

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS IS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975 AND BY RESOLUTION 2009-6 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

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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 January 12, 2009 and was called to order by Mayor Raymond T. Eppinger at 8:30 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, Razzano, Trenga, and Trzeciak

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

#### MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting No. 27 held on December 23, 2008 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilwoman Trzeciak moved that the Minutes be approved as presented. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion. So carried. Councilmembers Almeida and Guindi abstained.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 1 held on January 1, 2009 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Trzeciak moved that the Minutes be approved as presented. Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 18 held on October 22, 2007 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Trzeciak moved that the Minutes be approved as presented. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion. So carried. Councilmembers Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison and Trenga abstained.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 15 held on May 24, 2004 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Razzano moved that the Minutes be approved as presented in form only. Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

ORD 2009-1

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 253-1(A) OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER ENTITLED  
“PEACE AND GOOD ORDER”

Councilman Hutchison moved that the Council pass the said Ordinance on its First Reading by Title Only and that the Clerk be authorized to publish same as is required by Law with the Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on January 26, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Criminal Justice Building at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

ORD 2009-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
SOUTH RIVER, CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC” BY AMENDING SECTION 193-31.1, SCHEDULE IIA  
“HANDICAPPED PARKING” THEREOF

Councilman Hutchison moved that the Council pass the said Ordinance on its First Reading by Title Only and that the Clerk be authorized to publish same as is required by Law with the Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on January 26, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Criminal Justice Building at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

ORD 2009-3

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2004-40  
CREATING A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT JEFFRIE  
AVENUE

Councilman Hutchison moved that the Council pass the said Ordinance on its First Reading by Title Only and that the Clerk be authorized to publish same as is required by Law with the Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on January 26, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. in the

Council Chambers of the Criminal Justice Building at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES:2009-65

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the Board of Health:

Teresa Hutchison

Term: 1/1/09 – 12/31/11

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger  
Mayor

/s/ John Trzeciak  
Councilmember

/s/ Peter Guindi  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Hutchison

RES:2009-66

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the Board of Health:

Ruth Byczkowski

Term: 1/1/09 – 12/31/11

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger  
Mayor

/s/ John Trzeciak  
Councilmember

/s/ Peter Guindi  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak

NAYS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano

**Tie Vote**

Mayor Eppinger voted yes on Resolution 2009-66.

RES:2009-67

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the Board of Health:

Joan Pisuk (Alternate 1)

Term: 1/1/09 – 12/31/10

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger  
Mayor

/s/ John Trzeciak  
Councilmember

/s/ Peter Guindi  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES:2009-68

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the Board of Health:

Joanne Dembinski (Alternate 2) Term: 1/1/09 – 12/31/09

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger  
Mayor

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Jim Hutchison  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES:2009-69

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the Economic Development Commission:

Anita Hermstedt

Term: 1/1/09 – 12/31/12

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger  
Mayor

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Jim Hutchison  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES:2009-70

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to establish a committee to plan and implement annual Memorial Day Parades in the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following are hereby appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee to plan and implement annual Memorial Day Parades:

- Dorothy Swiderski
- Carol May
- Mario Andre
- Suzanne Buffalino
- James Gurchensky, VFW Commander
- Eugene Wiecek, American Legion Commander

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilman Rui Almeida is hereby appointed as liaison to said committee.

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

RES: 2009-71

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Borough of South River hereby grants permission to the South River Rescue Squad, Inc. to take the steps necessary to obtain New Jersey State Department of Health certification of Ambulances 545 and 546; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of South River grants permission for the employees of the paid EMS service (South River Emergency Medical Services, Inc.) to staff the Department of Health-certified vehicles, and to utilize the Rescue Squad Station facilities and medical supplies, for the purpose of providing a paid EMS service during the hours covered by the paid staff.

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES: 2009-72

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer originally calculated a performance bond in an original amount of \$2,214.00 to be posted in connection with the Gomes subdivision for Block 159, Lots 5.01 and 6.01; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has determined that all site work has been performed in connection with this project as outlined in his letter dated January 6, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the performance bond be released subject to payment of all outstanding engineering inspection or other borough fees, and posting of a two year maintenance bond in the amount of \$322.10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey that the performance bond posted by the developer may be released, subject to payment of any and all outstanding engineering inspection fees, any other fees due the Borough of South River and posting of the aforesaid maintenance bond.

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES: 2009-73

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the official utility 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 Utility Collector recommends these changes as listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Utility Collector be and he is authorized to make the necessary adjustments, indicated below and any attached list.

<u>UTILITY CUSTOMER</u>				
<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BURZAWA, WALTER & ELENOR 340 Whitehead Ave Apt 307 South River, NJ 08882 #65-999-984-765	Elec Credit  MUNICIPAL LIFELINE	Refund	2008	\$204.93

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES: 2009-74

JANUARY 12, 2009

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>
65-999-949-686 CD	OLIVIA ANDRECZSKI 24208 CORNERSTONE DR YARDLEY, PA 19067	\$54.43
65-999-936-299 CD	SCOTT BURDASH 169 WHITEHEAD AVE APT 1 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$42.10
65-999-984-765 CD	WALTER & ELENOR BURZAWA 16 S GRANT ST FORDS, NJ 08863	\$129.40
65-999-962-765 CD	BETTY CORIANO 701 TORY ST CLEMENTON, NJ 08021	\$9.61
65-99-911-307 CD	VALDINEY CARVALHO DEAGUIAR 17 WATER ST 1 <sup>ST</sup> FL SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$92.06
65-999-989-220 CD	GEOVANNI DIGIORGI 35 THOMAS ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$91.71
65-999-892-222 CD	NIKOLE DOGOT 9 OLCASKEY AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$130.89
65-999-891-012 CD	ARTHUR & KATHLEEN FELDNER 128 HELMETTA RD MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$125.10
65-999-899-570 CD	ALBERTO JOAO 33 GRAND BLVD MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$135.78
65-999-947-607 CD	JANAINA LEAU 41 JACKSON ST APT C SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$199.19
65-999-908-524 CD	ELIO LEYTON 37 OBERT ST – FLOOR 1 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$123.89
65-999-904-003 CD	JORGE MANUEL 624 COLGATE AVE APT A2 PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861	\$133.52
65-999-898-712 CD	FERNANDO PATRICIO 97 PRENTICE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 088820	\$39.81
65-999-889-494 CD	ISIDRO REYES	\$183.83

280 OAK ST APT 6  
PASSAIC, NJ 07055

65-999-999-054 ELEC PRIOR	SEAN RUSH 51 HELMETTA RD MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$152.56
65-999-958-684 CD	GEORGE R SCHNEPF JR P O BOX 241 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$78.38
65-999-894-774 CD	REGINA SIMONELLI	\$171.84
65-999-894-774 ELEC PRIOR	42 OBERT ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$21.00

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES: 2009-75

JANUARY 12, 2009

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 22, 2008 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE: \$988,413.00

RESTORED FUNDS:

DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:

TOTAL \$988,413.00

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 February 13, 2009.

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES:2009-76

JANUARY 12, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, had previously authorized and directed the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of sealed bids for motor vehicle parts and supplies for the year 2009 in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on December 23, 2008 and opened and read aloud in public when it was determined that the bids submitted either did not contain required bidding documents or failed to include bids on items specified; and

WHEREAS, the Borough reserved the right in the bid specifications to reject all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that the above recited bids be and the same are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to return all bid securities submitted and re-advertise for motor vehicle parts and supplies.

Dated: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak  
NAYS: None

RES:2009-77

JANUARY 12, 2009

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, 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.

VENDOR

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALLIED OIL COMPANY LLC	2,283.00
AMERICAN POWERNET MGMT. LP	1,166.00
ALONGI, CARLO	578.40
ALONGI, CONSTANCE	578.40
AMERICAN UNIFORM & SUPPLY	1,790.46
ARCARI & IOVINO ARCHITECTS	750.00
APRUZZESE MCDERMOTT MASTRO	6,293.74
DANIELLE ANDERSON	115.42
BANNISTER CO.	37.80
BECK, CHERYL	55.00
BELL, KIM	141.42
BETTS & HOLT	844.21
BERNARD & NEBENZAHL, LLC	6,169.80
BIGNELL PLANNING CONSULTANTS	371.25
BIO SHINE, INC.	676.80
BODNAR, ROBERT	578.40

BYRAM LABORATORIES	795.04
BELLE, JEREOME	140.72
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO. LLC	166.14
CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS INC.	160.00
CEREKAS, ELAINE	578.40
CEREKAS, GEORGE	578.40
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	808.74
CME ASSOCIATES	17,473.00
COMCAST	262.33
COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTANTS	495.00
CRAPAROTTA, NORMA	578.40
CURTIS SERVICE INC.	1,447.00
CRUSADER SERVICES CORP	11,288.71
DARLEY	512.27
DILWORTH PAXSON LLP	4,720.00
EAST BRUNS. POLICE TRN FACILITY	60.00
EAST COAST CUSTOM LLC	221.00
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES	1,669.10
EIB, MARY	561.00
EIB, FRANCIS X.	561.00
ELECTRONIC POLICE FORMS LLC	575.00
FIT RITE UNIFORM CO. INC.	390.45
FREEMAN, GEORGE J.	578.40
FREEMAN, FLORENCE	578.40
GLESSMAN, JANICE	578.40
GLESSMAN, LEONARD	578.40
GRAINGER	139.00
HARRY HAULSHALTER, ATTY AT LAW	606.00
HOAGLAND, LONGO, MORAN, DUNST	517.50
HOME DEPOT	409.63
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	1,079.96
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	17.40
ESTATE OF R. G. HARVEY	70.16
HIMELMAN WERTHEIM & GELLER LLC	1,079.14
IN RANGE LLC	484.00
INSTRUMENT TECH. SERV. (I.T.S.)	1,686.53
INTERNATIONAL ASSN. OF ASSESSING	175.00
K & J LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT INC.	6,715.00
SAMUEL KLEIN & COJPANY	3,185.00
KOZLOWSKI, WALTER	429.00
LOMBARDI & LOMBARDI PA	200.00
LYONS, GEORGE	164.80
W. B. MASON CO.	1,199.48
MARTURANO RECREATION CO. INC.	759.93
MIDD. CTY. UTILITY AUTHORITY	32,719.86
MIDDLESEX WELDING SALES	48.50

MIDD. CTY. IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY	13,974.14
MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY	150.00
NEXTEL COMMUNICATONS	969.89
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	281.74
ONE CALL SYSTEMS INC.	28.60
PENTATEK SOLUTIONS INC.	3,141.82
PERONE, RAYMOND	322.00
PETERSEN, RONALD V.	578.40
PETERSEN, GERALDINE	578.40
PISCITELLI, SALVATOR	531.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS	7,791.16
PENDELTON, DANIELLE	24.55
SIVANANTHAN, SIVA	385.32
PINTO, LUCIANO	126.42
PURDON, TERENCE	200.00
QUEST DIAGNOSTCS INC.	212.94
REICHENBACH, ARTHUR R.	572.40
RKD TREE SERVICE INC.	1,200.00
RON'S OFFICE MAINTENANCE	800.00
ROYAL TRANSMISSIONS INC.	1,497.27
REICHENBACH, VIRGINIA	578.40
SAYREVILLE PET ADOPTION CENTER	770.00
SAMS CLUB	428.20
SAYREVILLE, BORO OF	7,799.23
SCHAFFER, ROBERT J.	561.00
SCALA, JOHN	321.00
SAMUEL, DAVID J., P.E.	518.84
SCHWARTZ, GARY M. ESQ.	5,612.50
SCHMIDT, WILLIAM A.	578.40
SEAGRAVE SALES & SERVICE LLC	2,742.87
SEAMAN, ALBERT	578.40
STA-SEAL INC.	397.18
SUDNIKOVICH, WALTER A.	578.40
SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIP. LLC	477.00
SALERNO, ANDREW	252.02
TANK INDUSTRY CONSULTANTS	13,600.00
TAYLOR OIL CO. INC.	2,958.96
TELX INC.	125.00
TEAM USA	1,290.00
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC.	18,554.66
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC.	2,113.95
US BANK-CUST/SASS MUNI V DTR	8,943.10
USA MOBILITY WIRELESS INC.	272.51
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,520.38
VERIZON	5,312.79
ZELANKO, LESLIE	78.00

ZIFOVSKI, ZLATEN

91.55

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano  
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida  
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano, Hutchison Trenga, Trzeciak

NAYS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Almeida

- Very enthusiastic about position on Council
- Looking forward to researching web page - more access to residents
- Looking forward to acting as liaison to various the Board of Health and Office on Aging.
- Commented on the federal stimulus package

Councilman Guindi

- Thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Borough Council
- Wished all a happy and healthy New Year
- Will carefully review the federal stimulus package
- Thanked SR Fire Dept. on a good job done on the first structural fire this year.

Councilman Hutchison

- Welcomed Councilmen Almeida and Guindi to the Borough Council
- Offered condolences to the family of Al Weinrib who passed away on December 18; he was very involved in the Handicapped and Disabled Committee.
- Congratulated the appointees to the Board of Health, Economic Development Commission and Memorial Day Parade Committee.
- Parks and Recreation meeting held on 1/6/09; first day of basketball was yesterday; 40 signups for wrestling; fireworks on 7/1/09 with a rain date of 7/2/09; next meeting is 2/10/09.
- Environmental/Shade Tree – met last week ; established a working project plan; recycling – getting haphazard – reminded residents not to mix garbage with recycling; tree planting – ensure ordinance is being followed.
- 1/13/09 – Alternative Energy Committee meeting – Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Razzano

- Offered condolences to the family of Al Weinrib
- Congratulations to all appointees
- Free throw was cancelled last Saturday due to weather; new date to be announced.
- South River Landings Residents Association sent a donation to the South River Rescue Squad, Police and Fire Department to thank them for their service.

#### Councilman Trenga

- Welcomed new Councilmembers
- Thanked employees and volunteers for their hard work
- Offered condolences to the family of Al Weinrib
- 2/12/09 – next meeting of the Economic Development Committee; asked Mr. Salerno to send out e-mail to members advising them of next meeting.
- 1/13/09 – Alternative Energy Committee meeting
- Looking forward to working with the Planning Board

#### Councilman Trzeciak

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Prayers and thoughts go out to family of Al Weinrib
- Streets and roads improvements – prioritizing certain roads, plan is in progress, if there is any way possible to pave more streets, it will be done.
- Looking forward to working with Councilmen Almeida and Guindi on the budget.

#### Mayor's Comments

- Encouraged residents to check out the Borough website on videos on South River
- Thanked Board of Education, Pat O'Connor, Sheryl Nevin and Debbie Jones for their work on the Organizational Meeting on 1/1/09; thanked Art Londensky for trying to get it taped.
- Welcomed Councilmen Almeida and Guindi
- Master Plan will be updated – will take more than a year
- 1/20/09 - Planning Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Congratulated Deputy Chief John Bouthillette who was accepted into the FBI Academy, which is a very prestigious class.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (good & welfare of Borough)

##### Ed Trygar

- Asked about figures for the Electric Utility. Mr. Salerno stated that the figures will be put up on the website.
- Asked about signs on Main Street. Mr. Salerno said that this will be addressed in the Master Plan. It will not only be on Main Street, it will be addressed throughout the Borough. Mr. Trygar asked the Council to consider putting up signs upon entering South River that would say "South River Business District".

Teresa Hutchison, 3 Washington Street

- Offered condolences to family of Al Weinrib. He was a valued member of the Handicapped and Disabled Committee.

Alex Gabler

- Asked when we go out to bid for electric. Mr. Salerno stated that we are now in a managed contract and that we are going back into market in the next few weeks. Mr. Gabler said the rates are going down and asked how that will affect the residents. Mr. Salerno stated that he will present to the Borough Council options as to what they can do with the reduction. Mr. Gabler said that he supports reduction in debt or reduced rates to residents.
- Asked when the budget would be introduced. Mr. Salerno stated March or April.
- Asked if we can pass budget without extraordinary aid or a cap waiver as Gov. Corzine is not going to allow these. Mr. Salerno said our goal is not to have extraordinary aid or a cap waiver.
- Pension deferral – prefers that it not be deferred. Mayor Eppinger stated that the Borough Council agrees that it not be deferred.
- Paying bond debt should be top priority. Should set up system where you do not have to bond for everything, should only bond for buildings and million dollar projects.

Paul Zelanko, Board of Health Member

- Holiday Feel Good Triple Play Board of Health sponsored event held in December was a success – more than 25 people gave blood; significant amount contributed money and supplies; raised additional funds through bake sale to help pay for postage; thanked everyone who helped with the set up; thanked the Sentinel for the excellent article.
- 1/17/09 – Board of Health Rabies clinic – Ivan Way - opened to all Middlesex County residents.
- Disappointed that Mrs. Pisuk was not appointed as a Regular Member on the Board of Health. Understands it is the Mayor's decision – no one can deny how qualified members are.
- First meeting is on Wednesday, 1/14/09. Welcomed Dr. Hutchison on her appointment to the Board of Health.
- Unable to attend Reorganization meeting – sorry it was not on TV.

Joe Lucariello, 1 Union Ave.

- Commented on a water problem at the corner of Union and Yates – very hazardous condition – problem caused by new home. Water is coming down like Niagara Falls. Mr. Salerno stated that this issue was brought to the Mayor's attention. Mayor Eppinger said that he spoke to the Borough Engineer regarding the problem. Mr. Salerno stated that he will be meeting with the property owner and Code Enforcement to rectify the problem and to reduce water runoff.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Razzano moved that this meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.. Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on  
January 22, 2009.

Patricia O'Connor, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved at the regular meeting  
held on January 26, 2009.