

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS IS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975 AND BY RESOLUTION 2008-14 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 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 May 27, 2008 and was called to order by Mayor Raymond T. Eppinger at 8:00 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 Buffalino, Hutchison, Krenzel, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Eppinger advised that this was the official public hearing for the 2008 Budget, however, there would not be a vote on the budget this evening as the State has to approve the Borough's request for extraordinary aid. He is not sure when the State will approve it at this time.

The hearing was opened to the public.

Ed Trygar, 1 Johnson Place

- Asked about Electric Utility and the 67% increase and why the revenues showed \$12 million and not \$14 million.
- Mr. Stankiewicz stated that \$12.2 million is anticipated to balance the budget.
- Asked about \$10,000 for redevelopment fees in the current fund.
- Mr. Salerno stated that money is budgeted for the Master Plan update.

Bill England, 3 High Street

- Asked what the shortfall was for total miscellaneous revenues in 2008 versus 2007.
- Mayor Eppinger stated revenues are sinking. There is a problem with the revenue cap issue. There are increases in contracts, benefits and insurance.
- Mr. Salerno stated that total general revenues are \$1 million off.

Mrs. Wyszynska, Bright Street

- Had concerns about her electric bill and requested a credit.
- Mayor Eppinger stated that she had met with Mr. Salerno and Mr. Dudas on this issue.

Alex Gabler, 2 Colin Drive

- Asked about the cap waiver. Mr. Salerno stated that if we receive waiver, we would not be reapplying next year, barring any unanticipated expense.
- Concerned that town will raise taxes next year, bonding should be reduced, also concerned about debt service. Mayor Eppinger made reference to all of the improvements the town needs.
- Suggested that the town consider buying used equipment in order to save money.
- Asked how can we get revenues back up. Mr. Salerno stated that the property tax rate needs to be stabilized in conjunction with electric and water rates.
- Commented that court fines dropped 20% over the last two years.

Jim Mailer, 2 Ryan Ave.

- Asked about the New Brunswick agreement regarding water and sewer utility.
- Mr. Stankiewicz stated that you have to space out money being spent. There is a need to prioritize.
- Mr. Salerno stated that there is an estimated \$8 million to \$10 million in sewer line work. Debt has been relatively constant.
- Mayor Eppinger stated there is \$16 million to \$20 million worth of projects needed and we have to prioritize.
- Mr. Trenga stated that the basic infrastructure is in disrepair.

Bill England, 3 High Street

- Suggested raising revenues to match expenses and looking into tax ratables to generate business.

Mario Andre, 16 Armstrong Avenue

- Asked if there would be another increase in taxes in 2009. Mr. Salerno stated that if the state grants the waiver, he does not see a spike in taxes.
- Asked about the reserve for uncollected taxes. Mr. Salerno stated that money is allocated for people who do not pay taxes.

There were no further questions. Councilman Razzano moved to close the public hearing. Councilman Trzeciak seconded the motion. So carried.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting No. 11 held on May 12, 2008 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

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

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 held on March 15, 2004 and Meeting No. 9 held on March 22, 2004 were submitted to the Council for acceptance as to form only and not as to content.

Councilman Krenzel moved that the Minutes be accepted. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion. So carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-(agenda items only)

Ed Trygar

- Asked about Councilman Trenga's report on South River properties. Mr. Schwartz advised that the report is not public at this time.
- Asked about the HCD Fund transfer for Whitehead Ave. Mayor Eppinger said that we are trying to get the business area fixed up.

There were no other comments. Councilman Hutchison moved that this part of the meeting be closed. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion. So carried.

LICENSES

SP08-1. A Special Bingo License application was submitted by Willett Manor Residents Association Inc. to conduct bingos at 340 Whitehead Avenue for a period of two years from April 9, 2008 to April 9, 2010.

RL-1291. An application was submitted by St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church to conduct a 50/50 on-premise raffle on September 14, 2008 at the Polanka on 209 William Street between the hours of 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. The proceeds will be used for improvement of church facilities.

RL-1292. An application was submitted by St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church to conduct an on-premise draw on September 14, 2008 at the Polanka on 209 William Street between the hours of 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. The proceeds will be used for improvement of church facilities.

Councilman Razzano moved that the licenses be approved. Councilman Trenga seconded the motion. So carried.

(Councilman Krenzel departed the Meeting Room at this time)

RESOLUTIONS

RES:2008-288

MAY 27, 2008

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>
65-999-982-554 CD	WIDER ALMEIDA 17 MILLER ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$114.62
65-999-901-539 CD	ANTHONY'S CHICKEN & GRILL C/O CHRIS MAYS 5 SODEN FARM LN PERRINEVILLE, NJ 08535	\$283.45
65-999-988-681 CD	MEGAN CORDERO 4 SUMMIT RD APT G10B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$154.88
65-999-989-792 CD	VILMA DASILVA P O BOX 119 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$139.53
65-999-932-141 CD	WALTER DEBRITO 6 EBERWEIN ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$124.69
65-999-901-022 CD	LYUBOV GUTEY 57 HILLSIDE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$35.70
65-999-910-504 CD	MARIO HUBERT 267 CONSTITUTION CIRCLE NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$148.15
66-999-987-558 WTR PRIOR	LIT - NORTHEND 33 COTTERS LANE EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$122.45

65-999-908-821 CD	MICHAEL MANNA 16 FOURTH ST EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	\$136.81
65-999-906-324 CD	LUCIANO PINTO 73 RUBIN ST APT D SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$126.42
65-999-898-140 CD	GLORIA PIREDDA 144 WHITEHEAD AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$102.58
65-999-906-830 CD	EHAB SAID C/O QUICK AID PHARMACY 569 MILLTOWN RD NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$148.75
65-999-898-393 CD	JOSEPH STRILKA	\$165.13
65-999-898-393 ELEC CURRENT	501 KING GEORGES RD WOODBIDGE, NJ 07095	\$42.73
65-999-903-101 CD	EUGENIO TERESO 47 JEFFRIE AVE APT 2 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$186.53
65-999-905-884 CD	PAUL THOMPSON 806 ROCKINGHAM DR FRANKLIN PARK, NJ 08823	\$110.80

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-289

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the official tax records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, rescissions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and collectibles on real estate, personal property taxes and special assessments should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

WHEREAS, the tax collector recommends these changes as listed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector be and she is authorized to make the necessary adjustments indicated below and on any attached list:

<u>Taxpayer</u>				
<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Auth</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>

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ALFONSO & ELAINE CIRELLI 45 WILLETT AVE SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 274 LOT 8	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$594.16
ROSETTA BRADLEY & CRAWFORD MOORE 4 SEPPI AVE SOUTH RIVER N.J. 08882 BLK 144 LOT 5	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$1,345.50
EMILIO & BARBARA RENTAS 31 PULAWSKI AVE SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 164.2 LOT 1	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$921.37
HARRY & MARTHA STIER 32 W. GROCHOWIAK ST SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 164.3 LOT 7	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$1,003.28
RODNEY & DEBORAH HARRIS 15 KATHRYN ST SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 298 LOT 14	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$1,243.12
STEVEN & KATHRYN COSTELLO 517 BENNETTS MILLS RD SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 332 LOT 9	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$946.24
HORACE CHANG & LINH THAI 2 CONGRESS LANE SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 355 LOT 1.18	OVERPAYMENT	REFUND	2008	\$1,784.25
BRIAN & KATHLEEN MAKAS 104 MONTICELLO WAY SOUTH RIVER, N.J. 08882 BLK 363.12	OVERPAYMENT	REFEUND	2008	\$2,512.57
			TOTAL	\$10,350.49

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-290

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the Borough's allocation for 2008 regarding funding from the Housing and Community Development program of Middlesex County in order to account for a shortfall in money allocated for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the program for 2008 requires the Borough to reduce its public service account by 13% and transfer such funding into capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that it requests its allocation of 2008 Housing and Community Development Program funding for Senior Citizen Coordinator be reduced from \$20,000 to \$17,400 and the said funds be transferred to the Borough's capital project proposal for the Whitehead Avenue sidewalk and streetscape improvements.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES: 2008-291

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is a holder of Certificates of Sale for unpaid municipal tax liens; and

WHEREAS, more than six (6) months have expired from the dates of the tax sales from which the Certificates arose; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is desirous of foreclosing said Certificates of Tax Sale held by it by summary proceedings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.32 et seq., as more particularly described and set forth in the Tax Foreclosure List attached hereto and made a part hereof and there is a need for an attorney to institute such proceedings.

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, State of New Jersey that James Rollyson, Esq., special counsel, be and is hereby authorized to institute in rem foreclosure proceedings.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

MAY 27, 2008

RES:2008-292

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an attorney to institute in rem tax foreclosure proceedings; 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 James Rollyson, Esq., is hereby appointed to institute in rem foreclosure proceedings for those properties designated on the attached tax foreclosure list for a fee not to exceed \$3,500.00 at an hourly rate of \$125.00.
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.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-293

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Dylan Teator to the position of Fire Cadet of the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River effective as of this date.

DATED: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger
Mayor

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-294

MAY 27, 2008

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 May 13, 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 June 12, 2008.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-295

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that Borough Attorney, Gary M. Schwartz, Esq. receives a retainer in the amount of \$5,154.00 for legal services for the year 2008.

MAY 27, 2008

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-296

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that Borough Engineer, David Samuel, P.E. of CME Associates, receives a retainer in the amount of \$3,113.00 for engineering services for the year 2008.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES: 2008-297

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the South River Portuguese Club located at 100 John Street, South River, New Jersey, has applied for a Special Events Permit for a Picnic to be held at 100 John Street, South River, New Jersey on June 7, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the South River Portuguese Club has requested that the guarantee bond requirement be waived.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the application of the South River Portuguese Club for a Picnic to be held at 100 John Street, South River, New Jersey on June 7, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is hereby approved contingent upon the following

1. Alcoholic beverages can only be served from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. during the Picnic.
2. There must be at least five (5) identifiable non-drinking members either by tag, badge, shirt, etc. assigned by the organization to provide security.

3. A one-day permit for a Family Picnic, if necessary, will be obtained by ABC.
4. Proof of Liability Insurance provided to the Borough of South River.
5. Said event must follow all the rules, regulations of State, County, and Local Government.
6. Subject to approval by the South River Police Department and compliance with any condition included in their approval.
7. There shall be no parking blocking the entrance or driveway area of the South River Portuguese Club's facility and fire lanes are to be clear of obstructions.
8. Shall be inspected prior to opening to public and shall comply with all Uniform Fire Codes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the guarantee bond requirement be waived.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES: 2008-298

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of the Borough of South River, Chapter 202, Article 5 through 14 et seq., requires all persons who operate a wrecker in the Borough of South River to first comply with the provisions of said code and to obtain a license therefore, as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, Rich's Towing Service has filed an application dated April 7, 2008 with the Borough Clerk for a wrecker license to be located at 1099 14th Street, North Brunswick, New Jersey pursuant to said code provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has referred said application to the proper officers of the Borough for the purpose of making investigations and/or inspections, in accordance with said Code provisions; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports and investigations of the appropriate Borough Officials that said application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the above referenced application for a wrecker's license be and the same is hereby approved.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

MAY 27, 2008

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES: 2008-299

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of the Borough of South River, Chapter 202, Article 5 through 14 et seq., requires all persons who operate a wrecker in the Borough of South River to first comply with the provisions of said code and to obtain a license therefore, as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, George Logan Towing, Inc., has filed an application dated April 7, 2008 with the Borough Clerk for a wrecker license to be located at 1979 Old Georges Road, North Brunswick, New Jersey pursuant to said code provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has referred said application to the proper officers of the Borough for the purpose of making investigations and/or inspections, in accordance with said Code provisions; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports and investigations of the appropriate Borough Officials that said application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the above-referenced application for a wrecker's license be and the same is hereby approved.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES: 2008-300

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Code of the Borough of South River, Chapter 202, Article 5 through 14 et seq., requires all persons who operate a wrecker in the Borough of South River to first comply with the provisions of said code and to obtain a license therefore, as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, Knoblock Towing has filed an application dated May 14, 2008 with the Borough Clerk for a wrecker license to be located at 178 Prospect Street, South River, New Jersey pursuant to said code provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has referred said application to the proper officers of the Borough for the purpose of making investigations and/or inspections, in accordance with said Code provisions; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports and investigations of the appropriate Borough Officials that said application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the above referenced application for a wrecker's license be and the same is hereby approved.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-301

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint Danielle Homza to the position of Probationary Member in the Rescue Squad of the Borough of South River effective as of this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is subject to the successful completion of:

1. Police background and fingerprint investigation
2. Physical examination
3. Drug/alcohol testing

DATED: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger
Mayor

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-302

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the South River Municipal Alliance is once again expecting to hold Heritage Day within the Borough of South River on Saturday, September 27, 2008, from noon until 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, to aid in the Heritage Day celebration, the South River Municipal Alliance is requesting that Montgomery Street be closed to vehicular traffic from its intersection with Claremont Avenue until its intersection with Johnson Place from the hours of 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the South River Municipal Alliance is hereby granted permission for Heritage Day to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and that Montgomery Street be closed at the intersections and times as set forth above.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES. 2008-303

MAY 27, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, electricity is an essential public service necessary for economic productivity and growth, and to improve the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, electricity rates throughout New Jersey, including the Borough of South River, have risen dramatically and are forecasted to continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, these price increases are attributable to a number of factors including increased costs for material, labor, and fuel, but a significant additional factor driving up retail electricity rates is the high prices utilities must pay for the power they purchase at wholesale; and

WHEREAS, the wholesale electricity market in our area is operated by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., a regional transmission organization (RTO), which is not subject to any

authority of the state, but rather is overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, when FERC approved the creation of this RTO-run market, it also “deregulated” electricity prices, allowing sellers to charge whatever the market would bear, under the theory that there would be effective competition to protect consumers from excessive prices as well as spur needed investments in new power plants and transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, there is no effective competition in this market and the results have been the opposite, with wholesale prices for electricity rising significantly and at a higher rate than in regions not served by an RTO, and with new power plant and transmission investments lagging behind the projected need; and

WHEREAS, these trends in the electricity industry come at a time of increasing general economic anxiety in New Jersey and throughout the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River call upon the United States Congress to take all necessary steps to ensure that the FERC protects electricity consumers and the economy by assuring that wholesale power prices in all RTO-run regions are “just and reasonable” as required under law.

DATE: MAY 27, 2008

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

/s/ James Hutchison
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

RES:2008-304

MAY 27, 2008

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>
ADVANCED GENERATOR	348.00
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC	4,616.08
APRUZZESE MCDERMOTT MASTRO	927.25
BELL, KIM	94.13
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	193.00
BETTS & HOLT	5,812.15
BIGNELL PLANNING CONSULTANTS	2,593.75
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NJ	8,575.07
BRIAN’S LAWN MOWER & SAW SVC	364.79
BROWN & BROWN INSURANCE	4,111.77
BIRNN CHOCOLATES	572.50
CLEAN AIR COMPANY	61.60

CME ASSOCIATES	31,965.10
COMCAST	194.12
CUMMINS-ALLISON CORP	367.00
DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION	1,324.05
DILWORTH PAXTON LLP	900.00
AUDREY DURANDO	75.00
REINA TIRE SERVICE INC	117.00
E & G EXTERMINATORS INC	200.00
TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	61,875.43
TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK	2,633.35
EZ PASS	50.00
EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS	461.00
EHRHARDT'S WATERFRONT BANQUET	100.00
FEDERATED FIRE SERVICE INC	177.00
GOLEC, CHRISTINE	37.61
GRAPHICS BY SPARANDERA	1,600.00
GUINDI, PETER	166.69
GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE	138.00
HARRY HAUSHALTER-ATTY AT LAW	171.60
HOAGLAND, LONGO, MORAN, DUNST	954.50
HOME DEPOT	699.39
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	279.51
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	21.51
SUNSET PRODUCTION INC	879.40
INT'L CITY/CNTY MGMT. ASSOC.	1,008.00
JENSEN, JOHN	205.00
KEYCO ELECTRIC INC	865.63
KAHSE, WILLIAM	85.60
LEONARD, JUDGE JOHN	350.00
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	1,599.59
LOMBARDI & LOMBARDI PA	1,227.00
MCCARTHY TIRE & AUTO SERVICE	1,009.92
W B MASON CO	3,458.55
RAPID PUMP & METER INC	7,232.25
RICOH BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	550.44
RUSSELL REID INC	4,127.87
RUTGERS THE STATE UNIVERSITY	1,485.00
RICH'S TOWING SERVICE	100.00
RIVERBOAT TOURS INC	450.00
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER	75.00
SAYREVILLE PET ADOPTION CENTER	770.00
SAYREVILLE, BORO OF	3,073.59
SCANLON, MICHAEL J	1,830.00
SCHWARTZ, GARY M ESQ	1,288.50
SIPERSTEIN'S	243.55
STS AUTO CENTER	79.50
SWECANSKI, PETER	27.68
STRICTLY 60'S	100.00
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	1,478.36
TOP HAT UNIFORM RENTAL	417.90
TURTLE & HUGHES INC	12,025.08
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC	3,768.85
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC	545.50
VERIZON	3,614.82
VFIS INC	6,954.00
WOODS RESTORATION SERVICES LLC	74,787.68
ZLATAN ZIFOVSKI	338.47

/s/ Michael Trenga
Councilman

/s/ John Trzeciak
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Krenzel

(Councilman Krenzel returned to the Meeting Room)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Razzano

- Thanked Councilwoman Buffalino for her efforts in organizing the Memorial Day Parade
- Attended NCADD seminar on teenage drinking. Primary source of alcohol for underage drinking is the home. Project Graduation is a way to cut back on teenage drinking. State encourages keg registration where if merchants participate in program, they will not be held liable.
- Attended Municipal Alliance meeting. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the South River High School Library. The Alliance works in concert with the Police Department.
- Heritage Day is on 9/27/08. The Municipal Alliance is sponsoring it and will be held rain or shine.
- Third Grade Government Day was very good. Freeholder Raffano and Congressman Holt were present. Congressman Holt gave South River a check for \$117,000 to pay for upgrading hand held radios for Police, Fire and Rescue Squad.
- Attended Cruise Night. Congratulated Economic Development Night for its success.

Councilwoman Buffalino

- Thanked the three Commanders for their help in organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Thanked the Police Department, Fire Police and all of the participants. Memorial service was very touching. Congratulated the essay contest winners.
- Congratulated Little House of South River on its 60th Anniversary.
- Portuguese Club Spring Fling will be held on 6/6/08 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Senior Advisory Committee on Handicapped and Disabled will have its first seminar on home care helpers on 6/13/08.
- Career Day went well. Mr. Koch, the Borough Engineer, was one of the speakers.
- Third Grade Government Day was well run. The check for \$117,000 was a pleasant surprise.

Councilman Hutchison

- Hockey skills seminar on 6/7/08. The New Jersey Devils mascot and a retired New Jersey Devils player will be present.
- Thanked Bill England for attending meeting with Compo Gas, a company specializing in alternative energy solutions.
- Attended Environmental Shade Tree Commission on 5/14/08. Thanked Brian Racin for his work on the Commission. Noted the new Chairman is Mario Andre.
- Thanked Councilwoman Buffalino for her efforts in organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Congratulated the essay contest winners. Commended the youth for realizing that the true meaning of Memorial Day is to honor the men and women who died for our country.

Councilman Trenga

- Thanked employees and volunteers for their hard work.
- Thanked Councilwoman Buffalino for her efforts in organizing the Memorial Day Parade.
- Economic Development Committee did a fantastic job in organizing Cruise Night.
- Rosa Branco is a great restaurant on Ferry Street.
- Will attend the Little House celebration and Spring Fling.

Councilman Trzeciak

- Thanked Councilwoman Buffalino on a job well done in organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Closing ceremony was a tribute to honor those who served and died for our country.
- Primary Election is on 6/3/08. Encouraged everyone to exercise the right to vote. Will attend the Spring Fling.
- Portuguese Club having dedication at Dailey's Pond and renaming it Vasco De Gama Field. Will also be raising money for the South River Volunteer Fire Department.
- Summit Engine Company will be having a booting fundraiser on 6/7/08 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilman Krenzel

- Cruise night was a successful event.
- Kudos to those who organized Third Grade Government Day.
- Encouraged residents to get involved in the Memorial Day Parade next year
- Primary Day is 6/3/08.
- Spring Fling is on 6/6/08.
- Vasco de Gama field dedication is on 6/7/08.
- On 1/1/08, the Borough Council took a different mindset regarding the budget and bonding. Trying to get control of revenue, raising it up a little every year to avoid a spike. We are working hard to avoid taxes from getting higher.
- Cited towns that have Abbott School Districts.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Encouraged residents to call or e-mail the Borough Council with any questions they may have.
- Thanked Councilwoman Buffalino for organizing the Memorial Day Parade.
- Thanked Mr. Salerno, Councilwoman Buffalino, Councilman Razzano and Councilman Krenzel for helping with Third Grade Government Day.
- South River received \$117,000 to upgrade hand held radios.
- Spring Fling is on 6/6/08.
- Vasco de Gama field dedication is on 6/7/08.
- If businesses would like to adopt a planter, forms are on the website.
- Borough Council did receive the needs assessment study and is reviewing it at this time. It is not available for the public yet. It is a document to begin discussion. Pledged that there will be public input.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-(good & welfare of Borough)

Ed Trygar, 1 Johnson Place

- Asked why the petition opposing Cruise Night was not given to the Borough Council. Mr. Trenga stated that the Mayor advised him to give it to the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.
- Concerned about a statement Mr. Trenga made regarding a blighted area of the town. Does not help businesses. Mr. Trenga stated that he was comfortable with his comments.
- Commented on the sidewalk café ordinance. Thought that the \$7 fee/per square footage was cost prohibitive and should be lowered.

Bill England, 3 High Street

- Economic Development Committee has to work very hard to improve the appearance of Main Street.
- Suggested that the Borough Council look into reducing fees for outdoor cafes.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Krenzler moved that this meeting be adjourned. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on
June 5, 2008.

Patricia O'Connor, RMC
Borough Clerk