given on April 29, 2011 and which required the transaction to be concluded in one year and 2) a requirement that the Elks advise the Borough of South River in writing whether it would remove any environmental contamination determined to exist as a result of an inspection of the premises; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth in the attached correspondence from the Borough Attorney to the legal representatives of the Elks, the Borough Attorney has been authorized to terminate the referenced contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the governing body hereby ratifies the action of the Borough Attorney in terminating the aforesaid contract.

DATED: MAY 2, 2012

/s/ Matthew Vaughn  
Councilmember

/s/ Donna Farren

Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Farren, Guindi, Roselli, Trzeciak, Vaughn, Hutchison  
NAYS: None

Public Comment

No comments were made. Councilman Guindi closed the public portion.  
Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion. So carried

Councilman Roselli requested that the Mayor consider appointing a committee of two Council members and a small number of firemen to move forward to find a suitable location and place this matter on the next Business agenda.

Councilman Hutchison stated that at the last meeting Council adopted a resolution authorizing Mitchell Associates to look at alternative locations. There will be a written study given to Council for review.

Councilman Vaughn requested that Mitchell Associates include in their report whether the George Street firehouse can be renovated.

Councilwoman Farren commented on the cost of repairing the George Street house in the past. She also commented on a report that was done in 2005.

Mayor Krenzel directed the Clerk to put Firehouse location under unfinished business on the next Council meeting agenda. Mr. Mitchell will be touring the town next week and he will accompany him at that time. He will give a written report and make a presentation at a Council meeting.

Adjournment

Councilman Roselli moved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on  
May 11, 2012

Patricia O'Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved at the regular meeting  
held on May 14, 2012