

COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY WAY OF ANNUAL NOTICE FILED WITH THE BOROUGH CLERK, THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, THE SENTINEL AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A Regular 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 April 25, 2016 and was called to order by Mayor Krenzel at 8:15 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 Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison

Also attending this meeting were Joseph Zanga, CFO (for Frederick Carr, Borough Administrator) and Andrea Wyatt, Borough Attorney, and Gerard Stankiewicz, Borough Auditor.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Special Meeting No. 7 held March 21, 2016 was submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Hutchison moved that the Minutes be approved. Councilman Trenga seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 held March 28, 2016 was submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Trenga moved that the Minutes be approved as amended. Councilman Gurchensky seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Ciulla, Hutchison

The Closed Session Minutes of March 28, 2016 was submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Trenga moved that the Minutes be approved. Councilman Gurchensky seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Gurchensky, Haussermann, Trenga
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Ciulla, Jones, Hutchison

The Minutes of Meeting No. 9 held April 11, 2016 was submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Hutchison moved that the Minutes be approved as amended. Councilman Trenga seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

The Closed Session Minutes of April 11, 2016 was submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Hutchison moved that the Minutes be approved as amended. Councilman Trenga seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

RES: 2016-154

APRIL 25, 2016

Resolution to Read Budget by Title Only

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in Town Hall and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

April 25, 2016

DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

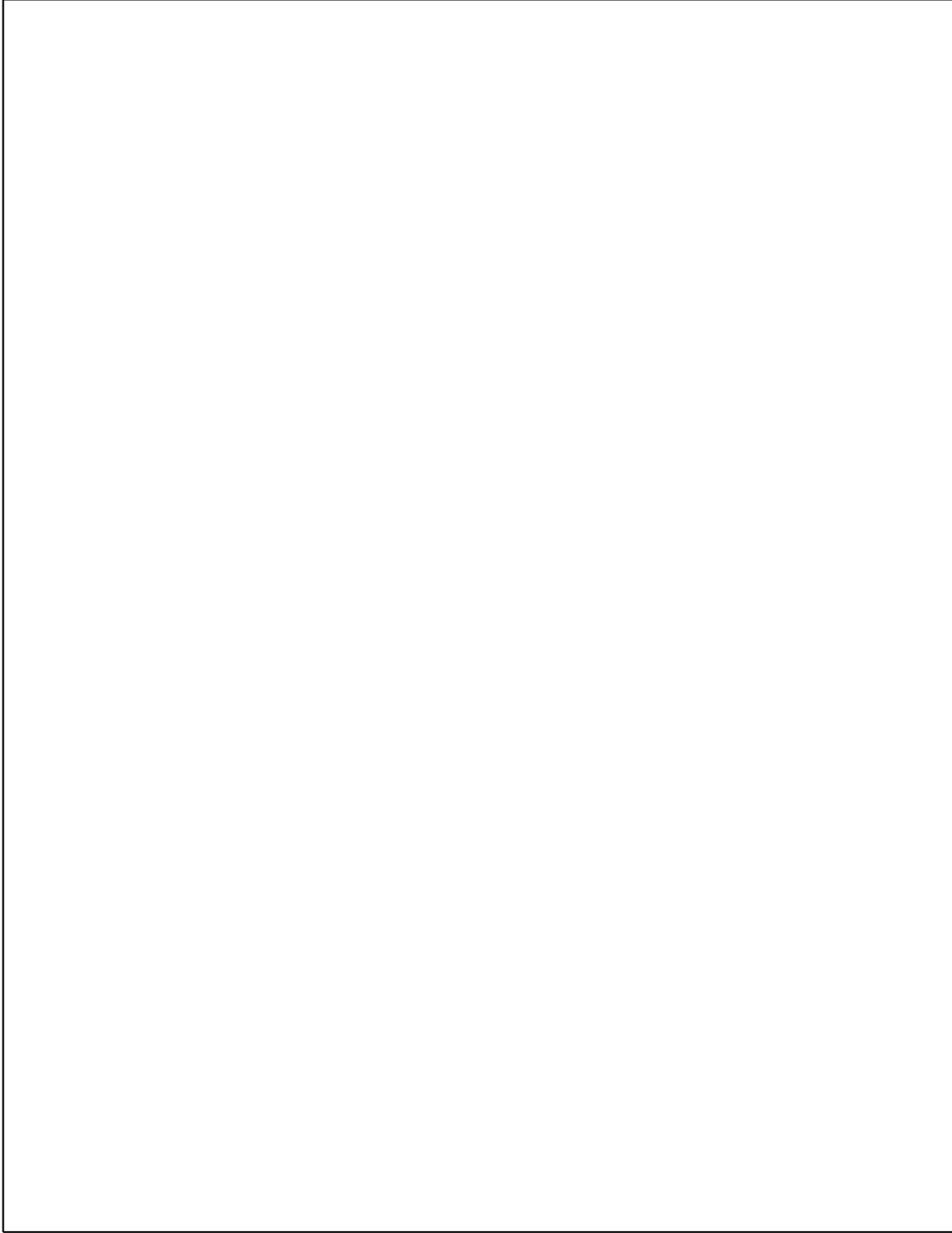
/s/ Tony Ciulla
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET





Mayor Krenzel opened the hearing to the public for comments/questions.

Louis Glogower, 15 Morningside Ave.

- Questioned where he can review the budget line item by line item.

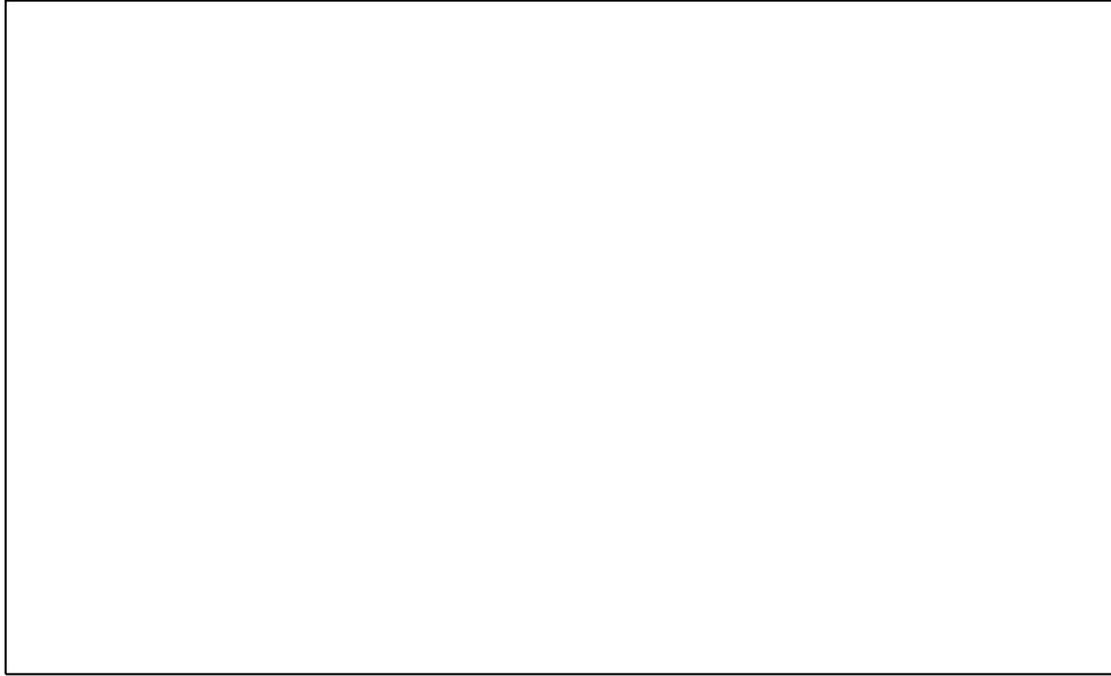
Jack Alai, 198 Main St.

- Questioned amount of tax increase, Cap Bank, Borough's credit rating, future infrastructure problems

No further comments were made. Councilman Ciulla moved that the public hearing be closed. Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion. So carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET





Councilman Hutchison moved that the 2016 Municipal Budget be adopted. Councilman Trenga seconded the motion. So carried.

Council Comments

- Councilman Haussermann commented on 5.9% tax increase, no road program in 2015, litigation expenses, Cap Bank, questioned less reliance on Electric Utility, money received for sale of Lincoln School, doesn't know what direction we are heading
- Councilman Jones questioned Electric utility revenues and anticipated revenues, purchase of vehicle with camera functions, if there was a line item budget for firehouse
- Councilman Ciulla commented that the Budget Committee worked hard on budget and everyone was in agreement
- Councilman Hutchison commented tax increase has to be paid by all of us, have expenses such as the Middlesex County Utilities Authority which is being reviewed; appreciated work done by Budget Committee, Borough Administrator, CFO, and Department Heads; not happy with tax increase and will look to see how to tighten things up
- Mayor Krenzel commented on the history of the past years' budgets; budget was set in 2012, then Sandy came; less revenue with loss of homes from the effects of Sandy, Electric Utility pays for majority of town's budget, has been that way for decades and has kept the taxes down; in 2013, facility charge was

lowered from \$14 to \$8.75 in 2013; less reliance on Electric Utility; in 2014 electric rates and taxes were raised; electric rates were lowered twice in 2015; in 2016 facility charge will be raised a little over time; looking into the \$200,000 increase in MCUA billing; Blue Acres continues, may lose more homes; commented on next year's Cap Bank

Mayor Krenzler asked the Clerk to call the Roll on adoption of the budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: Haussermann, Jones

Public Comment (agenda items only)

John Costello, 36 Garwood St.

- Questioned if any money from tax increase or bonded money goes to SR school district, questioned school debt

Jack Alai, 198 Main St.

- Questioned Borough's expenses since Sandy; look at improving roads and parks

RESOLUTIONS

RES: 2016-156

APRIL 25, 2016

RESOLUTION

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>
65-999-002-327 CD	NARCISCO & NINA ABALOS 74 NEWPORT AVE SOMERSET, NJ 08873	\$142.67

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
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66-999-922-955	WTR CURRENT	CROWN BANK REALTY HOLDINGS	\$149.63
66-999-922-955	WTR PREV	27 PRINCE ST ELIZABETH, NJ 07798	\$72.73
65-999-000-589	CD	E DASILVA & J OLIVEIRA 4 SPRUCE ST SPOTSWOOD, NJ 08884	\$127.48
65-999-001-587	CD	JOAO MALTEZ 102 PRENTICE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$148.72
65-999-941-172	CD	JOSE MARTINS 153 THIRD AVE LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740	\$16.92
65-999-867-428	CD	MIRTHA NOGUEDA & BLANCA PEREZ 66 WINDING WOOD DR APT 8A SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$95.40
65-999-000-586	CD	SIMO PEZIC RIVERVIEW DR H7 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$155.55
65-999-866-625	ELEC CURREN	MARIA SKANDALOS 148A WILLETT AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$31.74
65-999-858-958	CD	CARLOS VICENTE 182 OLD BRIDGE TPKE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$275.91
65-999-002-000	ELEC CURREN	WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE P O BOX 10335 DES MOINES, IA 50306	\$98.85

DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

RES: 2016-157

APRIL 25, 2016

RESOLUTION

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 December 16, 2015 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,201,419.00
RESTORED FUNDS:	
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:	_____
TOTAL	\$1,201,419.00

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 May 12, 2016.

DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

RES: 2016-158

APRIL 25, 2016

RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL TO
PLENARY LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH RIVER FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has received an application for the renewal of Plenary License for the period of July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015; and

April 25, 2016

WHEREAS, said application is complete and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, all requirements have been complied with and the Borough Council has determined that no protests have been filed against the granting of the said renewal application for such plenary license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey that approval is hereby granted to said application, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and Code of the Borough of South River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the applicant for their record purposes, the Beverage Tax Bureau, and the Chief of Police of the Borough of South River.

LOCAL/STATE

<u>NUMBERS:</u>	<u>HOLDERS:</u>	<u>TRADE NAME</u>
C-6 1223-33-006-003	Schott's Inc. James Thibodeau, Executor 12 Main St. South River, NJ 08882	Johnnie's Bar & Rest. (inactive)

DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

RES: 2016-159

APRIL 25, 2016

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pastor Neftali Cruz has submitted an application for a Mercantile License for a business known as Iglesia Jesucristo es el Senor, to be located at 88-94 Main St. in the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the business is worship center; and

WHEREAS, the Mercantile License application was distributed to the appropriate agencies as provided by Code of the Borough of South River; and

April 25, 2016

WHEREAS, recommendations for approval have been submitted by all departments investigating same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mercantile License Application submitted by Pastor Neftali Cruz, for a business known as Iglesia Jesucristo es el Senor, to be located at 88-94 Main St. in the Borough of South River, New Jersey is hereby approved.

DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

RES: 2016-160

APRIL 25, 2016

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Laszlo Kucsma has submitted an application for a Mercantile License for a business known as Causeway Creamery Company, to be located at 113 Causeway in the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the business is ice cream store; and

WHEREAS, the Mercantile License application was distributed to the appropriate agencies as provided by Code of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for approval have been submitted by all departments investigating same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mercantile License Application submitted by Laszlo Kucsma, for a business known as Causeway Creamery Company, to be located at 113 Causeway in the Borough of South River, New Jersey is hereby approved.

DATED: APRIL 25, 2016

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

RES: 2016-161

APRIL 25, 2016

RESOLUTION

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 \$488,606.51 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$714,664.35, 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.

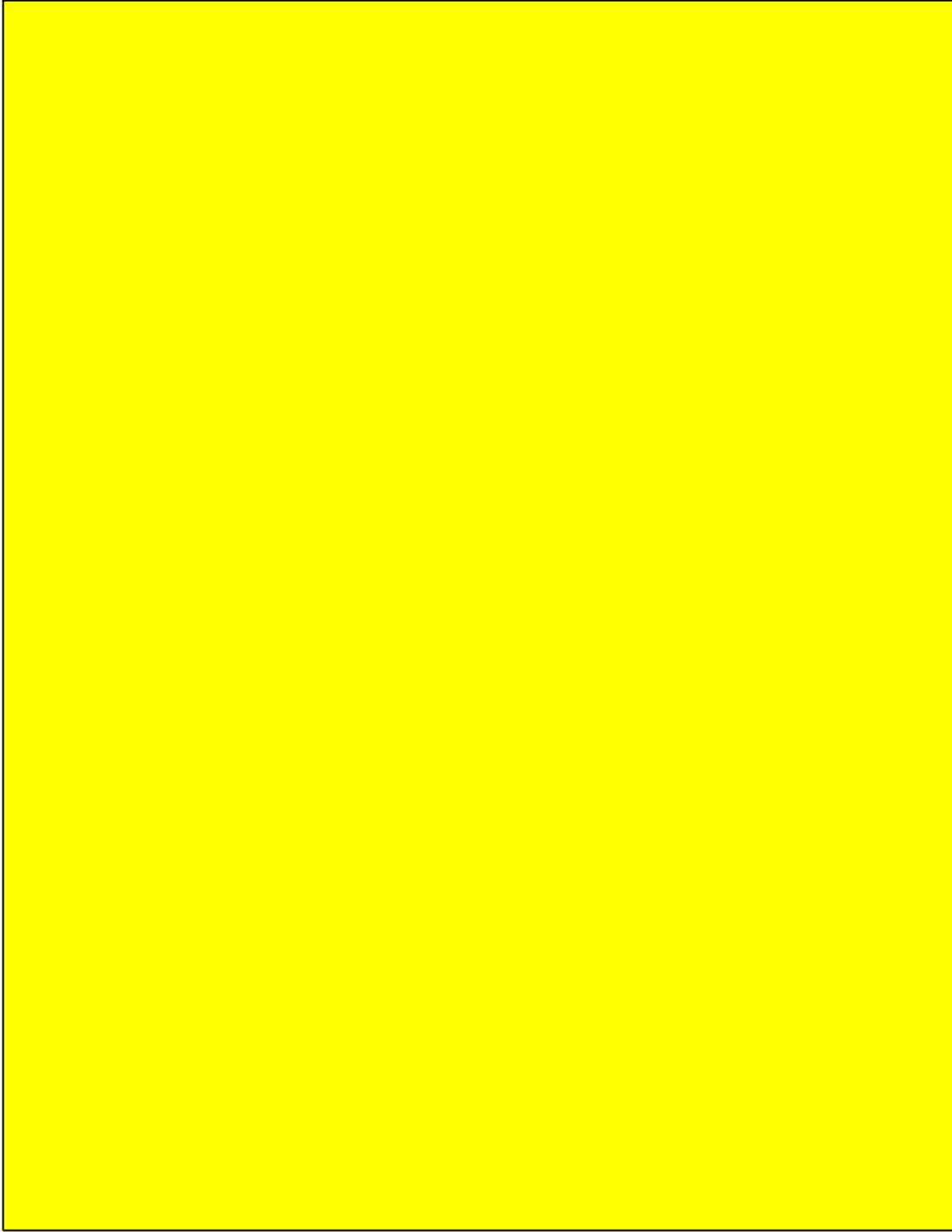
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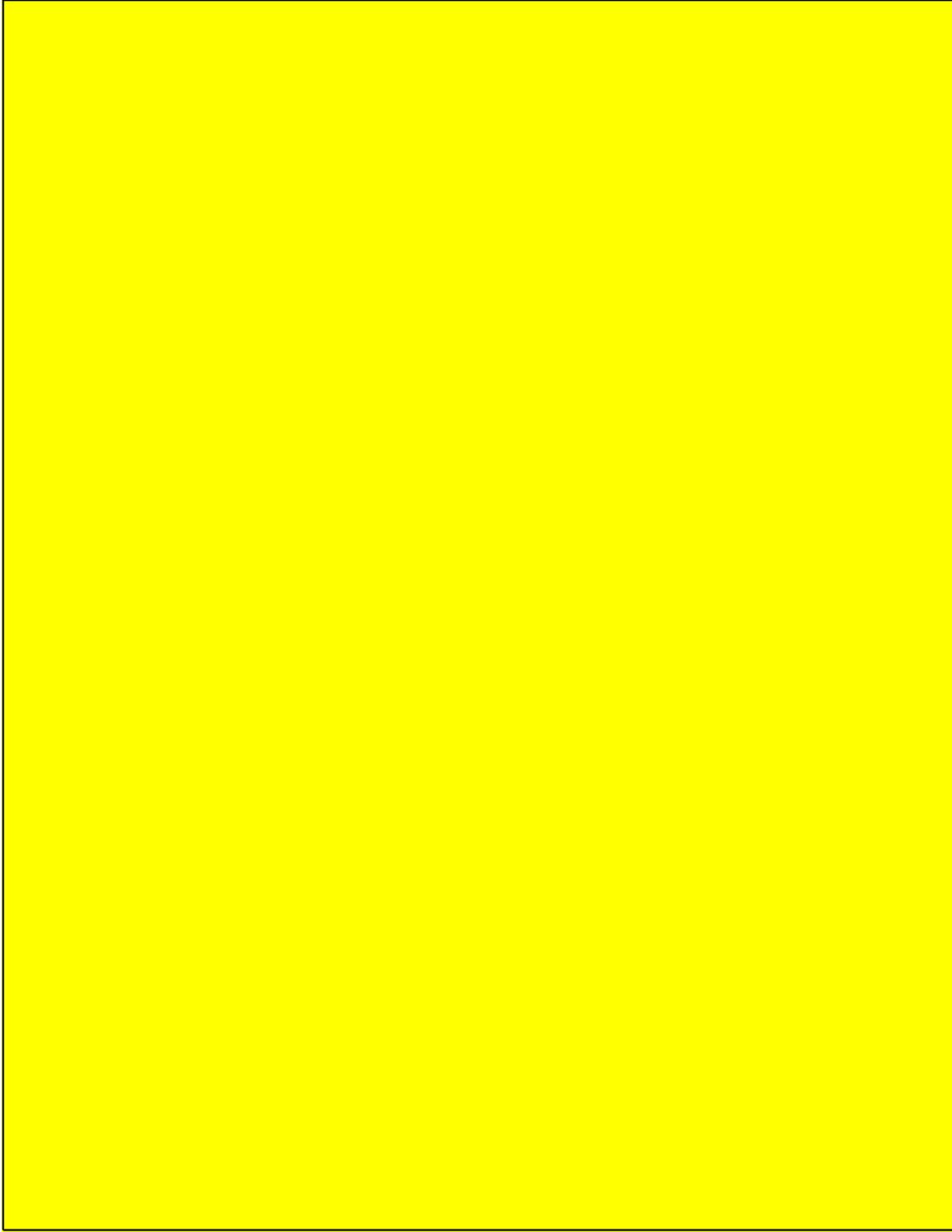
/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilmember

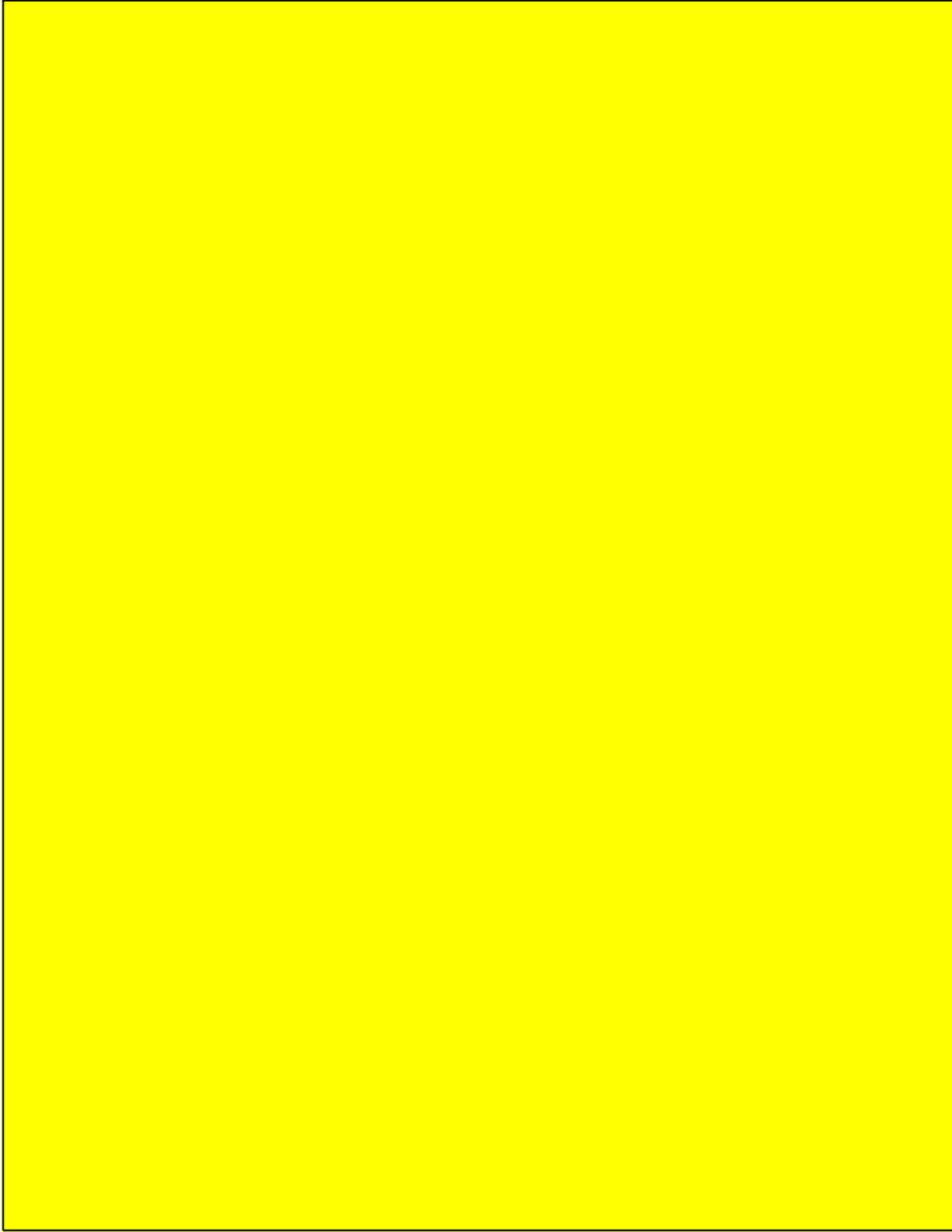
/s/ James Hutchison
Councilmember

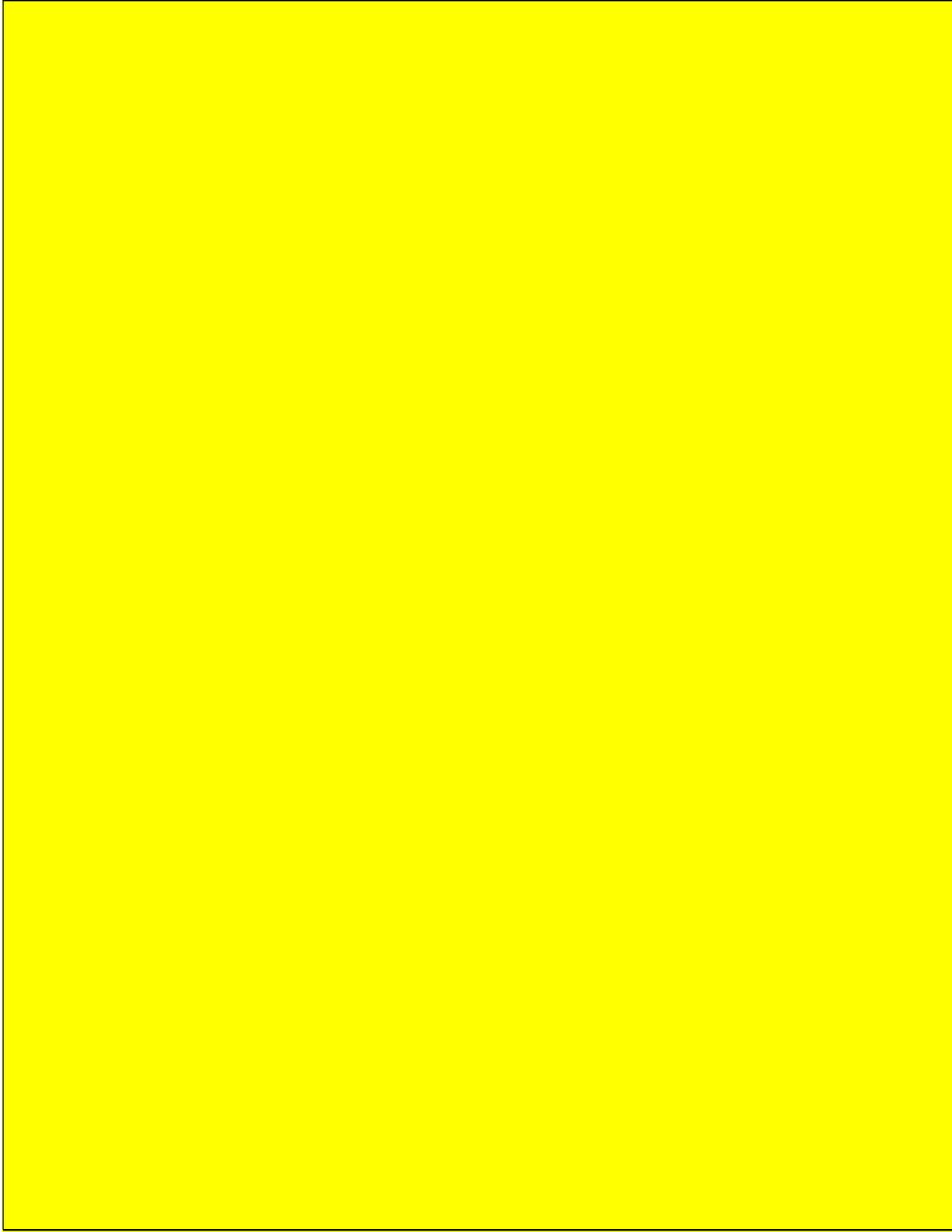
ROLL CALL VOTE

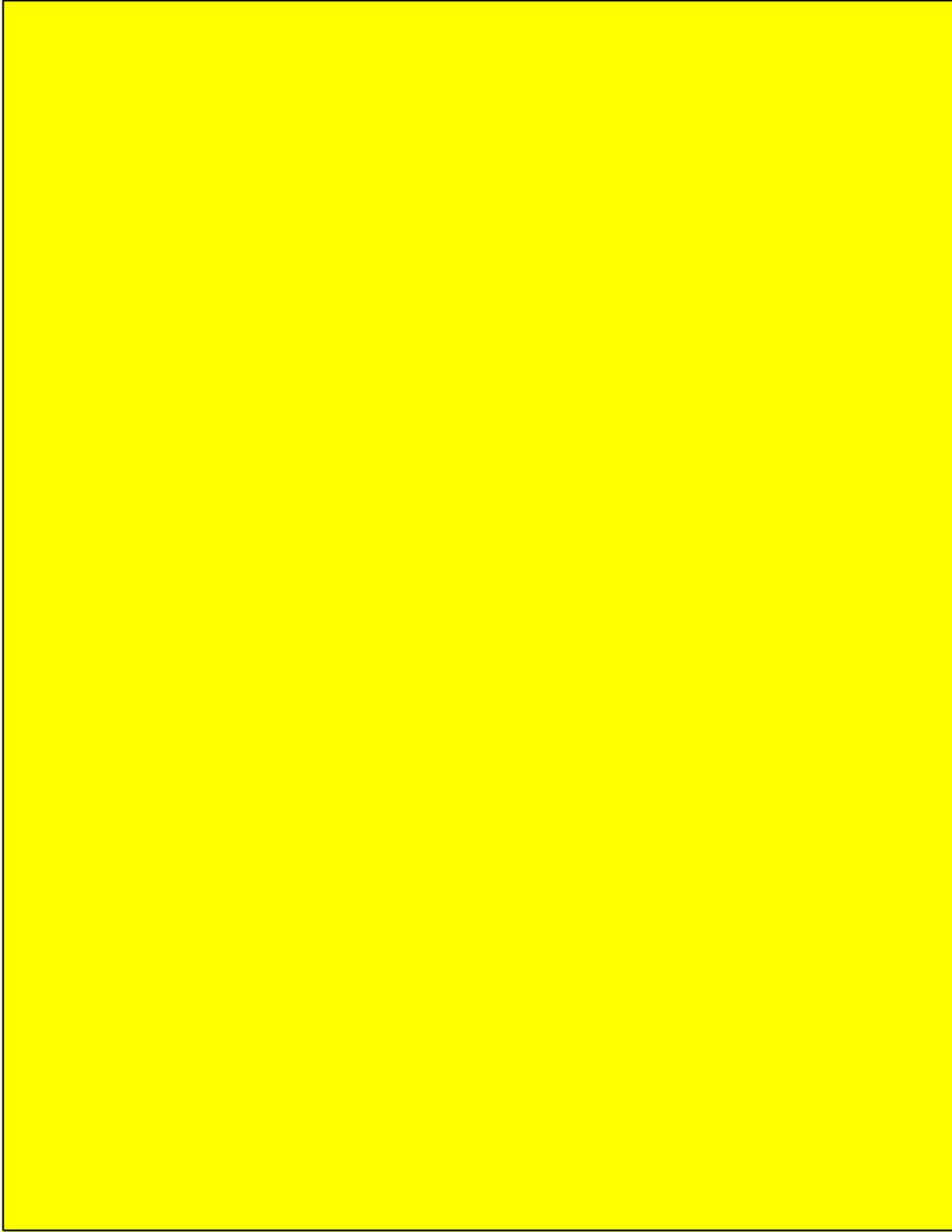
YEAS: Ciulla, Gurchensky, Haussermann, Jones, Trenga, Hutchison
NAYS: None

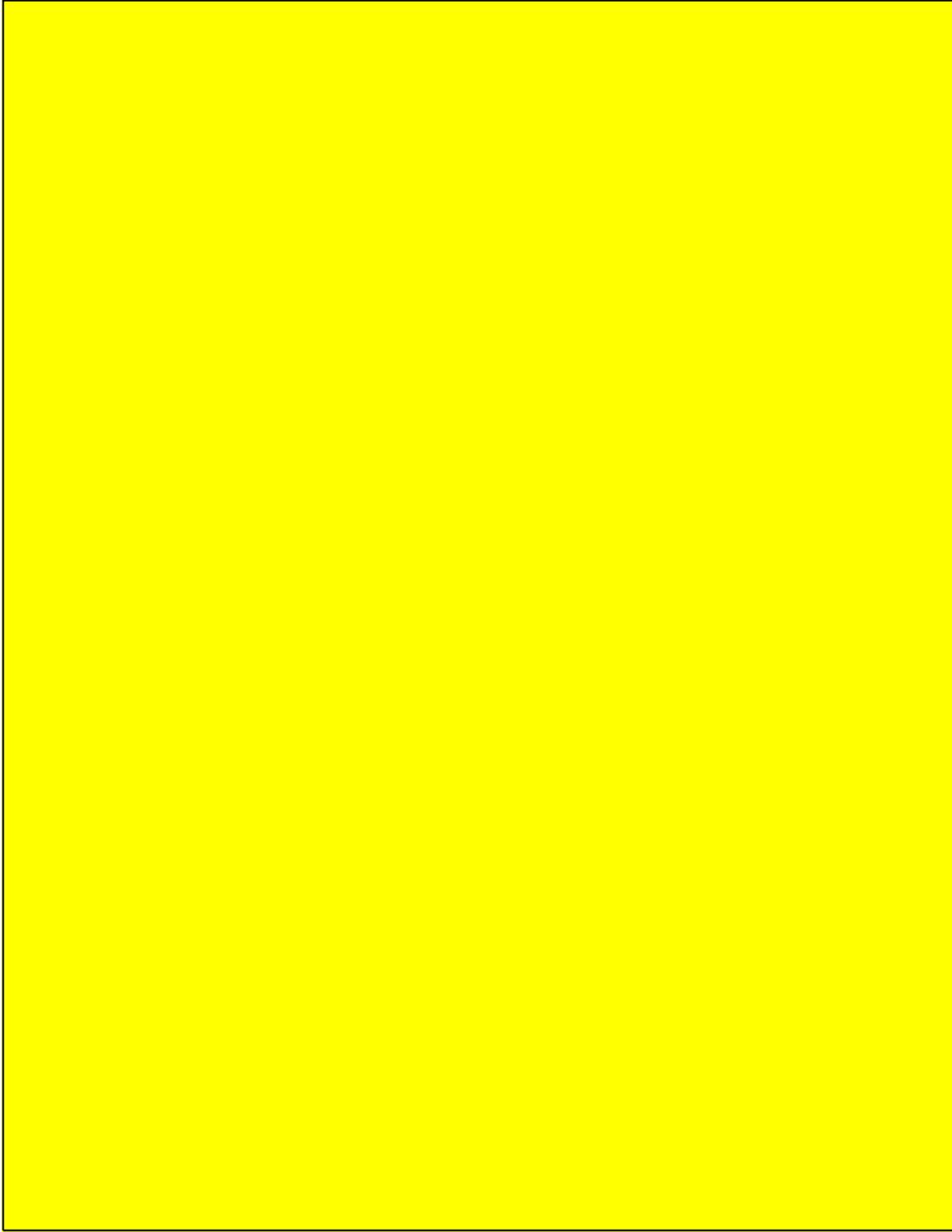


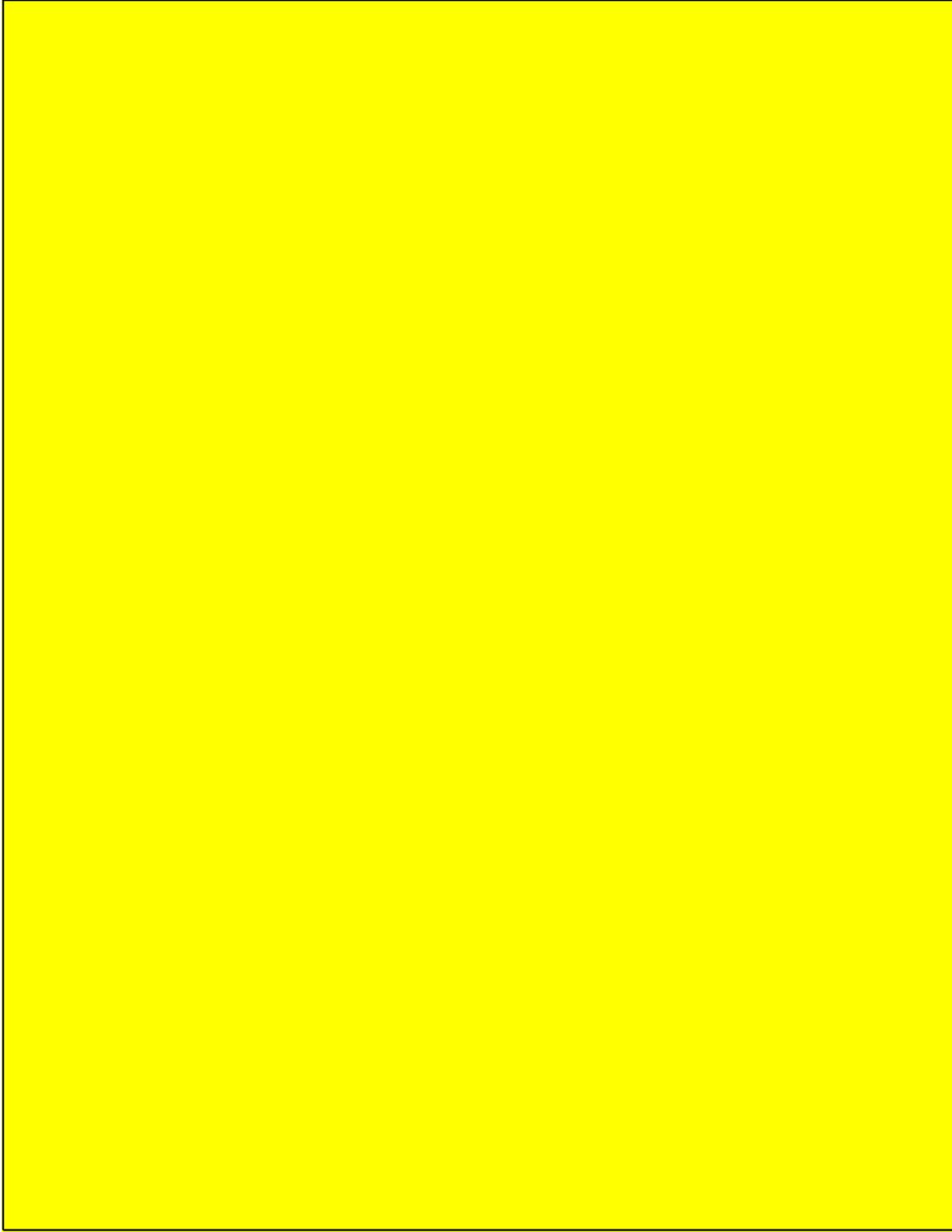


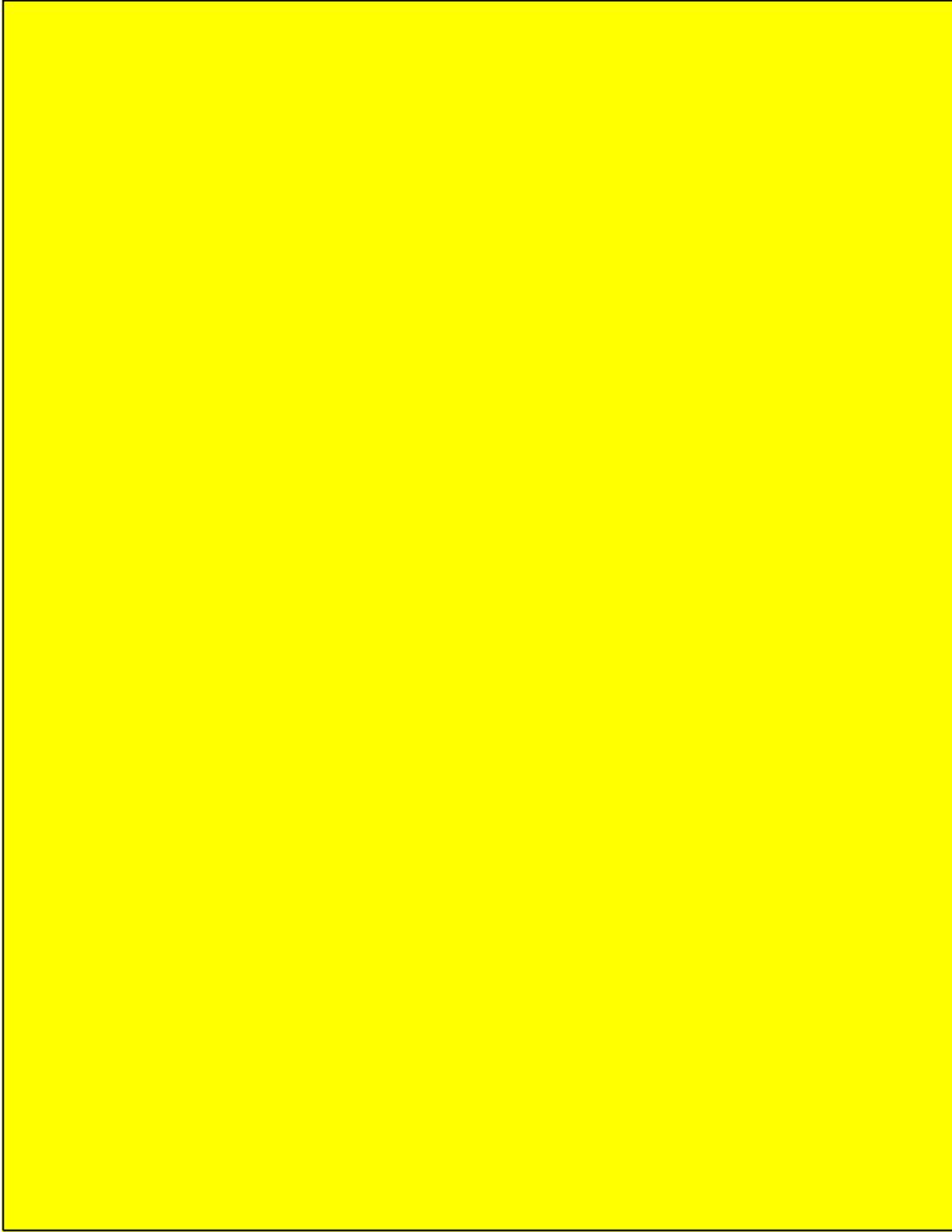


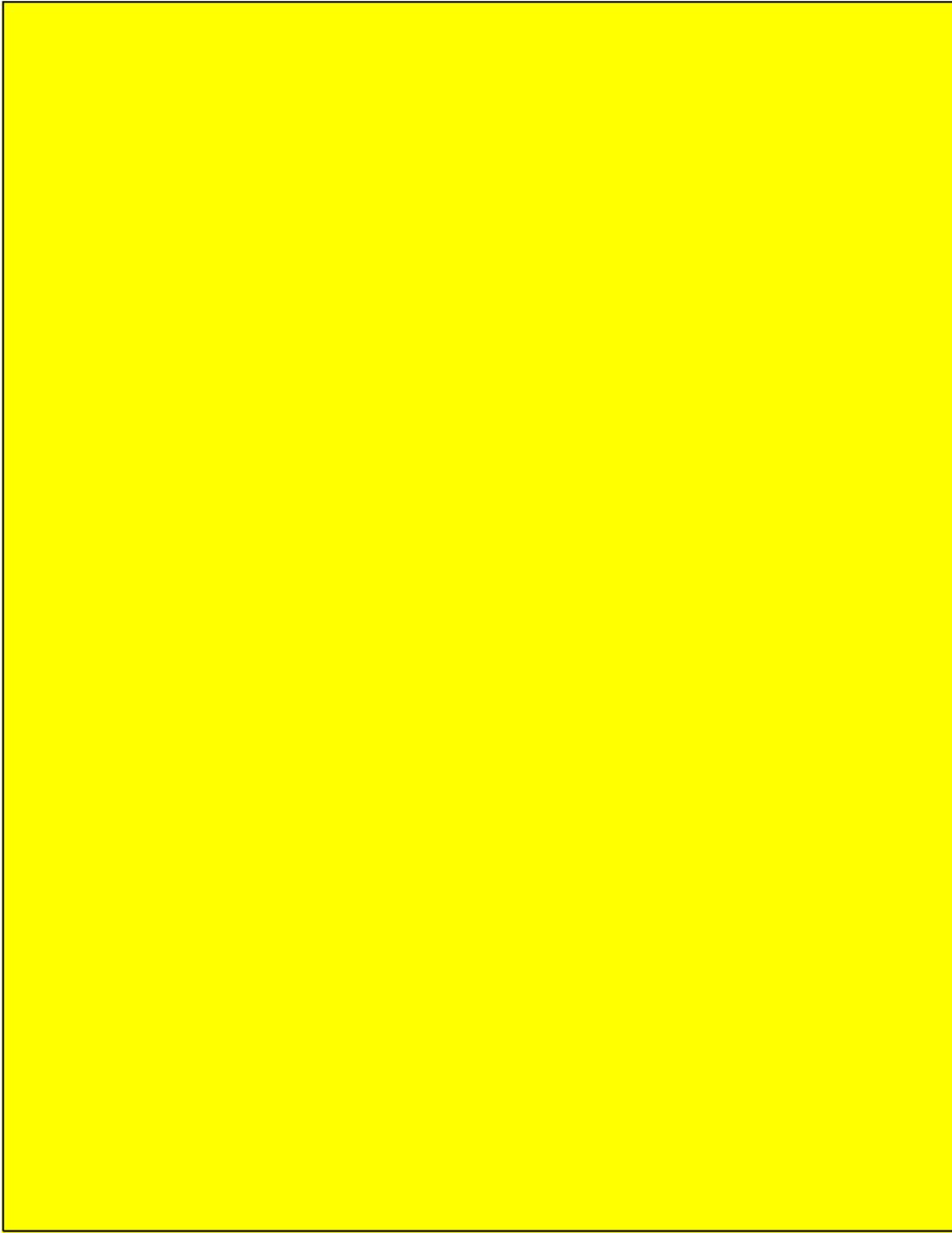


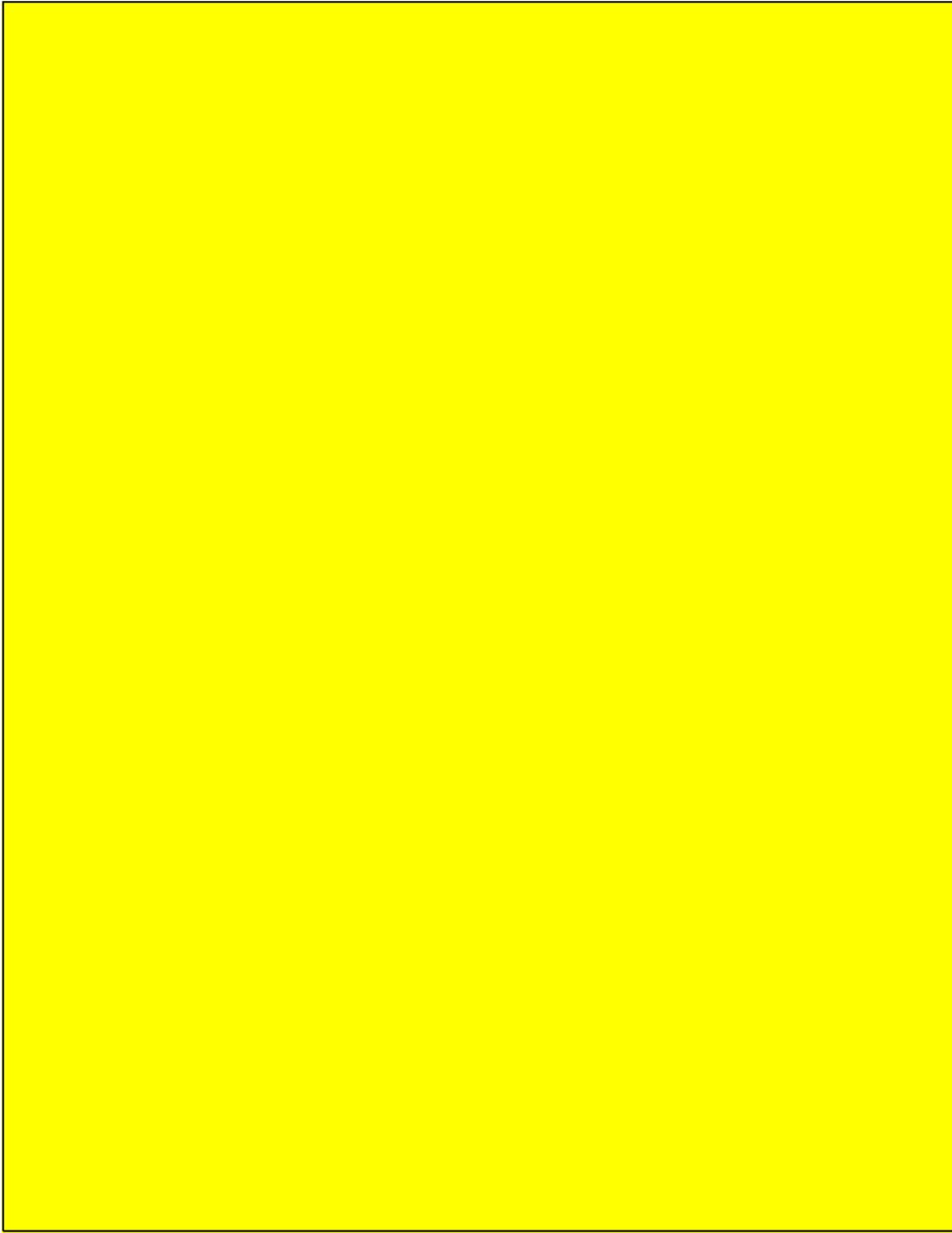












COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Haussermann

- Attended American Legion Spring breakfast – good turnout
- Redevelopment workshops –not a big turnout; disappointed at slide show presentation; hopes report from Planner will include comments from participants; hope we get a blueprint of where we need to be; commented on Master Plan; will redo streetscape to improve look of downtown
- 5.9% tax increase will not help residents; not helping businesses locate to downtown
- Commented on Mayor’s comments on past budgets
- Bicycle ordinance already in place
- Hopes Council looks clearly at redevelopment

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thanked Police, Fire, Emergency Services on good job
- Happy Greek Orthodox Easter

Councilman Jones

- 6/11 – Fishing Derby – 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Redevelopment zone and Rehabilitation zone in ordinance book; nothing was ever implemented; hopes Council continues to look at plans for redevelopment
- Budget – was on Budget Committee; had issues with budget; concerned with budget process; MCUA billing; looks forward to continuing to work for the people; make town better

Councilman Ciulla

- Thanked volunteers for keeping Borough safe
- Spring Cleanup – asked residents not to overload garbage cans, think of DPW workers
- 5/23 – 6/5 – Click it or Ticket Program
- 4/28 – Bring Your Child to Work Day
- Dry weather – be careful of fire
- Congratulations to SR Rescue Squad on 80th Anniversary
- Budget – everything is going up; parks - people go in and destroy them, costs taxpayers for cleanup and police patrol; reviewing MCUA billing increase; no one wants to pay taxes; we all have to work together

Councilman Trenga

- Thanked Borough employees and volunteers
- Attended Board of Education meeting – open to public
- Redevelopment workshops – every plan has a start; Planner gave perspective to see what other towns have done; we are moving forward; Laffin property

was purchased; disappointed only 15 people attended workshop last Saturday; reaching out to Bank of America about building for a proposed bus station/parking; all residents want town to be better

- Rehabilitation zone – got \$400,000 for Lincoln School
- Budget – questioned Clm. Jones' vote on budget and why he didn't discuss ideas with Council to improve budget
- Insurance coverage - \$140,000 savings; LED lighting - \$57,000 savings
- Will be working with Chief Tinitigan on a new bike ordinance

Councilman Hutchison

- Attended Too Good for Drugs Graduation at Middle School – 195 students; great program
- Attended Board of Health meeting; Post Office food drive on 5/14; Painting Party on 9/22; County sprays for mosquitoes 5/1 through 10/31
- Attended Redevelopment workshop on 4/23 – surprised at low turnout; Planner took a lot of time putting together presentation; brainstorming of ideas; slide show of other towns to see what has been done
- Municipal Alliance Car Show – canceled due to rain
- 4/27 – Denim Day
- 5/5 – Blessing of Vehicles at St. Stephen's at 7:00 p.m.
- 5/8 – Happy Mother's Day
- 4/28 – John Scala's Birthday – 88 years old; Happy Birthday Mr. South River
- Budget – books were made available to all Council members on 3/4; Budget Committee met a few times; Department Heads we met with were for capital purchases – SRPD, Fire, and Rescue Squad; there were no questions or concerns over the last seven weeks; questioned Clm. Jones vote on budget as a member of Budget Committee

Mayor Krenzel

- Mosquito spraying – not much warning
- Municipal Alliance Car Show – cancelled due to rain; new date is 6/11
- Budget – based on what has happened in past; slowly taxes will go up; less reliance on Electric Utility; electric is high, we take money out of electric to pay for Borough's bills
- Attended Art Show at school on 4/15 – impressive work
- Attended Fire Chief's dinner on 4/15
- Many things happening in South River
- Redevelopment workshops – Planning Board hosted meeting to get ideas for redevelopment; Planner gave slide presentation; Planner will review comments and incorporate into plan
- Attended American Legion breakfast; met new Commander
- Happy Greek Orthodox Easter
- Happy Mother's Day

PUBLIC COMMENTS-(good and welfare of Borough)

Louis Glogower, 15 Morningside Ave.

- Will review budget line item by line item; meeting tonight was educational for public
- Redevelopment workshop – didn't need to see negative slides in presentation; Planner will come up with plan based on comments received
- Questioned plan for Bank of American building

John Sapata, 35 Monush St.

- Redevelopment workshops – poor attendance; son attended meeting with him; after meeting, someone criticized that kids attended; people are discouraged to participate due to name calling and criticizing comments

Sue Olsen, 9 Albert St.

- Relayed a message (via phone) from representative of Disaster Recovery offering South River free sustainability event
- Puerto Rican Action Board – call 732-828-4510 for assistance
- Banners are ready for Parade
- Suggested one calendar for the town
- Facebook – stop spreading rumors; solar panels are allowed in South River

Joe Hyland, 25 Whitehead Ave.

- Read a statement on Arbor Day/Earth Day and the planting of trees; met with Fred Carr and John Frost about the removal of trees throughout South River; asked Council to come up with strategy to fix curbs and sidewalks without removing trees

Emily Grasso, 13 Darrow St.

- Distributed pictures of trees that have X's to Council and asked if they could be saved; questioned ordinance regulating planting of trees

Charles Basner, Arlingtgon Ave.

- Asked Council to have DPW hold off with removing trees with X's by school

Jack Alai, 198 Main St.

- Commented that all of the trees removed from South River and flow problems may be related

Emily Grasso, 13 Darrow St.

- Asked that the 15 trees on David, Clark, Claremont and Jackson be spared as well

John Scala, 440 Old Bridge Turnpike

- South River has the lowest municipal tax rate; price of food and gas has gone up; has to be passed on to consumer/property owner; accept tax increase
- Lots of improvements in town; streets look so clean, DPW does great job
- Clm. Ciulla saving on light bulbs
- South River gives good service
- Thanked residents of South River for condolences on his wife's passing

No further comments were made. Councilman Hutchison moved that the public portion be closed. Councilman Ciulla seconded the motion. So carried.

Adjournment

Councilman Ciulla moved that this meeting be adjourned at 11:10 p.m. Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on
May 6, 2016

Patricia O'Connor, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved at the regular meeting
held on May 9, 2016