

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

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 February 23, 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. 4 held on February 9, 2009 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

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

The Minutes of Meeting No. 16 held on June 2, 2004 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

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

The Minutes of Meeting No. 17 held on June 9, 2004 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

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

The Minutes of Meeting No. 22 held on July 19, 2004 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

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

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORD 2009-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH RIVER, CHAPTER 31 THEREOF, ENTITLED
“CLAIMS APPROVAL” BY AMENDING SECTION 31-5 AND
REPEALING SECTION 31-7 THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 31 of the Code of the Bough of South River entitled “Claims Approval” is hereby amended by amending section 31-5 and repealing section 31-7 as follows:

31-5 Preparation of List for Council Meeting

The Chief Financial Officer shall prepare for each regular meeting of the Council a list of all bills, claims and vouchers to be paid and “previously paid” as hereinafter defined. Such list shall be prepared in sufficient quantity for each member of the Council and the Mayor, and at least one (1) copy shall be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk as a public record open to examination. All vouchers that are presented for payment shall be in a format which includes a list of vouchers indicating each payee, description of claim and amount thereof. The list of vouchers shall be approved or disapproved pursuant to a formal resolution requiring a majority vote of the Mayor and Council at a regular or special meeting.

All invoices or bills to the Borough for statutory or mandated payments required for debt service, County and School levy apportionments, employer’s contributions to State pension systems, insurance premiums, electric, telephone and natural gas utilities, operating lease payments, tax title lien redemptions, postage, payroll processing service fees, utility billing processing fees, and similar non-discretionary expenses such as bulk water purchases, purchased power and related expense, recycling services, solid waste disposal, interlocal services, state agencies for locally generated revenue and fees, i.e. marriage license, construction code, animal control and similar fees, interfund advances and liquidation, gasoline or diesel fuel purchases under state contract and execution of wire transfers for named vendors or services as enumerated herein may be made by the Chief Financial Officer and included on the list of vouchers presented at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council as “previously paid” bills but only if such payments are approved in advance by the Borough Administrator upon receipt of properly executed vouchers.

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph,

subdivision, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

Mayor Eppinger opened the hearing to the public for comments/questions. No comments were made. Councilman Razzano moved that the public hearing be closed. Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried.

Mayor Eppinger asked the Councilmembers as to the action to be taken on this Ordinance. Councilman Razzano moved that the Ordinance be approved and the Clerk be authorized to publish same as is required by law. Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion.

Mayor Eppinger asked if the Councilmembers have any comments. Hearing none, he asked the Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only)

Joe Manzo, 440 Old Bridge Turnpike

- Asked if the \$11,900 HCD funds for the OOA building were needed to get the CO. Mr. Salerno said no.

Marilyn Meloni, 53 Kamm Ave.

- Commented that at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on HCD, we were talking about putting a sign up for Cannon Park.

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

LICENSES

RL: 1314 – South River High School Booster Club (off premise 50/50)

Councilman Razzano moved that the above-referenced license be approved. Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RES: 2009-100

FEBRUARY 23, 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 preventative maintenance at Willet Avenue Substation in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on February 3, 2009 and opened and read aloud in public and an examination thereof shows that High Energy Electrical Testing, Inc. was the apparent low bidder thereon with a bid of \$69,710.00 as noted in the report of the electric engineer dated February 4, 2009.

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, the State of New Jersey, that the above recited bid be and the same is hereby accepted and that a contract be and the same is hereby awarded to High Energy Electrical Testing, Inc., as per the bid so submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction but only upon submission of all documents required by the bid specifications and approval of same by the appropriate borough officials.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES:2009-101

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development met on February 9, 2009 and has recommended that the Borough's 2009 funding allocation from the Housing and Community Development Block Grant be made as follows:

1. \$11,900 for funding Office on Aging building improvements and equipment.
2. \$40,000.00 for curb, sidewalk and streetscape improvements along Whitehead Avenue between Jackson Street and Anne Street, the "Welcome" sign at Anne Street and Whitehead Avenue and removal of the storage building at Daley's Park.
3. \$30,000.00 for the flagpole(s)/sign/monument/plaque at Cannon Brothers Park, the aerator for Daley's Pond and the repaving of the basketball court at JFK Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Borough Engineer and other appropriate officials prepare and submit the aforesaid project proposals to the Middlesex County Public Housing Agency.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES: 2009-102

FEBRUARY 23, 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>
65-999-958-354CD	VASCO REGULA – SOUTH RIVER STATION 232 THIRD ST. & PINE ELIZABETH, NJ 07206	\$913.99

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES:2009-103

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the resignation letter submitted by Stephanie Nolan and Jordan Nolan, Members of the South River Rescue Squad, dated February 9, 2009, is hereby accepted.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES; 2009-104

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists the need for the services of an agency to provide various public health services for the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act (N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq.) permits the entering into a contract with any other local unit of the State without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of South River has certified that funds in the amount of \$54,258.00 for the awarding of the said contract described herein are to be made available in the 2009 municipal budget under budget code 9-01-27-331-200.

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 and the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with:

County of Middlesex
County Administration Building
One John F. Kennedy Square
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

to provide various public health services;

2. This contract is awarded as an interlocal service agreement under the provision of the Interlocal Services Act (N.J.S.A.40:8A-1 et seq.) since this contract is for services performed by another unit of the State which is authorized to render said services within its jurisdiction;

3. Said contract is now of record and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk for public inspection.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES:2009-105

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a professional planner to provide planning services to the borough to update and revise the Master Plan of the Borough, and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of South River has provided a certification in writing as to the availability of adequate funds for the awarding of the contract described herein.

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, the State of New Jersey:

1. That Henry Bignell, P.P. of Bignell Planning Consultants is hereby authorized to provide planning services to the borough to update and revise the Master Plan at a fee not to exceed \$70,000.00 pursuant to the attached contract and his previous actions in this regard are hereby ratified.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-5 (1) (1) since this contract is for services performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it was not possible to obtain competitive bidding.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of South River within ten (10) days of its passage.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES:2009-106

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough South River that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to execute the Contract with Sayreville Pet Adoption Center for duration of one year, said funds shall be paid from Budget Code No. 9-01-20-155-200.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES: 2009-107

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough South River that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to

execute the Contract with the Sayrebrook Veterinary Services for duration of one year, said funds shall be paid from Budget Code No. 9-01-20-155-200.

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES:2009-108

FEBRUARY 23, 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.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BOMBA, ZBIGNIEW	500.00
AJM EMBROIDERY & SCREEN PRINTING	212.50
AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSN.	1,922.94
AT&T	62.70
ATLANTIC SALT INC.	7,344.62
APRUZZESE MCDERMOTT MASTRO	645.00
ASIM & ARSHIA ABBASI	177.95
ANWAR ALI	96.34
BIGNELL PLANNING CON SULTANTS	716.25
JOSEPH BELARDO	121.55

ROMINA BLANKLIDER	453.68
EUGENY BOGOSLOSKY	126.15
CLAIR BRANDT	202.68
DONALD BROWN	791.63
ANTHONY BUFFALINO	1,095.74
CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE	7,357.68
CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	2,830.87
CITY CONNECTIONS LLC	1,799.00
CME ASSOCIATES	27,831.50
COMCAST	262.34
CUMMINS-ALLISON CORP.	376.00
VITOR CALLE	191.49
JEFFREY CASTILLO	150.75
CENTURY 21 CHARLES SMITH AGENCY	2.32
WALTER CHAVES	94.80
BRIAN COLE	1,827.51
JOANNE COMAIANNI	25.00
DAVIS INSTRUMENTS	312.00
DELL MARKETING LP	5,935.18
DOOR TO DOOR DUMB BELLS	245.00
FRANCES M. DECARLO	90.00
DILWORTH PAXTON LLP	900.00
GIOVANNI DUBOSE	127.82
EDMUNDS & ASSOC.	6,576.80
EXAMINETICS INC.	5,945.50
REJANE FRANCO	195.00
MADGI FARAG	146.12
MARIANA FRANCO-NEVES	155.11
GALLS INC.	4,701.26
GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY INC.	80.00
JUAN MENDOZA GIL	331.91
IVAN GOKH	8.53
JUAN GONZALEZ	161.33
NOEL & HEIDI GONDALEZ	139.25
NADER GUIGUIS	146.12
LUIS GUITTIERREZ	109.28
BOROUGH OF HELMETTA	2,525.00
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	277.53
HORVATH, ROBERT	500.00
VERNON GATLING	5,020.79
JASON HECK	172.06
HIGHLAND PARK CONSERV. TEMPLE	982.61
IRON MOUNTAIN	79.95
DIANE LORENZA T/A	545.28
BENJAMIN JIMENEZ	107.22

JUDITH KAISER	161.14
IRYNA KRYSHCHUK	190.03
LAB SAFETY SUPPLY INC.	336.47
GLEN LAURITSEN	610.00
LOLLICUP USA INC.	97.00
LOMBARDI & LOMBARDI PA	156.00
LOSINSKI, GARY	500.00
JEAMERSON LEAO	179.95
W. B. MASON CO.	678.08
MIDD. CTY. IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY	1,375.20
MIRACLE CHEMICAL CO.	738.00
MICRO SYSTEMS-NJ. COM LLC	133.25
THERESA MARTINEZ	117.55
ELIOT MAUS	24.97
RICARDO MENDONCA	137.68
CHRISTINE MITCHELL	85.39
MANUEL MURILLO	20.36
NEW PIG INC.	854.80
NJ PLANNING OFFICIALS	350.00
NORCIA CORP.	470.19
DONALD NOACK	116.71
NADINE OCHAT	27.95
WITOLD OGANCIACZYK	110.81
PENTATEK SOLUTIONS INC.	2,177.50
PUBLIC STORAGE	277.00
JOAO PEREIRA	166.38
KANTHIAH SIVANANTHAN	340.29
PRINCETON SUPPLY	978.10
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC.	70.98
RAZOR PRINTING INC.	138.00
RAYS SPORT SHOP INC.	2,315.90
RICOH AMERICA'S CORPORATION	4,344.42
ROYAL TRANSMISSIONS INC.	2,066.00
SAYREVILLE PET ADOPTION CENTER	1,270.00
SAMS CLUB	237.74
SAYREVILLE, BORO OF	3,893.68
SPRING BROOK WATER	30.00
STA-SEAL INC.	74.25
SWIFT ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO.	116.91
JOHN SAMSEL	87.70
T. M. BRENNAN CONTRACTORS INC.	1,425.90
TELX INC.	125.00
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP.	1,565.58
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC.	15,831.45
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC.	622.62

VALLEY POWER INC.	10,380.00
VANMETER & ASSOC. I NC.	470.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,308.30
VERIZON	1,596.00
WARNOCK FLEET AND LEASING	75.00
YUHAS PLUMBING & HEATING INC.	165.00
ZLATEN ZIFOVSKI	243.10

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2009

/s/ John Trzeciak
Councilmember

/s/ Rui Almeida
Councilmember

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Almeida

- Attended Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission meeting. Offered assistance to the Memorial Day Parade Committee.
- Attended Economic Development Commission meeting. Four car shows are planned for this year, also a Taste of South River is planned to bring attention to restaurants.
- Attended Municipal Alliance meeting. DARE graduation – 2/27/09 at 7:00 p.m. at Darul Arqam School.
- Attended Board of Health meeting last week. Met with Council of Churches on how Food Bank will be handled. Commented on Sayrewood Animal Shelter having a no kill policy.
- 2/25/09 – Memorial Day Parade Committee at 7:00 p.m.
- 2/28/09 – Budget Meeting - 8:00 a.m. at 48 Washington St.
- Governing body requested that Planning Board and Zoning Board post minutes on website. Board of Health will also post minutes on website. Asked the Borough Council to consider having minutes of various Borough commissions and committees post minutes on website as well. Mr. Schwartz recommended that various committees adopted by-laws.
- Continuing research on having Council meetings on website.

Councilman Guindi

- Commented that John Scala's picture was in the Sentinel.

- Attended EDC meeting. Skeeter Spitaleri is the Chairman. Wished the EDC all the best with the planned events for this year.
- Attended Lyons Club breakfast on Saturday.
- 2/26/09 – Board of Education meeting at SR High School Library – 7:00 p.m.
- Made a motion that he would like to offer residents immediate relief and cut electric rates by 10% to 30% reduction and would like to authorize the professionals to run the numbers and have a resolution at the next meeting. Councilman Almeida seconded the motion. Councilman Razzano stated that there has not been a review in the last 90 days and it is time for a comprehensive review. Councilman Razzano amended the motion to include a 2% surcharge. Councilman Almeida seconded the amendment to the motion.

Councilman Hutchison stated that a week is not sufficient time to provide insight on this matter and strongly suggested that more time be given. Councilman Trzeciak said it was a good idea to put this off and discuss at the budget workshop on February 28.

Mr. Schwartz stated there was a motion and then an amended motion and suggested that a vote be called on the amended motion, discussion take place and then vote on the motion. Mayor Eppinger asked the Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: None

Councilman Hutchison thought this matter should have been communicated before hand rather than during council comments. Councilman Trenga said he was not opposed to reducing rates, but will not move forward without further discussion. He needs more time. Councilman Razzano thought that we should have the professionals start working on researching the issue. Councilman Almeida stated that we are not looking to move a resolution now, just want to get professionals to start working on research.

Mayor Eppinger expressed disappointment that such an important issue as this was brought up in this manner. We have heard from the professionals as to why the rates are what they are. We all know that the rates are hard on everyone and we all have to work together as a Council. Councilman Razzano said we were assured that we would get a report every 90 days. Mayor Eppinger stated there is a report given to the Council every month and it is posted on the website. Councilman Razzano commented that the report does not tell us where we stand with the rates and would like to get a complete impact study. Mr. Salerno discussed what it costs to run the utility including the revenues to the current fund which is direct property tax relief. Councilman Almeida stated we banked \$2.7 million last year and if nothing changes, we will bank another \$2.7 million. He did not think there was any harm in factoring a reduction in rate for residents.

Mayor Eppinger recommended that before we move forward with any type of resolution, the Borough Council hear what the professionals have to say at the budget workshop meeting on Saturday. The concept of the budget was to preserve service.

Mayor Eppinger called for a vote on the motion as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Almeida, Guindi, Razzano

NAYS: Hutchison, Trenga, Trzeciak

TIE Vote: Mayor Eppinger voted no.

Councilman Hutchison

- Alternative Energy Committee met on 2/10/09. Next meeting is 3/10/09. AEC has created by-laws and will submit to the Borough Council.
- Parks and Recreation meeting held on 2/10/09. Next meeting is 3/3/09 at 55 Reid St. Will check on by-laws.
- Girl Scout Maria Pisco is pursuing Council approval of a Gold Star project. Mr. Schwartz will prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting.
- Environmental/Shade Tree Committee met on 2/12/09. Will be submitting by-laws. Commended the Committee on the plaque and adopt a planter program. Plaques will be placed on planters. Next meeting is 3/12/09.
- Parking Authority met on 2/19/09. Asked about the status of the bike racks. They are also awaiting delivery of a revised site plan for Main and Thomas. Next meeting is on 3/19/09.
- Daylight savings time starts on 3/8/09.

Councilman Razzano

- Noted that the Gold Award that Maria Pisco is pursuing is equivalent to an Eagle Scout Award.
- Contacted Glen Lauritsen about guidelines regarding permits and was advised that there is a list attached to the permit application.
- Commended Janet Dominiecki on her magnificent work in completing past minutes.
- Praised the SR Rescue Squad and Police for their quick response to the recent infant emergency. Noted that the Rescue Squad is progressing to a paid EMS and we are in wonderful hands with emergency services.
- Attended Public Safety Committee meeting this evening. Commended Mr. Benn and Mr. Lodensky on all the work they do for the borough.
- Attended Municipal Alliance meeting. Several programs planned. Det. Novak does a good job. Bike Rodeo is planned for 5/9/09 at SR High School.

- Attended Blue and Gold Dinner last Saturday and extended congratulations to all of the scouts and leaders.
- Attended Lyons Club breakfast. Club does great work to help the visual and hearing impaired.
- Still looking into water credit for seniors.
- Will be attending the DARE graduation on Friday night.
- Budget workshop meeting is on 2/28/09 – 8:00 a.m. at 48 Washington St.
- Receiving complaints on Comcast and will pass them on to the Borough Administrator.
- Has chosen not to run for re-election this year. Great town and great people.

Councilman Trenga

- Thanked employees for their hard work.
- Sad to hear Councilman Razzano will not be running next year. It has been a pleasure and honor serving with him.
- EDC had recent meeting. Skeeter Spitaleri is Chairman. Have great respect for him. Looking at restaurant week. Trying to bring people into South River.
- Attended Planning Board meeting. Potential Thomas and Main St. project. Looking to re-do Master Plan. Encouraged resident to come to Planning Board meetings.
- Budget workshop – 2/28/09.
- Attended Lyons Club Breakfast last Saturday – great food.
- Attended Black History Program at Union Baptist Church. Officiate gave a wonderful sermon. Power in church was incredible. Wonderful group of people. Thanked pastor for making him feel so welcome.

Councilman Trzeciak

- Library Board of Trustees had meeting tonight. Library is one of our greatest assets.
- Attended Lyons Club breakfast. Thanked all who attended.
- Budget workshop – 2/28/09. Will generate discussion and talk to professionals. What we do this year will have repercussions in the future.
- Parking Authority – bike racks being discussed through town.
- Had some problem with Comcast – possibly related to wind.
- Attended Union Baptist Church Black History Month services. Impressed with service. Will reach out to pastor to do invocation for Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor's Comments

- Had a good time attending Lyons Club breakfast.
- Attended EDC meeting with Councilmen Almeida and Guindi.
- DARE graduation – 2/27/09.
- Approved Planner contract to begin review of Master Plan.
- Budget meeting – 2/28/09 at 8:00 p.m., 48 Washington St.
- 3/8/09 – St. Patrick's Dinner at American Legion
- Borough getting involved with NJ Share Program. Details to follow.
- Power outage on 2/12/09 at substation. PSE&G need to correct problem.

- Stimulus Plan – Towns with population greater than 35,000 will deal directly with federal government. Towns with population under 35,000 will deal with state and county. South River will be well represented.
- Elected First Vice President of Middlesex County Conference of Mayors.
- Will be meeting with Cub Pack 83 – scouts are working on a citizenship award. The younger scouts will come on 3/9/09 at 6:30 p.m. before the Council meeting begins to learn the workings of government. The older scouts will come at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting on 3/23/09.

Public Comment (for good and welfare of borough)

Joe Manzo, 440 Old Bridge Turnpike

- Sad to hear that Tony Razzano will not be running for re-election.
- Complained about recycling that on windy days, bottles are strewn all over town and requested that the spills be cleaned up.
- Read article in the Sentinel on Mr. Scala. Praised and thanked him for his 26 years of service to the town.

Marilyn Meloni, 53 Kamm Ave.

- Commented that the recycling problem is not just on windy days. Bottles are dropped all of the time. George Lyons has called the county a number of times regarding complaints. Mayor Eppinger stated that a letter can be sent to the county regarding the problem.

Daniel Palka, 34 Rose St.

- Built a new house in 2008. Expressed concern regarding water line. He installed a water filter and had to replace it in two weeks because the filter looked like mud. He asked the Borough to rectify the problem with the water line.
- Concerned about the speeding problem on Rose St. and asked that speed bumps be installed. Was told that could not be done. He suggested that a four-way stop sign be put in place. Mayor Eppinger stated that he would look into it. A traffic study would have to be done. Mr. Salerno suggested that Mr. Palka contact him and he will discuss with Police.
- Had a variance on house in 2007. Expressed concern regarding his bond requirements and escrow related to the construction of his home and the amount of money that was returned to him. Mr. Salerno stated that he will look into the matter with the Borough Engineer and report back to the Council.
- Complained about the construction fees charged by Old Bridge.

Walter Swiderski, 458 Old Bridge Turnpike

- Commented on the lights on Main Street and requested that the wattage be reduced to cut down on the expense to the taxpayers. Mayor Eppinger stated that he would look into it.

Bonnie Trygar

- Requested that the Council consider having an ordinance on a Consumer Bill of Rights to protect residents from having the electric turned off. Mr. Salerno stated that there is a law that prevents shutting off electric when it is a certain temperature. He added that the Municipal Lifeline program also aids residents. Mr. Salerno noted that the Borough has agreements with residents to make payment arrangements..

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Razzano moved that this meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Councilman Guindi seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on
March 6, 2009.

Patricia O'Connor, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved at the regular meeting
held on March 9, 2009