

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 June 9, 2008 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 Buffalino, Hutchison, Krenzel, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak

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

MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting No. 12 held on May 27, 2008 were submitted to the Council for acceptance and/or amendment.

Councilman Krenzel moved that the Minutes be approved as presented. Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion. So carried.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 held on April 5, 2004 were submitted to the Council for acceptance as to form only, not as to content.

Councilman Krenzel moved that the Minutes be approved as presented. Councilman Hutchison seconded the motion. So carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-(agenda items only)

No comments were made. Councilman Krenzel moved that this part of the meeting be closed. Councilman Razzano seconded the motion. So carried.

LICENSES

RL-1293. An application was submitted by St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church to conduct raffles on August 21, 22 and 23, 2008 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at 20 William Street. The proceeds will be used for the maintenance of the church.

VENDING MACHINE AMUSEMENT LICENSE. An application was submitted by Ysais Perez to install a pool table in the bar/restaurant known as El Tenampa at 68 Jackson Street.

VENDING MACHINE AMUSEMENT LICENSE. An application was submitted by C.I.C. Corporation, Mountainside, NJ to install a music machine in the bar/restaurant known as El Tenampa at 68 Jackson Street.

VENDING MACHINE AMUSEMENT LICENSE. An application was submitted by Arcelina Grego to install a pool table and soccer billiard game in the Goldstar Bar Inc. at 33 Whitehead Avenue.

Councilman Krenzel moved that the licenses be approved. Councilwoman Buffalino seconded the motion. So carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RES:2008-305

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby amend Resolution 2008-269, dated April 28, 2008 and hereby appoint Rick Fallon to the position of Chief "B" at the salary of \$34.37/hour in the Electric Utility Department of the Department of Public Works in the Borough of South River effective April 1, 2008.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger
Mayor

Motion to confirm:

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

Second to motion:

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-306

JUNE 9, 2008

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 Improvements to Burton Avenue – Section II in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on May 20, 2008 and opened and read aloud in public and an examination thereof shows that S. Brothers, Inc. was the lowest and most responsible bidder thereon with a bid of \$156,814.50 as noted in the report of the borough engineer dated May 21, 2008 and borough attorney dated May 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified in writing that funds are available for the above purpose and are contained in Bond Ordinance 2008-14; and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract is contingent upon the contractor fully complying, if applicable, with the requirements of Public Law 1975, Chapter 127, known as the "Affirmative Action Law" and is subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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 bid be and the same is hereby accepted and that a contract be and the same is hereby awarded to S. Brothers, Inc., Inc. as per the bid so submitted on condition that the bidder shall provide 1) the percentage of the total project to be completed by both the general contractor and its subcontractors, 2) a current public works contractor registration certificate for Progressive Constructive Company, Inc., 3) experience statements for its subcontractors, 4) the form of its corporation, and 5) an initialed page C-14 regarding receipt of addenda.

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 upon submission of the above as well as approval of same by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the borough attorney and/or borough engineer.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-307

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the introduced 2008 Municipal Budget has not been finally adopted; and

WHEREAS, additional emergency temporary budget appropriations are required for the normal operation of the government and NJSA 40A:4-20 allows for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively consenting) that in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 emergency appropriations be made for:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries & Wages	42,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00

CABLE TELEVISION

500.00

MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
Salaries & Wages	11,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
BOROUGH CLERK	
Salaries & Wages	38,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
ELECTIONS	
Salaries & Wages	1,000.00
Other Expenses	1,500.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES	
Salaries & Wages	24,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	
Salaries & Wages	10,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	
Other Expenses	10,000.00
ENGINEERING	
Other Expenses	10,000.00
PLANNING BOARD	
Salaries & Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	4,000.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	
Other Expenses	300.00
BOARD OF AJUSTMENT	
Salaries & Wages	2,500.00
INSURANCE	
Surety Bonds	2,500.00
Liability Insurance	75,000.00
Workers Compensation	47,000.00
Group Health	390,000.00
Unemployment	5,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	
Salaries & Wages	1,300,000.00
Other Expenses	20,000.00
Special Police	
Salaries & Wages	
Other Expenses	3,000.00
School Guards	
Salaries & Wages	87,000.00

Police Dispatch	
Salaries & Wages	30,000.00
Emergency Management	
Salaries & Wages	100.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Volunteer Fire	
Other Expenses	20,000.00
Emergency Medical Services	
Other Expenses	20,000.00
Fire Protection	
Salaries & Wages	20,000.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries & Wages	75,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Public Defender	
Salaries & Wages	2,200.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salaries & Wages	6,000.00
Code Enforcement	
Salaries & Wages	23,000.00
Other Expenses	100.00
Road Repairs & Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	110,000.00
Other Expenses	10,000.00
Street Cleaning	
Salaries & Wages	15,000.00
Garbage & Trash Removal	
Salaries & Wages	360,000.00
Contractual	5,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	
Other Expenses	10,250.00
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries & Wages	29,000.00
Other Expenses	59,700.00
Lease of Police Car	12,114.77
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Board of Health	
Salaries & Wages	2,100.00
COUNTY HEALTH	17,000.00
OFFICE ON AGING	
Salaries & Wages	49,000.00
Other Expenses	2,050.00

ANIMAL CONTROL	
Other Expenses	2,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	
Other Expenses	150.00
RECREATION	
Salaries & Wages	50,000.00
Other Expenses	2,250.00
MAINTENANCE OF PARKS	
Salaries & Wages	52,000.00
Other Expenses	26,000.00
FIREWORKS	10,000.00
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	600.00
SENIOR EVENTS	1,500.00
CULTURAL ARTS	1,090.00
UTILITY EXPENSES:	
Telephone	15,000.00
Heating	5,000.00
Gasoline	20,000.00
Postage	5,400.00
Computer Maintenance	5,000.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00
SEWER	
Salaries & Wages	13,000.00
Other Expenses	6,000.00
LANDFILL	
Sanitary Landfill	215,000.00
TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS":	3,449,904.77
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:	
Salaries & Wages	15,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Statutory Expenditure:	
Social Security	70,000.00
COUNTY SEWERAGE	300,000.00
MAINTENANCE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	150,000.00
INTERLOCAL	3,000.00
RECYCLING	50,000.00
RADIO SYSTEM CMMUNICATIONS	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	
MUNICIPAL DEBT	200,000.00
BOND PRINCIPAL	25,000.00

TOTAL OUTSIDE "CAPS" 818,000.00

WATER UTILITY

Salaries & Wages	225,000.00
Purchase of Water	260,000.00
Operating	40,000.00
Office/Administrative	10,000.00
Insurance	200,000.00
Professional Services	50,000.00
Interlocal – Sayreville	10,000.00
Statutory Expenditures:	
Public Employee Retirement System	
Social Security	15,000.00
Unemployment	8,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	25,000.00
Capital Outlay	75,000.00
Debt Service:	
Payment of Bond Principal	65,000.00
Interest on Bonds	40,237.00
Interest on Notes	25,000.00
Wastewater-State-Principal	115,000.00
Wastewater-State-Interest	92,012.00
Wastewater-Federal-Principal	103,046.00
TOTAL WATER UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS:	1,358,295.00

ELECTRIC UTILITY

Salaries & Wages	\$ 300,000.00
Purchase of Power	2,250,000.00
Operating	135,000.00
Office/Administrative	10,000.00
Insurance	235,000.00
Professional Services	125,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	75,000.00
Capital Outlay	100,000.00
Payment of Bond Principal	165,000.00
Interest on Bonds	169,003.00
Interest on Notes	25,000.00
Statutory Expenditures:	
Public Employee Retirement System	
Social Security	23,030.00
Unemployment	6,000.00
TOTAL ELECTRIC UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS:	3,618,033.00

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-308

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

I, Raymond T. Eppinger, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint William Pirro to the permanent position of Laborer "A" in the Department of Public Works Sanitation Department in the Borough of South River effective May 16, 2008.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger
Mayor

Motion to confirm:

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

Second to motion:

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES: 2008-309

JUNE 9, 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 on any attached list.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
65-999-895-478 CD	JEROME BELLE 46 LEVINSON AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$140.72

65-999-898-624	ELEC CURRENT	CENTURY 21 WORDEN & GREEN 256 ROUTE 206 SOUTH HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844	\$81.76
65-999-981-300	CD	NILSON CURTY 11 ALBERT ST APT B SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$162.44
65-999-979-936	CD	JOAQUIN DELCANTO 102 WINDING WOODS DR SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872	\$136.98
65-999-968-782	CD	RAY GARCIA	\$27.70
65-999-920-041	ELEC PRIOR	32 – 12 TH ST SOMERSET, NJ 08873	\$5.24
65-999-963-579	CD	DARRIN JOHNSON 106 JOHNSON PL APT D SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$12.06
65-999-941-315	CD	JOANNE JONES 2108 AUGUSTA DR SE MARIETTE, GA 30067	\$57.24
65-999-948-212	CD	ANTONIO LEITAO 55 JACKSON ST APT 4 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$158.90
65-999-958-596	ELEC CURRENT	JOSE MARTA 107 WHITEHEAD AVE APT 5 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$34.09
66-999-972-961	ELEC CURRENT	THOMAS & PATRICIA MCCARTHY 34 BLUEBIRD COURT FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822	\$163.70
65-999-897-964	CD	RONALD & LINDA MCKEOWN	\$103.55
65-999-897-964	ELEC CURRENT	20 PEACH LANE APT A OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	\$76.53
65-999-896-622	CD	EDGAR MENDEZ 26 GEORGE ST APT A SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$116.37
65-999-902-078	CD	WANDERLEY MIRANTA P O BOX 391 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$99.48
65-999-902-826	CD	DANIELLE PENDLETON RIVERVIEW DR G4 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$24.55
65-999-903-607	CD	TRINIDAD PEREZ 101 DOUGLAS AVE APT 1A SOMERSET, NJ 08873	\$109.59
65-999-962-985	CD	PEARL RIVERA 132 JOHNSON PL APT C SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$136.21
65-999-969-035	CD	MICHAEL RUDY 70 YORK ST LAMBERTVILLE, NJ 08530	\$111.82
65-999-900-824	CD	ALIANA SANTIAGO 11 FLORENCE AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$109.75
65-999-975-107	CD	ROBSON SOUTO 86 WILLETT AVE SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$120.25

65-999-946-232 CD	JOSE LUIS TRUJILLO 106 PHELPS AVE APT 106 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ 08901	\$44.01
65-999-962-787 CD	LESZEK ZAJAC 148 WILLETT AVE APT C SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$114.82

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-310

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is a participant in the Housing and Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River proposes to utilize HCD Funds allocated for Park Improvements, which has a current balance of \$71,000.00, to provide improvements to the JFK Park at Anne Street;

WHEREAS, CME Associates has submitted professional engineering cost estimates for the various tasks related to the JFK Park at Anne Street improvement project as follows:

Design Phase Services	\$5,680.00
Bid Phase Services	\$3,640.00
Construction Administration Services	<u>\$6,390.00</u>
	\$15,710.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Bough has certified in writing that funds are available.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that CME Associates is authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the improvements to the JFK Park at Anne Street.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-311

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Borough Engineer is authorized to submit an application for the 2008-2009 NJDOT Trust Fund Grant Application for the North End Drive project.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES: 2008-312

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a number of vehicles have gone unclaimed by owners who have had said vehicles stored after being impounded on behalf of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River wishes that these vehicles be sold at auction so they may be removed from the tow operator's yard; and

WHEREAS, minimum bids have been set with respect to said vehicles to allow the tow operators to be compensated for their towing and storing charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, that the following vehicles are to be placed at auction with a minimum bid as set forth herein:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>V.I.N.</u>	<u>MIN. BID AMOUNT</u>	<u>WRECKER</u>
1995	Buick Century	1G4AG55M9S6403107	\$6,541.42	Coppa's Towing
1996	Pontiac GRM	1G2NW12M2TC820694	\$1,000.00	Fred's Towing
2002	Ford F150	2FTRX0728CA09101	\$10,286.40	Coppa's Towing
2000	Ford F150	1FTZF1727YNA28086	\$2,480.75	Rich's Towing
2004	Kawasaki ZX6	JKAZX4M154A0000664	\$4,766.60	Rich's Towing

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-313

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Borough of South River has caused certain abandoned motor vehicles to be moved from the streets of South River by various wrecker operators licensed through the Borough; and

WHEREAS, certified letters have been sent to the last known owners and the vehicles still remain unclaimed; and

WHEREAS, the South River Police Department has proceeded and obtained junk titles with respect to said vehicles; and

WHEREAS, said vehicles have been offered for sale by public auction via receipt of sealed bids held on May 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received on the below listed vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that the vehicles be transferred to the towing/storage facility operator to satisfy all municipal costs/claims pertaining to said vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that transfer of said abandoned vehicles listed below to the towing/storage operator for satisfaction of all municipal costs/claims be and the same are confirmed.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>V.I.N.</u>	<u>WRECKER</u>
2002	Mitsubishi Gallant	4A3AA46G72E129885	Coppa's Towing
1995	Honda Civic	1HGEJ2126SL055263	Coppa's Towing
1992	Pontiac Sunbird	1G2JB34T1N7552842	Fred's Towing

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and/or other appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to perfect the same.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-314

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of South River that the termination of Charles B. Reinwald as a member of the South River Fire Department Engine Company #1 effective May 6, 2008 is received and accepted.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger
Mayor

Motion to confirm:

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

Second to motion:

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-315

JUNE 9, 2009

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River in an effort to provide for harmonious relations between neighbors and residents of the Borough of South River does encourage block parties to take place; and

WHEREAS, said block parties do improve neighborhood cooperation, friendliness and harmonious relations between neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, Mike Beck and Mike Pytel residing at 5 Theresa Place and 7 Theresa Place, respectively have requested that Theresa Place be barricaded to allow a block party to take place on July 2, 2008 from the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 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 block party request by Mike Beck and Mike Pytel for Theresa Place is hereby granted contingent upon the following:

1. No alcoholic beverages shall be located upon the street or public right-of-way;

2. The residents requesting said block party shall be responsible for the cleanup of any and all litter and debris upon the street at the close of the block party;
3. Police barricades be removed at the end of the block party and at any time during the block party, if needed, to allow emergency vehicles to enter said street;
4. That Mike Pytel shall be responsible for contacting the Police Department at the start of the block party and at the conclusion of the block party to advise that the street has been opened to traffic; and
5. The block party shall commence at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 11:00 p.m. on July 2, 2008.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES: 2008-316

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church, located at 30 Jackson Street, South River New Jersey, has applied for a Special Events Permit for a Family Picnic to be held at the Polish Army Veterans Association of America Post No. 208, "Polanka", 209 William Street, South River, New Jersey on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church has requested that the application fee and 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 St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church for a Family Picnic to be held at the Polish Army Veterans Association of America Post No. 208, "Polanka", 209 William Street, South River, New Jersey on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m. is hereby approved contingent upon the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages can only be served from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. during the Family 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. No parking in the area of the entrance and driveway of the picnic area from front to back.
8. Entrance gate to the picnic area is to remain unblocked from the start time to the finish time.

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

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-317

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the South River Elks Lodge #2033 located at 205 Main Street has requested permission to conduct a voluntary Coin Toss fundraiser on Main Street on Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the South River Elks Lodge #2033 is a not for profit organization and the proceeds from the Coin Toss Fundraiser will provide special needs children with many extra curricular activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that South River Elks Lodge #2033 has permission to conduct a voluntary Coin Toss fundraiser on Main Street on June 21, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the Coin Toss fundraiser shall wear a reflective safety vest while coin tossing.
2. That there will be no interference with the flow of traffic on the roadway.
3. All fundraising shall be conducted by individuals having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-318

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
BY SOUTH RIVER RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ON JULY 2, 2008 (RAIN DATE JULY 3, 2008)

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED in the matter of the letter of the South River Recreation Department of the Borough of South River dated June 5, 2008 for permission to make a public display of fireworks at the launch site on the South River Board of Education property known as Denny Stadium, Block 191, Lots 1, 2, and 3.3 in the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex on July 2, 2008 (rain date July 3, 2008), the Borough Council makes the following to wit:

Permission is granted, and the Borough Clerk is directed to issue a letter permit on the following conditions:

1. Fire Art Corporation, responsible to the applicant, shall be placed in charge of the display.
2. The applicant and the contractor shall post with the Borough Clerk pursuant to NJAC 5:70-3.1(a) 31, F-3103.4 a bond or certificate of insurance in the sum of \$1,000,000.00 each, conditioned for the payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or persons, or to property, by reason of such display.
3. The applicant and contractor shall comply with all required regulations and instructions issued by the Fire Official/Inspector of the Borough of South River and obtain the necessary permit; and shall solicit the cooperation of the South River Board of Education, South River Police Department, South River Fire Department, South River Rescue Squad and South River Office of Emergency Management.
4. The fireworks display shall not commence later than 11:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

- a. South River Bureau of Fire Prevention
- b. South River Recreation Department
- c. South River Board of Education
- d. South River Police Department
- e. South River Rescue Squad
- f. South River Office of Emergency Management
- g. Fire Art Corporation
- h. Bureau of Explosives of the Department of Labor

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex located at 380 Washington Road, Sayreville, has requested permission to conduct a voluntary canning fundraiser at the intersection of Old Bridge Turnpike and Prospect Street on Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex is an organization of trained volunteers that provides free tutoring services to adults with limited literacy skills, enabling them to achieve their personal goals and to enhance their contributions to job and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex has permission to conduct a voluntary canning fundraiser at the intersection of Old Bridge Turnpike and Prospect Street on Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the canning fundraiser shall wear a reflective safety vest while canning.
2. That there will be no interference with the flow of traffic on the roadway.
3. All fundraising shall be conducted by individuals having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-320

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has not adopted its 2008 municipal budget and the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Borough's 2008 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of South River in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the pervious year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Borough Council requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the estimated tax levy exceeding 100% listed below, since approval will enable the Borough to meets its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary costs on interest expenses on borrowing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector of the Borough of South River is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of South River for the third installment of 2008 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed upon approval from the Director and take such actions as are permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy of 2008 is set at \$26,787,367.84.
3. In accordance with law, the third installment of 2008 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 1, 2008 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-321

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that Robert LaFalce is authorized to take a leave of absence, without pay, effective May 19, 2008 to August 19, 2008.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-322

JUNE 9, 2008

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 persons listed below to the position of Summer Counselors and Alternate Summer Counselors in the Recreation Department effective as of June 12, 2008 and to be paid at the rate of \$7.55 per hour.

Daniel Kane
April Zaimov
Laura Grekoski
Catia Dominguez
Marissa Reyes

Alternates
Samuel Robinson
Vanessa Freire
Aimee O'Connell
Amanda Guerriero
Sara Lamanna
Chelsea Stewart

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ Raymond T. Eppinger
Mayor

Motion to confirm:

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

Second to motion:

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-323

JUNE 9, 2008

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Employment Agreement of Chief Wesley Bomba is authorized subject to review by the Labor Counsel.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES: 2008-324

JUNE 9, 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, Coppa's Service Center and Towing has filed an application dated February 20, 2008 with the Borough Clerk for a wrecker license, to be located at 1 Moore 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.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

YEAS: Buffalino, Hutchison, Krenzel, Razzano, Trenga, Trzeciak

NAYS: None

RES: 2008-325

JUNE 9, 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, Fred's Towing has filed an application dated February 5, 2008 with the Borough Clerk for a wrecker license, to be located at 23 Robert 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.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES: 2008-326

JUNE 9, 2008

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 the 2009 Utility Maintenance Contract in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on April 29, 2008 and opened and read aloud in public and an examination thereof shows that Waters and Bugbee, Inc. was the apparent low bidder thereon with a bid of \$261,416.50 as noted in the report of the borough engineer dated May 5, 2008 and borough attorney dated June 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has rejected bids submitted for the Operation, Management, and Maintenance Services for the Potable Water and Wastewater Systems due to major departures from the bid specifications and which contract is integrally related to the 2009 Utility Maintenance Contract and, accordingly, necessitates rejection of the bids for the latter contract; and

WHEREAS, the bid specifications provide that the Borough reserve the right to reject any and 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, the Borough Clerk is authorized to return the bid security to each bidder and is further authorized to re-advertise for bids for such services.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES: 2008-327

JUNE 9, 2008

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 Operation, Management, and Maintenance Services of the Potable Water and Wastewater Systems in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on April 29, 2008 and opened and read aloud in public and an examination thereof shows that Middlesex Water Company was the apparent low bidder thereon with a bid of \$2,313,247.00 for the base proposal as noted in the report of the borough engineer dated May 7, 2008 and borough attorney dated June 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, both the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have noted that in addition to minor departures from the bidding requirements, the bid of the apparent low bidder did not include a list of equipment while the bid of the second lowest bidder did not include the required indemnity and hold harmless agreement, as more specifically discussed in the opinion letter of the Borough Attorney, and both of which omissions are major departures from the bidding requirements requiring rejection of the submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, the bids specifications provided that the Borough reserves the right to reject any and 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, the Borough Clerk is authorized to return the bid security to each bidder and is further authorized to re-advertise for bids for such operation.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Anthony Razzano
Councilman

ROLL CALL VOTES

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

RES:2008-328

JUNE 9, 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.

VENDOR	AMOUNT
ALLIED OIL COMPANY LLC	9,745.04
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC	241.50
APRUZZESE MCDERMOTT MASTRO	599.00
WIDER ALMEIDA	114.62
ANTHONY'S CHICK & GRILL	283.45
KIM BELL	162.98
BENECARD SERVICES INC	33,179.90
C BENTLEY'S CAR WASH	327.50
BOMBA, WESLEY J	400.00
BOB'S SIGN ART CENTER	985.00
BRIAN'S LAWN MOWER & SAW SVC	767.00
ROSETTA BRADLEY	1,345.50
BUDZIN, JOHN	560.00
CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE	3,678.84
CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	255.00
CHAMPION OVERHEAD DOORS	185.00
CLEAN AIR COMPANY	32.00
CME ASSOCIATES	13,968.50
COMCAST	651.11
HORACE CHANG & LINH THAI	1,784.25
ALFONSO & ELAINE CIRELLI	594.16
MEGAN CORDERO	154.88
STEVEN & KATHRYN COSTELLO	946.24
DATACARD SYSTEMS INC	400.00
DOLAN ASSOCIATES INC	675.00
DOOR TO DOOR DUMBBELLS	270.00
VILMA DASILVA	139.53
WALTER DEBRITO	124.69
REINA TIRE SERVICE INC	191.10
FLAGHOUSE INC	1,061.91
GALETON GLOVES INC	1,760.08
GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY INC	330.00
GASKO FARM & NURSERY	887.02
GUARD LINE FIRE & SAFETY INC	3,317.70
LYUBOV GUTEY	35.70
HALLS SAFETY EQUIP CO INC	963.80
HOME DEPOT	389.70
HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	633.78
RODNEY & DEBORAH HARRIS	1,243.12
HIMELMAN WERTHEIM & GELLER	6,062.00
MARIO HUBERT	148.15
INSTRUMENT TECH SERV (I.T.S.)	744.00
J.M.L. TOOLS LLC	2,349.99
JOHN'S INC	285.00
JOHNNY ON THE SPOT INC	336.21
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	600.00
LAB SAFETY SUPPLY INC	103.14
LEE'S AUTO PARTS INC	5,691.89
LYONS-SHEPSKO	450.00
LIT-NORTHEND	122.45
W.B. MASON CO	267.84
MAIN STREET FLORIST	690.00
MIDDLESEX WELDING SALES	97.00
MIDD CTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY	16,140.34
MIDDLESEC CTY CONF OF MAYORS	200.00
MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING LLC	400.00

BRIAN & KATHLEEN MAKAS	2,512.57
MICHAEL MANNA	136.81
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	1,012.62
NJ DIV OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	105.00
ON SITE FLEET SERVICE INC	288.00
ONE CALL SYSTEMS INC	72.70
PENTATEK SOLUTIONS INC	2,475.00
PRIDE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	287.16
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS	1,492.75
PUBLIC POWER ASSN OF NJ	13,482.68
LUCIANO PINTO	126.42
GLORIA PIREDDA	102.58
QUALITY ELECT MOTOR	500.00
RAYMOND MICHAEL LTD	1,025.00
RON'S OFFICE MAINTENANCE	500.00
RUTGERS THE STATE UNIVERSITY	396.00
EMILIO & BARBARA RENTAS	921.37
RIDE THE DUCKS PHILADELHIA	90.00
SOUTH RIVER BOARD OF ED	62.50
SAMS CLUB	78.58
SCHULMAN WIEGMANN & ASSOC INC	140.00
SCHWARTZ, GARY M ESQ	6,350.00
SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH	450.00
STATE OF NEW JERSEY-DEP	150.00
SUPERIOR OFFICE SYSTEMS INC	206.90
EHAB SAID	148.75
HARRY & MARTHA STIER	1,003.28
JOSEPH STRILKA	207.86
TAYLOR OIL CO INC	9,631.70
EUGENIO TERESO	186.53
PAUL THOMPSON	110.80
UNITED SOCCER ACADEMY INC	1,160.00
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC	27,531.32
UTILITY BILLING SERVICES INC	2,061.68
USA MOBILITY WIRELESS INC	234.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,420.40
VERSALIFT EAST INC	1,655.98
ODAIR & JUSCILIA VALENCA	81.43
W E TIMMERMAN CO INC	706.00
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	997.00
WIRELESS COMM AND ELECTRONICS	425.00
ENIS ZACCARIA	116.00

DATED: JUNE 9, 2008

/s/ John Krenzel
Councilman

/s/ Suzanne Buffalino
Councilwoman

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Razzano

- Attended the Spring Fling on Friday night (which is the end of year dinner/dance for Seniors and was a/k/a the Senior Prom); was amazed at the beautiful music provided by the two-member band; congratulations to Ms. Kim Bell, Tatiana and Mrs. Schmidt of the Office on Aging for organizing this absolutely wonderful evening; Mayor Eppinger, Councilman Trzeciak, Councilwoman Buffalino and Council President Krenzel also attended the event.
- Annual Bike Rodeo, in conjunction with the Municipal Alliance, takes place this Saturday at the South River High School parking lot from 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. Safety is stressed; lots of fun; lots of giveaway gifts such as helmets; someone usually wins a new bike. Encouraged parents to come along with the kids to see what a great job the Municipal Alliance and Detective Novak and the Police Department do with this event.

Councilwoman Buffalino

- Echoed Councilman Razzano's positive comments about the Spring Fling pointing out that 190 Seniors attended the event; stated that it was very entertaining and the food was excellent; would highly recommend coming again next year for a wonderful time.
- Announced that the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Handicapped & Disabled is having a seminar Friday at 6:30 p.m. at 55 Reid Street on Home Health Care Workers; more information will be provided on TV-35 and the South River website.
- Explained her efforts in trying to contact contractors in the State of New Jersey regarding alternative energy/solar power; stated that she was told the same story twice that it would not make good sense for the Borough to move to using alternative energy because South River residents do not qualify for the NJ State rebate or the SREC program using the certificates supplied which could then be sold to the various energy providers. She further explained that there are only four recognized companies that allow these reimbursements, and our utility is not one of them. Councilwoman Buffalino is still pursuing the matter to determine what the Borough might need to do as a utility provider so that our residents can begin alternative energy, utilize the rebates and become more environmentally sensitive.

Councilman Hutchison

- The Environmental Shade Tree Commission meeting is slated for Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Library but the location may change due to problems with the air conditioning. When the location is confirmed, we'll try to get the information to you as soon as possible.
- Thanked councilwoman Buffalino for her information on alternative energy. The alternative energy committee is in its infancy and the first actual meeting will be held in July.
- Wished all fathers a Happy Fathers Day. Enjoy and relax.
- With the heat that we have been experiencing lately, I hope that you are looking in on your loved ones, especially the elderly, and taking care of your pets keeping them well hydrated, and using sunblockers if you are out of doors. He stressed safety during the heat wave.

Councilman Trenga

- Talked about the very nice dedication ceremony for the Vasco da Gama sports field at Dailey's Pond Park which included a proclamation. In addition to myself, the Mayor, Council President Krenzel, Councilwoman Buffalino and Councilman Trzeciak were present. Afterwards, we had a great barbecue at the Portuguese Club and had a lot of fun.
- I am also remembering all fathers on Fathers Day.
- I thank all the employees of the Borough, both paid and volunteer, for all their hard work.

Councilman Trzeciak

- I too attended the Seniors Dance at the Portuguese Club and commend Ms. Bell and her staff for a job well done. There were some very lovely door prizes awarded in the form of fruit baskets from Edible Arrangements which was something new this year. For further information regarding these events, check with the Human Resources Building.

- Echoed Councilman Trenga's positive comments about the dedication of the Vasco da Gama sports field and the reception and fun afterwards at the Portuguese Club.
- Reminded everyone about the bike rodeo on Saturday at the High School parking lot.
- Also reminded everyone that this Saturday is Flag Day. Remember to display your flags.
- The Rescue Squad is going to present a training program on Saturday regarding auto accident extrication. There will be a car cutting demonstration to practice how to use special tools to remove people from vehicles involved in car accidents.
- Wished a Happy Father's Day to all for this Sunday.

Council President Krenzel

- Advised that there are several activities coming up in the Borough and encouraged residents to go out and see what's happening in the town.
- Attended the 60th Anniversary of the Little House on West George Street. Commented how nicely the Scouts are maintaining their headquarters. The Girl Scouts themselves are celebrating their 90th Anniversary.
- Enjoyed attending the Spring Fling.
- Echoed Councilman Trenga's positive comments about the dedication of the Vasco da Gama sports field and added that the Council General from Newark was there and also the Secretary of State from Portugal was there who handles international Portuguese affairs and the immigrants.
- Also coming up this Friday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m., is the Home Helpers Care Seminar at which you will hear about services for seniors, those recuperating from illness or injury, and hearing about direct line 24 and how it works. If you want to attend, contact Councilwoman Buffalino at 732-254-0514. It's worthwhile for Home Helpers.
- The Belarusian Festival is coming up on June 28 at 11:00 a.m. That's always a fun time.
- Our fireworks display will take place on July 2.
- Commented about the percentage of tax increase for the Borough. The tax rate is planned at 36 points, which translates to 36 cents, but it has not yet been approved by the State. The percentage for the average household is 22%. If you go to the Internet website, the percentages and the points are discussed there.
- Pointed out that a number of people have asked about bringing back the Construction Office to the Borough. Councilman Krenzel indicated that this suggestion is in limbo right now since it would have to be brought into the "cap." When we put together the budget, the Borough was under its 4% cap. Due to the building collapse on Reid Street, we are now above the "cap." Also, the State would have to add its approval for the Construction Office to return.
- Briefly discussed the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). The Council studies a town and indicates how many affordable housing units it should have. An article referring to this appeared in today's Home News Tribune. Councilman Krenzel read a portion of the article and explained that the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce disagrees with one of the ways that COAH wants to pay for this service by taxing job growth. If South River goes out to look for businesses to come into the town to help with the taxes, our affordable housing requirement goes up and our growth is then stifled.
- We adopted a resolution today rejecting the bids concerning the maintenance of the water and sewers. We are not selling the water utility. We are searching for the best way to maintain the water and sewer lines that we have.
- Happy Fathers Day to all this coming Sunday.
- Remember, people, school will be getting out soon. Drive carefully.

Mayor Eppinger

- Congratulations to the Little House Association on their 60th Anniversary on June 1. Councilmembers Trenga, Krenzel, Buffalino and I attended the celebration at which time a proclamation was presented. We learned about the interesting history of the association and enjoyed the afternoon.
- Spring Fling congratulations to Kim Bell and her staff for a wonderful evening, good time and excellent food.

- The Vasco da Gama sports field at Daily's Pond Park was officially dedicated. We all appreciated the hospitality of the Portuguese Club afterwards. Had a good time.
- Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 10 an energy conservation seminar will be held at 55 Reid Street at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Jim Jablonski of the New Jersey Power Association will explain how homeowners can conserve energy especially in this heat.
- The Home Helpers Care Seminar is on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at 55 Reid Street.
- The Devils hockey program is coming back to South River. Some retired Devils Hockey players will be here in person such as Ken Daneyko.
- At Corpus Christi Church on Sunday, there will be a blood drive between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All donors will receive two MET tickets. Blood is especially needed at this time of year due to the increased travel of the season.
- One of the organizations here in Middlesex County is Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM). The organization distributes ride share application forms. Basically, it's like a classified whereby if you need a ride to work or would like to rideshare, the organization will try to match you up with someone. Gasoline costs are rising, so this is something to consider. This announcement will be posted on the website.
- We had Mr. Richard Dudas here this evening to discuss some of what happens in the Utility Department. I was quite surprised to learn how many customers have threatened the Utility staff members and called them names and they were simply doing their jobs. I inquired what the Utility Department might have done to provoke these instances, and in most cases, it was just a customer who was angry over having to pay a bill or pay a fine for a code violation. There is no need for this type of behavior and I would really hope that we are better people than that. Our Utility Department personnel are doing their jobs.
- Congratulations to all our High School graduates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mario Andre, 16 Armstrong Avenue.

- Confirmed that Councilwoman Buffalino was 100% correct regarding solar panels and that there are no rebates available for the residents of South River. Indicated that the expense for installing solar panels on his house would have been \$40,000 and he could not locate a contractor willing to install the panels.
- Also pointed out that he recently purchased an air conditioning unit with an energy star and a rebate offer, but he could not cash in on the rebate. Felt if he was a Jersey Central Power and Light customer, he could avail himself of this rebate. Asked if the town could look into this matter.

Marilyn Meloni, 53 Kamm Avenue.

- Complained about the very cold condition of the Council Chamber due to the air conditioning. Mayor Eppinger stated that the complaint will be viewed by the Environmental Committee to see if the situation can be better regulated.
- Asked where we stand with electric rates. Mayor Eppinger stated that the rates are reviewed by Borough Administrator Salerno frequently per month and we are right on course so far. The hot weather is coming which will give us a truer picture of the situation.
- Questioned the surcharge on the electric bills. Mayor Eppinger stated that the surcharge was factored into the rating. Ms. Meloni explained that several people ask her questions about the surcharge. Councilman Krenzel intoned that Ms. Meloni should just tell those people to expect a much larger bill this time due to the recent heat wave.

Joe Manzo, 131 Willett Avenue.

- Expressed confusion about an article that he read in the Sentinel newspaper about putting Library renovations on hold. In that same article, he also read that Councilman Krenzel wants to build a new Library on Main Street. Mr. Manzo wondered how something new could be built if we do not have the funds. Councilman Krenzel explained to Mr. Manzo that he did make that statement and also explained why he made the statement and what

other ideas were being considered. Mayor Eppinger offered that just because the article was printed in the Sentinel newspaper, it does not mean that something is set in stone and that it is going to be done. Councilwoman Buffalino offered that a feasibility study is being discussed and very clearly explained what it would entail and what the results would provide.

Ed Trygar, 1 Johnson Place.

- Presented a petition signed by several local business owners protesting Cruise Nights in the Borough citing that it interferes with their businesses because Main Street and certain other local streets are closed during that time. Asked if the Council was aware of the Petition and Councilman Trenga replied in the negative.
- Complained about the fact that the Economic Development Committee meetings do not always begin on time. Indicated that it is not fair to business owners who wish to attend the meeting and who must close up their businesses to be present. It wastes time and profits.
- Indicated that he respects Councilman Krenzel very much, but does not agree with his assessment that we need an anchor store in the downtown area. Stated there are other things that we need more and no one has been listening.
- Expressed his annoyance that at one of the Council Meetings the Borough residents were promised a monthly update on the electric rates. Since that time if he questioned the Council about the rates, he would hear generalities. Specified that he wanted to see figures, or a profit/loss statement. Borough Administrator Salerno invited Mr. Trygar to come into the Municipal Office and look at the figures on paper.

Lydia Diaz, 135 Whitehead Avenue.

- Asked to see a report about the total revenues for the Borough and inquired if these revenues are reported to anyone else or any other entity. Borough Administrator Salerno indicated that we file it in our financial statements and it is reported to the Public Power Association on a monthly basis and that she could come to the Municipal Office to see the report.
- Questioned whether or not she was correct about her understanding of the formula used to calculate her electric bill according to the new rates and spoke the formula aloud. Borough Administrator Salerno confirmed that she was correct.
- Persisted in her questioning of the extra \$8.00 charge on her bill, on the basis of obtaining public information, at which point Borough Attorney Schwartz interrupted indicating that Ms. Diaz currently has a pending pro se lawsuit against the Borough and advised the Council not to respond to any further questions because Ms. Diaz previously requested answers to these questions in writing pertaining to her lawsuit.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Krenzel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Trenga seconded the motion. So carried.

Respectfully submitted on
June 19, 2008.

Patricia O'Connor, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved at the regular meeting
held on June 23, 2008.