

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 29, 2026  
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 9**

A 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 on June 29, 2026, and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

| Mayor and Council Roll Call            | Present | Absent | Excused Tardy |
|----------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------|
| <i>Mayor Peter S. Guindi</i>           | X       |        |               |
| <i>Councilwoman Sandra DaSilva</i>     | X       |        |               |
| <i>Councilman Joseph Donato</i>        | X       |        |               |
| <i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>        | X       |        |               |
| <i>Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos</i>  | X       |        |               |
| <i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>     | X       |        |               |
| <i>Council President Matt DeSantis</i> | X       |        |               |

Also attending this meeting were Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan, Chief Financial Officer Joseph Zanga, Fire Chief Scott Wolf, Borough Attorney John DeLuca, and Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

***IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING, 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 7, 2026, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.***

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Guindi lead the salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

**PROCLAMATIONS, HONORS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

- Mayor's Presentation – A presentation was held for the plaque unveiling for former Mayor Robert Szegeti

**AGENDA SESSION**

- Discussion on Ordinances –Borough Attorney John DeLuca, CFO Joe Zanga, and Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan explain the ordinances on the agenda.

**ORDINANCE– SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 2026-15**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$2,921,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,805,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general and Sewer Utility improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,921,000.00, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor, including \$1,020,738.85 in grant funds expected to be received from the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (MCTF), and the sum of \$95,261.15 as the down payment for said purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, June 29, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 7/20/26

N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. The down payment is now available by virtue of budget appropriation and provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in the Capital Improvement Fund of one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the costs of said improvements or purposes not provided for by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,805,000.00, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued consist of (i) the acquisition of a sanitation truck; (ii) the acquisition of various equipment for the Police Department; (iii) various improvements to the Veterans Drive Athletic Field; (iv) the acquisition of various equipment for the Fire Department; and (v) various sewer system improvements, including, but not limited to, sewer main and pump station improvements, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body of the Borough.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$1,805,000.00, as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) hereof is \$2,921,000.00, which is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor. The excess of the appropriation of \$2,921,000.00 over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$95,261.15 down payment for said purposes, and said \$1,020,738.85 grant funds expected to be received from the MCTF for said improvements to the Veterans Drive Athletic Field.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer, who shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of such notes occurs, such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense and are improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general and Sewer Utility improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the amount of the obligations authorized for said purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.84737 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such Statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,805,000.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$556,000.00 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs, legal fees and other items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included as part of the cost of said improvements and is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for said improvements.

(e) To the extent that moneys of the Borough are used to finance, on an interim basis, costs of said improvements or purposes, the Borough reasonably expects such costs to be paid or reimbursed with the proceeds of obligations issued pursuant hereto.

Section 6. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 7. Any grant or similar moneys from time to time received by the Borough for the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements within the appropriation herein authorized or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are received and so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from other sources, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first dissemination thereof through the Borough's website after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-15 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-15 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

**Adopted 6-29-26**

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Alyssa Hager, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Borough of South River

## ORDINANCE 2026-16

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72, "PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF," AND CHAPTER 246, "PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS," OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO UPDATE PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION, USE, AND ACCESS OF BOROUGH-OWNED PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South River owns, maintains, and controls certain buildings, lands, grounds, facilities, apparatus, equipment, and property used by or associated with the South River Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code presently provides that the South River Fire Department consists of three companies, namely Engine Company No. 1, Reliable Fire Company, and Summit Engine Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code presently provides that all apparatus, accessories, vehicles, equipment, and supplies necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Fire Department shall be bought and paid for by the Borough of South River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code presently provides that the Fire Chief is responsible for Fire Department property, excluding buildings and grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code presently contains provisions concerning the Fire Committee and Building Managers, including provisions concerning the operation and use of fire stations, outside or non-Fire-Department use of fire stations, and the issuance and return of keys/fobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to preserve the administrative role of Building Managers with respect to the issuance, tracking, suspension, deactivation, and return of keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities, while confirming that all such authority remains subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to clarify that no Fire Department officer, Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Committee member, Building Manager, fire company officer, fire company member, or other Fire Department member shall have independent authority to approve outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, or nonmunicipal use of Borough-owned fire stations, buildings, lands, grounds, facilities, or related municipal property, except as expressly authorized by the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council further desire to conform Chapter 246, Article II, "Municipal Buildings," so that use of Borough-owned Fire Department facilities is governed by the specific requirements set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find that this Ordinance is necessary and appropriate to protect public property, promote accountability, avoid unauthorized private or commercial use of Borough resources, and ensure that Borough-owned Fire Department facilities are used only for lawful, authorized, and municipal purposes.

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

#### **SECTION 1. Amendment to § 72-5D, "Duties of Chief."**

Chapter 72, Article II, § 72-5D of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

- D.** The Chief shall be responsible for all Fire Department property, excluding buildings and grounds. The Chief's responsibility for Fire Department property shall not include, and shall not be construed to include, authority to approve, authorize, permit, schedule, license, or otherwise allow any outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, storage area, parking area, or other Borough-owned real property. Such authority shall remain with the Mayor and Council, except to the limited extent expressly authorized by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

## **SECTION 2. Amendment to § 72-7, "Fire Committee."**

Chapter 72, Article II, § 72-7 of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

### **A. Fire Committee.**

The Fire Committee for the South River Fire Department shall consist of the Company Presidents and Vice Presidents from Engine Company No. 1, Reliable Fire Company, and Summit Engine Company.

### **B. General Duties and Scope of Authority.**

- (1)** The Fire Committee may serve in an advisory and liaison capacity with respect to communications between the Fire Department, the fire companies, the Borough Administrator, and the Mayor and Council concerning the condition, maintenance, repair, and orderly operation of Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities.
- (2)** All fire stations, buildings, lands, grounds, rooms, offices, bays, apparatus areas, storage areas, parking areas, facilities, and other real property used by or associated with the South River Fire Department are Borough-owned municipal property and shall be subject to the ultimate authority, control, and discretion of the Mayor and Council.
- (3)** No outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, facility, or related municipal property shall be permitted unless expressly authorized by:

  - a.** resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council; or
  - b.** a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council, provided that such policy expressly authorizes the particular category of use and establishes the conditions under which administrative approval may be granted.
- (4)** The Borough Administrator, or the Borough Administrator's designee, may administer and implement any facilities-use policy adopted by the Mayor and Council, including the receipt of applications, scheduling, maintenance of records, collection of required documents, verification of insurance, coordination of access, and enforcement of conditions of approval. The Borough Administrator's administrative role shall not be construed as independent policy-making authority and shall be exercised only in accordance with this Chapter, Chapter 246, and any ordinance, resolution, or policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

- (5) No Fire Chief, First Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief, Incident Safety Officer, Captain, Lieutenant, Fire Committee member, Building Manager, company president, company vice president, company secretary, company officer, firefighter, fire company member, Fire Cadet advisor, Junior Firemen advisor, Fire Cadet, Junior Fireman, or other member or representative of the Fire Department or any fire company shall have independent authority to approve, authorize, permit, schedule, license, or otherwise allow any outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, or related municipal property, except as expressly authorized by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (6) No person shall use, occupy, store property within, conduct business from, operate any private enterprise from, or otherwise utilize any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, equipment, apparatus, supplies, or related municipal property for any private, personal, commercial, business, or nonmunicipal purpose except as expressly authorized by resolution of the Mayor and Council or pursuant to a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- (7) Nothing herein shall prohibit official Fire Department use of Borough-owned fire stations and related facilities for emergency response, fire suppression, rescue operations, drills, training, equipment maintenance, administrative meetings, official Fire Department business, or other official municipal fire-service purposes, provided that such use remains subject to the Borough Code, applicable law, and any policies adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (8) The Fire Committee may report concerns regarding facility use, maintenance, repairs, safety, security, access, or potential violations of this Chapter to the Borough Administrator, the Fire Chief, the Public Safety Committee, or the Mayor and Council. The Fire Committee shall not adjudicate, approve, authorize, or independently resolve matters concerning outside use, non-Fire-Department use, private use, commercial use, or access to Borough-owned facilities except as expressly authorized by the Mayor and Council.
- (9) Building Managers shall retain administrative responsibility for the issuance, tracking, suspension, deactivation, and return of keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities, as set forth in Subsection C below. The Building Managers shall exercise such administrative responsibility subject to this Chapter, Chapter 246, any ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council, and the ultimate authority of the Mayor and

Council to review, modify, reverse, revoke, suspend, or override any act or decision of the Building Managers concerning access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities.

**C. Access credentials; keys; fobs; entry.**

- (1)** Building Managers shall be responsible for the administration, issuance, tracking, suspension, deactivation, and return of all keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities. Building Managers shall maintain a current list of all persons holding such access credentials and shall provide such list to the Borough Administrator, the Municipal Clerk, the Fire Chief, or the Mayor and Council upon request. All acts and decisions of the Building Managers concerning access credentials shall be subject to review, modification, reversal, suspension, revocation, or override by the Mayor and Council in their sole discretion.
- (2)** Access credentials may be issued only to persons who have a legitimate municipal, operational, emergency-service, maintenance, inspection, employment, contractual, or other Borough-authorized need for access, as determined pursuant to this Chapter and any policy adopted by the Mayor and Council. The determination of whether any person has a legitimate need for access shall be made in the first instance by the Building Managers, subject to any policy adopted by the Mayor and Council and subject to review, modification, reversal, or override by the Mayor and Council in their sole discretion.
- (3)** Building Managers may consult with the Fire Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Fire Committee, company officers, and Borough Administrator regarding operational access needs of Fire Department officers, members, vendors, contractors, inspectors, and other persons requiring access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities. Such consultation shall not confer independent authority upon the Fire Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Fire Committee, fire companies, company officers, or Fire Department members to approve outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of Borough-owned property.
- (4)** No person issued any key, fob, access card, access code, electronic credential, or other means of access shall loan, transfer, duplicate, share, disclose, or permit use of such credential by any other person unless expressly authorized by the Building Managers pursuant to this Section or pursuant to a policy adopted by the Mayor and Council. Any such authorization shall remain subject to review, modification, reversal, or override by the Mayor and Council in their sole discretion.

- (5) No person shall admit, permit, or allow any unauthorized person to enter or remain within any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, or related municipal property.
- (6) Non-Fire-Department personnel, guests, vendors, contractors, inspectors, invitees, or other visitors may enter Borough-owned fire stations and related facilities only in connection with:
- a. official municipal business;
  - b. emergency response or public-safety operations;
  - c. inspection, maintenance, repair, or contracted services authorized by the Borough;
  - d. a use approved by resolution of the Mayor and Council;
  - e. a use permitted pursuant to a facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council; or
  - f. another purpose expressly permitted by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council and administratively coordinated by the Building Managers, the Borough Administrator, or their respective designees in accordance with such authority.
- (7) Guests or visitors permitted to enter a Borough-owned fire station or Fire Department facility shall comply with all applicable Borough policies, Fire Department safety directives, access restrictions, supervision requirements, and conditions of approval. The presence of a Fire Department member shall not, by itself, authorize access by a guest or visitor unless such access is otherwise permitted by this Chapter or by policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (8) Any person whose membership, office, employment, contractual relationship, authorization, or need for access has ended, expired, been suspended, or been revoked shall immediately return all keys, fobs, access cards, equipment, credentials, and other Borough property to the Building Managers, who shall promptly update the access-credential records and notify the Borough Administrator or the Borough Administrator's designee upon request or as otherwise required by policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- (9) Building Managers may immediately suspend, deactivate, or restrict any access credential when necessary to protect public property, public safety, Borough operations, or compliance with this Chapter, subject to any

applicable law, collective negotiations agreement, personnel policy, due process requirement, or policy adopted by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council may, in their sole discretion, affirm, modify, reverse, revoke, suspend, or override any such act or decision by the Building Managers.

**(10)** Notwithstanding any act, decision, approval, denial, issuance, suspension, deactivation, restriction, or determination by the Building Managers, the Mayor and Council may, in their sole discretion, review, affirm, modify, reverse, revoke, suspend, overrule, or override any act or decision concerning access to, entry into, or possession of keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, or other means of access to any Borough-owned fire station or related Fire Department facility. The Mayor and Council may direct that access be granted, denied, restricted, suspended, revoked, or conditioned as to any person, including any Fire Department officer, Fire Department member, fire company officer, fire company member, vendor, contractor, guest, invitee, or other individual. No person shall acquire any property right, contractual right, vested right, or entitlement to access to Borough-owned property or possession of any access credential by virtue of any action or inaction of the Building Managers, Fire Department, fire companies, or Borough.

**(11)** A violation of this Section may result in revocation or suspension of access privileges, Fire Department discipline where applicable, referral to the Mayor and Council, referral to the Borough Administrator, referral to law enforcement, municipal enforcement, or any other remedy available at law or under the Borough Code.

### **SECTION 3. Amendment to § 72-12, "Bylaws."**

Chapter 72, Article II, § 72-12 of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

#### **§ 72-12. Bylaws.**

**A.** Each company shall have the power to adopt bylaws for the conduct and management of such company and the officers and members thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article or any ordinance of the Borough of South River or any statutory law applicable thereto.

**B.** No fire company bylaw, rule, policy, custom, practice, vote, approval, or internal procedure shall authorize, regulate, permit, schedule, license, or expand access to or use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, equipment, apparatus, supplies, keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, or other municipal property except as expressly permitted by the Borough Code,

including the Building Managers' administrative authority under § 72-7C, or by ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council, subject at all times to the ultimate authority of the Mayor and Council.

- C. Any fire company bylaw, rule, policy, custom, practice, vote, approval, or internal procedure that is inconsistent with this Chapter, Chapter 246, or any ordinance, resolution, or written policy adopted by the Mayor and Council concerning the use, access, control, maintenance, or operation of Borough-owned property shall be void and of no force or effect to the extent of such inconsistency.
- D. Nothing in any fire company bylaw shall be construed to confer upon any fire company, company officer, Fire Committee member, Building Manager, Fire Department officer, Fire Department member, Fire Cadet advisor, Junior Firemen advisor, Fire Cadet, Junior Fireman, or other person any property right, access right, occupancy right, management right, licensing authority, approval authority, or other control over Borough-owned property. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Building Managers' administrative responsibility for access credentials under § 72-7C, provided that such responsibility shall remain subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council.

#### **SECTION 4. Amendment to Fire Cadet Program provisions.**

Chapter 72, Article X, "Fire Cadets," of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new § 72-56D as follows:

- D. Any access to or presence within any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, or related municipal property by any member of the Fire Cadet Program shall be deemed access pursuant to a Borough-authorized program and shall be subject to this Chapter, Chapter 246, and any facilities-use, access, supervision, safety, or security policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

#### **SECTION 5. Amendment to Junior Firemen Program provisions.**

Chapter 72, Article XI, "Junior Firemen," of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new § 72-59E as follows:

- E. Any access to or presence within any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, or related municipal property by any member of the Junior Firemen Program shall be deemed access pursuant to a Borough-authorized program and shall be subject to this Chapter, Chapter 246, and any facilities-use, access, supervision, safety, or security policy adopted by the Mayor and Council.

#### **SECTION 6. Amendments to Chapter 246, Article II, "Municipal Buildings."**

Chapter 246, Article II, "Municipal Buildings," of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended by repealing, in their entirety, § 246-12, § 246-13, § 246-14, and § 246-15, which are duplicates of § 246-8, § 246-9, § 246-10, and § 246-11, respectively.

Chapter 246, Article II of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby further amended and supplemented by adding a new, § 246-12, entitled "Fire Department facilities," to read as follows:

**§ 246-12. Fire Department facilities.**

- A.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, Chapter 72, or any other provision of the Borough Code, all fire stations, buildings, lands, grounds, rooms, offices, bays, apparatus areas, storage areas, parking areas, facilities, and other real property used by or associated with the South River Fire Department are Borough-owned municipal property and shall be subject to the ultimate authority, control, and discretion of the Mayor and Council.
- B.** No outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, facility, or related municipal property shall be permitted unless expressly authorized by:
- (1)** resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council; or
  - (2)** a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council, provided that such policy expressly authorizes the particular category of use and establishes the conditions under which administrative approval may be granted.
- C.** The Municipal Clerk's authority to approve or deny municipal building applications under this Article shall not apply to outside, non-Fire-Department, private, commercial, nonmunicipal, or third-party use of Borough-owned fire stations or Fire Department facilities, except to the limited extent expressly authorized by a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- D.** The Borough Administrator, or the Borough Administrator's designee, may administer and implement any facilities-use policy adopted by the Mayor and Council concerning Fire Department facilities, including the receipt of applications, scheduling, maintenance of records, collection of required documents, verification of insurance, and enforcement of conditions of approval; provided, however, that Building Managers shall administer keys, fobs, access cards, access codes, electronic credentials, and other means of access to Borough-owned fire stations and related Fire Department facilities in accordance with § 72-7C, subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council.
- E.** Any person, group, business, entity, organization, contractor, vendor, invitee, or other outside user authorized to use a Borough-owned fire station or Fire Department facility shall comply with all requirements of this Article, including but not limited to insurance, indemnification, application, scheduling, fee, safety, security, access, and conduct requirements, unless expressly waived or modified by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

- F.** No person shall use, occupy, store property within, conduct business from, operate any private enterprise from, or otherwise utilize any Borough-owned fire station, building, land, grounds, facility, room, office, bay, apparatus area, storage area, parking area, equipment, apparatus, supplies, or related municipal property for any private, personal, commercial, business, or nonmunicipal purpose except as expressly authorized by resolution of the Mayor and Council or pursuant to a written facilities-use policy adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council.
- G.** Nothing herein shall prohibit official Fire Department use of Borough-owned fire stations and related facilities for emergency response, fire suppression, rescue operations, drills, training, equipment maintenance, administrative meetings, official Fire Department business, or other official municipal fire-service purposes, provided that such use remains subject to the Borough Code, applicable law, and any policies adopted by the Mayor and Council.
- H.** In the event of any conflict between this Section and any other provision of this Chapter, any fire company bylaw, any Fire Department policy, any fire company policy, or any other rule, custom, practice, or procedure, this Section shall control. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Building Managers' administrative responsibility for access credentials under § 72-7C, provided that such responsibility shall remain subject to the ultimate authority, review, modification, reversal, and override of the Mayor and Council.

#### **SECTION 7. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

#### **SECTION 8. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **SECTION 9. Codification.**

This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of the Borough of South River. The Borough Clerk and the codifier are authorized to make nonsubstantive, clerical, formatting, numbering, and cross-reference corrections as may be necessary to codify this Ordinance, provided that no substantive change shall be made without further action by the Mayor and Council.

#### **SECTION 10. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-16 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-16 only.

Wayne Wagner, 7 Hale Rd East Brunswick, expresses the reservations that the Fire Department has regarding this ordinance. Mr. Wagner thanks Councilman Giannakopoulos and Council President DeSantis for meeting with the department to discuss this ordinance

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

**\*\*No one made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-16\*\***

#### **ORDINANCE 2026-17**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," ARTICLE I, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," SECTION 103-17, "HOURS OF SALE," OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO AMEND THE PROHIBITED HOURS OF SALE ON SUNDAYS.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-40, the governing body of each municipality may, by ordinance or resolution, limit the hours during which the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail may be made and may regulate Sunday retail sales of alcoholic beverages within the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 103, Article I of the Code of the Borough of South River governs the licensing and regulation of alcoholic beverages within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-17 of the Borough Code establishes the hours during which plenary retail consumption licensees and plenary retail distribution licensees are prohibited from selling, serving or delivering alcoholic beverages on licensed premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to amend the Sunday prohibited hours of sale in order to promote commerce within the Borough, specifically in connection with televised sporting events such as NFL Football and the FIFA World Cup; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend the Sunday hours of operation for plenary retail consumption licensees and plenary retail distribution licensees to accommodate patrons seeking to purchase, order, or consume alcoholic beverages in connection with televised sporting events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find that the amendment set forth herein is consistent with the public health, safety and welfare.

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

#### **SECTION 1. Amendment to § 103-17A.**

Chapter 103, "Alcoholic Beverages," Article I, "Alcoholic Beverages," Section 103-17, "Hours of sale," Subsection A, of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

#### **§ 103-17. Hours of sale.**

- A.** No plenary retail consumption licensee shall sell, serve or deliver, or allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of, any alcoholic beverage on licensed premises on weekdays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with the exception of January 1 of each year, when the hours

during which no such sales shall be made, as set forth above, shall be between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.,

except when January 1 shall fall on a Sunday, in which case the closing hours shall be from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

## **SECTION 2. Continuation of Existing Provisions.**

Except as expressly amended herein, all remaining provisions of Chapter 103, Article I, Section 103-17 of the Code of the Borough of South River shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

## **SECTION 3. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

## **SECTION 4. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

## **SECTION 5. Codification.**

This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of the Borough of South River. The Borough Clerk and the codifier are authorized to make nonsubstantive, clerical, formatting, numbering, and cross-reference corrections as may be necessary to codify this Ordinance, provided that no substantive change shall be made without further action by the Mayor and Council.

## **SECTION 6. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-17 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-17 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

### **Adopted 6-29-26**

| <b>COUNCIL</b>                           | <b>MOTION</b> | <b>2ND</b> | <b>AYES</b> | <b>NAYS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i><b>Councilwoman DaSilva</b></i>       |               |            | X           |             |                |               |
| <i><b>Councilman Donato</b></i>          |               |            | X           |             |                |               |
| <i><b>Councilman Dziemian</b></i>        |               |            | X           |             |                |               |
| <i><b>Councilman Giannakopoulos</b></i>  |               |            | X           |             |                |               |
| <i><b>Councilman Gurchensky</b></i>      |               | X          | X           |             |                |               |
| <i><b>Council President DeSantis</b></i> | X             |            | X           |             |                |               |

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Municipal Clerk  
Borough of South River

## **DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

### **Borough Engineer Justin Cornell**

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
  - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willet Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave. to Wilcox.
  - The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.
  - All remaining work has been completed. Our office is working on project closeout with the NJDOT.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
  - The Borough received a \$575,000 grant for the improvements to Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue.
  - A preconstruction meeting was held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> with Crossroads Paving. Construction is expected to begin this week, starting with test pits and storm sewer improvements.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
  - The Borough received a \$506,913 grant for the following roads:
    - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue;
    - Tice Avenue from the Old Bridge Turnpike to David Street;
    - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus.
  - A preconstruction meeting was held on June 18<sup>th</sup> with Fernandes Construction. Construction is expected to begin mid-Jul, beginning with sanitary sewer improvements.
- **2025 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
  - The project was approved for award in the amount of \$131,540.00 to RESA Service, LLC of Farmingdale, New Jersey. Sign contracts were submitted to the Borough.
  - Work has begun on the Electrical Substation Improvements.
- **NJDOT FY 2026 Local Aid Program**
  - The Borough received a \$582,753.00 grant for the following roads:
    - Mercer Street from Willett Avenue to Johnson Place.
    - Lyons Street from Sunset Street to Frandsen Avenue.
    - Mitchell Avenue from Old Bridge Turnpike to Garden Street.
  - Survey work has been completed. The project design is underway.
- **George Street and Washington Street One Way Study**
  - The traffic count data has been completed, our office is preparing the analysis.
- **NJDOT FY 2027 Local Aid Program**
  - Our office submitted an application to the NJDOT for improvements to the following roads:
    - John Street from Old Bridge Turnpike to Rose Street
    - Hollander Street from John Street to Amherst Street
    - Nelson Street from East Prospect Street to Chestnut Street
  - Our office submitted an additional application to the NJDOT for bike path improvements from Grekoski Park to Bissett's Recreation Area.
- **Veteran's Drive Parking Lot Wetland Delineation**

- Our environmental department is beginning preparation for wetland delineation near the Veteran's Drive Parking Lot to determine the feasibility of a parking lot expansion

**CFO Joseph Zanga**

- Speaks on resolutions 2026-181, 2026-186, and 2026-196

**Fire Chief Scott Wolf**

- A utility truck needs to be repaired
- Speaks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade

**Borough Attorney John Deluca**

- No report

**Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager**

- No report

**Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan**

- Speaks on resolution 2026-182
- Provides an update on the Main Street milling and paving
- E-bike law will be effective on July 1

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Councilman Gurchensky**

- The OOA will be closed from 7/13-7/24. Transportation will be suspended starting 7/8.
- The OOA will be closed on 7/3 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Councilwoman DaSilva**

- The Food Bank will be having a school supply drive through 8/15. The locations will be the Corpus Christi Church, Holy Trinity, and the South River Food Bank
- The Cultural Arts will be having South River Day on 10/17
- Speaks on Library activities

**Council President DeSantis**

- Congratulates the Lions for winning the Little League Championship
- Pop Warner football and cheerleading registration is open for mid-July for ages 5-13
- Speaks on girls flag football. This will be a travel league
- Free basketball fundamentals at Leonardine Park on 7/11, 7/18, and 7/25. It is for pre-k through 2nd grade
- There will be a free football clinic on 7/15 and 7/16 at Veteran's Park
- Speaks on resolution 2026-191
- Please visit the borough website for all activity registrations
- The next Recreation meeting will be 9/21 at 6 pm

**Councilman Giannakopoulos**

- Speaks on Lower Main Street and the Fall Planting Program
- The next Shade Tree meeting will be on 7/3
- The EDC will be having Farmers Markets every Sunday starting in September on Obert Street

**Councilman Donato**

- No report

**Councilman Dziemian**

- Flyers for the Frost on the Pumpkin have been created. Letters went out to businesses. It will be on 10/25
- July will start basketball fundamentals every Saturday

**Mayor Guindi**

- No report

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Human Relations Commission
  - Dr. Ariadna Troncoso
- Land Use Board
  - David Bell- Alternate 2

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2026-179 TO 2026-197** (*Resolution 2026-197 will be read separately*)

**WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2025-01 AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO UTILIZE A CONSENT AGENDA TO ADOPT VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF A ROUTINE AND NONCONTROVERSIAL NATURE AT ONE TIME. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BELOW LISTED RESOLUTIONS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN WHOLE AS IF THE SAME WERE INDIVIDUALLY ACTED UPON.**

The Borough Clerk read the resolution titles on the consent agenda. (*Resolution 2026-197 will be read separately*)

**RESOLUTION 2026-179  
PROPERTY TAX REFUND**

**WHEREAS**, the official tax records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds and uncollectibles should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector recommends these changes as listed; and

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

| <b>LOT &amp; BLOCK</b> | <b>REASON</b> | <b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b> | <b>PROPERTY LOCATION</b> | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|

|         |     |                |                                                                           |           |
|---------|-----|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| B164.02 | L10 | Errant payment | Victoria Fonseca & Fabio Santo<br>13 Pulawski Ave<br>South River NJ 08882 | \$2030.44 |
|---------|-----|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|

Refund check payable to : Cotality(CoreLogic)  
3001 Hackberry Rd.  
Irving, TX 75063-0156

B164.02 L10

| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i> |        |     | X    |      |         |        |

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| <b><i>Councilman Donato</i></b>          |          |          | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |
| <b><i>Councilman Dziemian</i></b>        |          |          | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |
| <b><i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i></b>  |          |          | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |
| <b><i>Councilman Gurchensky</i></b>      |          | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |
| <b><i>Council President DeSantis</i></b> | <b>X</b> |          | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |

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Alyssa Hager, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-180  
PROPERTY TAX REFUND**

WHEREAS, The following properties listed below applied for tax exempt status under the provisions for a totally disabled veteran status in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30et seq, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor reviewed and approved the application for the remainder of the 2026 tax year effective July 1st for the below resident, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is recommending the cancellation of third and fourth quarter 2026 taxes for Block 131 Lot 20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector recommends cancellation of the third and fourth quarter taxes for 2026 in accordance with the following schedule:

| <u>Block</u> | <u>Lot</u> | <u>Property Location:</u>                                     | <u>Amount</u>                                                |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 131          | 20         | Donny Guerrero<br>340 Old Bridge Tpke<br>South River NJ 08882 | amounts not yet determined<br>(approximately \$2500 per qtr) |

| <b>COUNCIL</b>                           | <b>MOTION</b> | <b>2ND</b> | <b>AYES</b> | <b>NAYS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b><i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i></b>       |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Donato</i></b>          |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Dziemian</i></b>        |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i></b>  |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Gurchensky</i></b>      |               | <b>X</b>   | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Council President DeSantis</i></b> | <b>X</b>      |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-181**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE  
AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH CGP&H LLC**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of South River needs a Licensed Water Operator, and Water Resource Management, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ, 08003 has a required disclosure contract under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and,

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has certified that the value of the contract is over the Pay to Play threshold of \$17,500.00 and

**WHEREAS** Water Resource Management is deemed the most advantageous to the township based upon Price and other Factors per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 et seq., and

**WHEREAS** Water Resource Management has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Political Contribution Disclosure Form, which certify that the entity has not made any reportable contributions to a candidate in the Borough of South River in the previous year and that the contract will prohibit the entity from making any reportable contributions through the term of the agreement, and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has recommended that the contract be awarded in the amount of not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the term of July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and,

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer certifies the availability of funds and that the funds shall not exceed \$65,000.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED** by the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- That the contract is hereby awarded to Water Resource Management, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003,
- That the cost for the services aforesaid shall not exceed \$65,000.00
- That the Municipal Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:
  - Business Administrator
  - Chief Financial Officer
  - Water Resource Management  
2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

| COUNCIL                     | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i> |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>    |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |

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| <b><i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i></b>  |          |          | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |
| <b><i>Councilman Gurchensky</i></b>      |          | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |
| <b><i>Council President DeSantis</i></b> | <b>X</b> |          | <b>X</b> |  |  |  |

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Borough of South River

### **RESOLUTION 2026-182**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MOLINA AS ACTING SERGEANT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 72 of the Borough Code entitled "Department of Public Safety", the Chief of Police may designate an Officer to assume the duties and responsibilities of a Sergeant in the absence of such officer, in order to maintain the efficiency of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police seeks to designate Officer Patrick Molina to serve temporarily as Acting Sergeant of the Department, effective July 6, 2026.

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 Officer Patrick Molina is hereby appointed to serve temporarily as Acting Sergeant effective July 6, 2026 as set forth herein

| <b>COUNCIL</b>                           | <b>MOTION</b> | <b>2ND</b> | <b>AYES</b> | <b>NAYS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b><i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i></b>       |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Donato</i></b>          |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Dziemian</i></b>        |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i></b>  |               |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Councilman Gurchensky</i></b>      |               | <b>X</b>   | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |
| <b><i>Council President DeSantis</i></b> | <b>X</b>      |            | <b>X</b>    |             |                |               |

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Borough of South River

### **RESOLUTION 2026-183**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00008**

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WHEREAS, in the Borough of South River, the following property was listed and sold at Tax Sale of unpaid municipal charges and the lien holder paid a premium for each Tax Sale Certificate; and

WHEREAS, Statute N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 states if redemption is not made within five years from the date of sale or there is a foreclosure of the property, the premium payment shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the municipality and become part of the funds of the municipality.

| <u>Block</u> | <u>Lot</u> | <u>Certificate #</u> | <u>Premium Amount</u> |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 253          | 26         | 21-00008             | \$ 44,300.00          |

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Tax Collector that these premiums be turned over to the Borough of South River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to turn over the premiums in the amount of \$44,300.00 to the Borough of South River as per Statute 54:5-33.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-184**  
**RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL TO**  
**PLENARY RETAIL, CONSUMPTION AND CLUB LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH**  
**OF SOUTH RIVER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027**

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of Plenary Licenses have been filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission through its Online Licensing System and Borough renewal fees have been paid for the period of July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2027; and

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

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

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

**LICENSE**

| <u>NUMBER:</u>  | <u>LICENSEE:</u>                                                            | <u>DBA TRADE NAME</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1223-33-034-005 | El Tenampa LLC<br>68 Jackson Street<br>South River, NJ 08882                | El Tenampa LLC        |
| 1223-33-026-007 | Michael J. Barry<br>P.O. Box 26<br>Normandy Beach, NJ 08739                 | Pocket License        |
| 1223-33-032-006 | South River Pub, LLC<br>66 Main Street<br>South River NJ 08882              | South River Pub       |
| 1223-33-004-006 | Peach Pit, Inc.<br>Michael Barry<br>P.O. Box 26<br>Normandy Beach, NJ 08739 | Pocket License        |

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-185**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is in need of certain officials and employees to administer, manage, and perform the day to day operations at the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, these officials and employees shall be compensated for the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the compensation proposed for the incumbency in the following office and positions shall fall within the salary range approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has attempted to break down the title by operating unit for the sole purpose of indicating which office and position typically work together and not for the purpose of determining which title belongs to which unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the official and employee listed is to be paid the following annual salary:

DEPARTMENT/TITLE

|                                                 |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY                     | 2026        |
| Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police - DN | \$70,055.00 |
| (effective 7/1/26)                              |             |

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-186**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FY2025 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT THROUGH FEMA**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency has established the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) with the primary goal of enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South River is applying for approximately \$891,975.64 in federal funds, with a local share of \$44,598.78, for the purchase of new communications equipment for the Fire Department.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,**

1. That the Borough of South River does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. The appropriate officials are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith
3. Upon receipt of the grant, the Council does further authorize the acceptance of the grant.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Municipal Clerk  
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-187**  
**RESCINDING THE APPROVAL OF A PORTION OF RESOLUTION 2026-139**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River approved resolution 2026-139 regarding salaries for certain officials and employees on May 11, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the approval needs to be rescinded for the Department of Utilities – R.R. Section; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Department of Utilities section is hereby rescinded.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-188**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR A LEASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6 THOMAS STREET.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South River presently owns property located at 6 Thomas Street known as Block 147, Lot 23 on the Tax Map of the Borough of South River; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 authorizes the lease of public property not needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the identified property is presently not needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council desires to authorize the Borough to prepare bid specifications for the lease of Borough owned property located at 6 Thomas Street known as on Block 147, Lot 23, on the Tax Map of the Borough of South River; and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of bidding, the Borough may accept the highest bid or reject all bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum bid for the lease is \$2,000.00 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough also desires to authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise for the receipt of bids for said lease of Borough property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare bid specifications and advertise for the receipt of bids for leasing Township owned property located at 6 Thomas Street known as Block 147, Lot 23 on the Tax Map of the Borough.
2. That the Borough reserves the right to reject all bids.
3. That the minimum bid for the lease is \$2,000.00 per month.
4. That the Borough Clerk shall advertise the Notice to Bidders for the purpose of the receipt of sealed bids for the above mentioned lease.
5. That upon adoption of this resolution, the Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of said resolution the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Special Counsel.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-189**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REQUISITION OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE SCHOOL MONIES**

**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 June 22, 2026 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:</b> | \$3,794,561.00        |
| <b>RESTORED FUNDS:</b>            | 0.00                  |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:</b>      | <u>0.00</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$3,794,561.00</b> |

**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 August 7, 2026.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-190**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR WATER TESTING AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South River has a desire to contract with a third-party vendor to bill for the provision of water testing and laboratory testing services for the water utility, and

**WHEREAS**, such Services are currently available to be provided through the competitive contracting process under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(l); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to evaluate such offerings from vendors within the procedures as set forth in the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and regulations promulgated thereto (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to enter into a contract that will satisfy the needs of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, as per statute, the process will be administered by the Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has considered the benefits and risks of the process to include, but not be limited to, evaluation of price and other factors, as well as performance risk;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- The Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to commence the procurement as allowable under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law for the procurement of water testing and laboratory services in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Borough of South River

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-191**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GIOCA SOCCER ACADEMY AS THE OFFICIAL PROVIDER OF RECREATIONAL SOCCER PROGRAMMING FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of South River recognizes the importance of providing high-quality recreational soccer opportunities for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council desires to partner with an experienced soccer organization to administer and operate recreational soccer programming within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Gioca Soccer Academy has demonstrated the ability to provide professional soccer instruction, player development opportunities, coaching education, and recreational programming for youth participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of South River to designate Gioca Soccer Academy as the official provider of recreational soccer programming for the Borough; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the total compensation payable to Gioca Soccer Academy under this Resolution and any related agreement shall not exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) in the aggregate during the one-year term, and that the award is therefore below the applicable bid threshold under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are or will be available for the payment of compensation to Gioca Soccer Academy from the Borough's Recreation Trust Fund, which fund consists of recreation program registration fees and other dedicated revenues collected and deposited for recreation purposes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 and applicable law.

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

1. **Designation.** Gioca Soccer Academy is hereby designated as the official provider of recreational soccer programming for the Borough of South River.
2. **Responsibilities.** Gioca Soccer Academy shall be responsible for the operation, promotion, administration, and development of recreational soccer programs offered in partnership with the Borough.
3. **Compensation.** As compensation for services provided, Gioca Soccer Academy shall receive Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each participant registered in the Borough's recreational soccer program. Payment shall be made following verification of registration totals by the Borough Recreation Department or designated municipal official. All compensation payable to Gioca Soccer Academy pursuant to this Resolution and any related agreement shall be paid solely from the Borough's Recreation Trust Fund, subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer. The total compensation payable to Gioca Soccer Academy under this Resolution and any related agreement shall not exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) in the aggregate during the one-year term, and the award is made as a contract below the applicable bid threshold under the Local Public Contracts Law.
4. **Use of Borough Facilities; Waiver of Fees Under Section 155-19.1.** The Borough shall permit Gioca Soccer Academy to utilize Borough-owned athletic fields, parks, and recreational facilities for approved recreational soccer programming offered in partnership with the Borough. Gioca Soccer Academy shall not be required to pay any field reservation, facility-use, or related fees that would otherwise be chargeable under Section 155-19.1 of the Borough Code for such approved programming during the one-year term authorized by this Resolution. All facility use shall be coordinated through the Recreation Department and shall remain subject to field availability, scheduling requirements, permit requirements, Borough rules and regulations, and the direction of the Recreation Department.
5. **Insurance Requirements.** Gioca Soccer Academy shall maintain appropriate liability insurance coverage and shall provide certificates of insurance naming the Borough of South River as an additional insured prior to the commencement of programming.
6. **Compliance.** Gioca Soccer Academy shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and safety requirements and shall ensure that all coaches, instructors, and volunteers satisfy any background check requirements mandated by law or Borough policy.
7. **Vendor Documentation.** The award authorized by this Resolution and the execution of any related agreement with Gioca Soccer Academy are expressly conditioned upon Gioca Soccer Academy's submission of all procurement, vendor, and payment documentation required by applicable law and Borough policy, including, to the extent applicable, a valid New Jersey Business Registration Certificate, required pay-to-play disclosures or certifications, and any other vendor forms or certifications required by the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Qualified Purchasing

Agent, Borough Attorney, or other appropriate Borough official. No payment shall be made to Gioca Soccer Academy unless and until all required vendor documentation has been submitted and approved.

- 8. Term and Annual Review.** The designation of Gioca Soccer Academy as the official provider of recreational soccer programming for the Borough of South River shall be effective for a period of one (1) year from the date of adoption of this Resolution. Prior to the expiration of the one-year term, the Mayor and Borough Council, in consultation with the Recreation Department, shall evaluate the performance of Gioca Soccer Academy and determine, in their sole discretion, whether the designation should be renewed, modified, or terminated. Any renewal shall require approval by the Mayor and Borough Council through the adoption of a subsequent resolution.
- 9. Authorization.** The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Recreation Director, and any other appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to execute any agreements, in a form approved by the Borough Attorney, and documents necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.
- 10. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Gioca Soccer Academy and the Borough Recreation Department.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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Municipal Clerk  
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-192**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY SOUTH RIVER RECREATION DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 21, 2026 WITH A**  
**RAIN DATE OF AUGUST 22, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the South River Recreation Department of the Borough of South River has requested 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 Friday, August 21, 2026 (rain date Saturday, August 22, 2026).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that permission is granted, on the following conditions:

1. D&M Fireworks, LLC, the contractor, shall be placed in charge of the display.

2. 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 \$5,000,000.00, 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 contractor shall comply with all required regulations and instructions issued by the Middlesex County Fire Marshal 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, Borough Contracted EMS Service 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 Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 6-01-28-371-211 for \$12,500.

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

- a. Middlesex County Fire Marshal
- b. South River Recreation Department
- c. South River Board of Education
- d. South River Police Department
- e. Borough Contracted EMS Service
- f. South River Office of Emergency Management
- g. D&M Fireworks, LLC
- h. Bureau of Explosives of the Department of Labor

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-193**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that May 11, 2026, Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes are approved.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-194**  
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes are approved.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**RESOLUTION 2026-195**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST**

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$1,560,669.92 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$805,288.80 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.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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#### RESOLUTION 2026-196

##### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PRESCRIPTION PLAN COVERAGE WITH BENECARD SERVICES

WHEREAS, the coverage for the prescription plan with Benecard Services ends on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River wishes to renew the agreement with the aforesaid vendor.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 6-01-23-220-211, 6-02-55-502-204 and 6-03-55-502-204 and will also be provided in 2027 municipal budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the Borough Administrator is authorized to renew the agreement for prescription coverage with Benecard Services for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30 2027.

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**\*\*Resolution 2026-197 was read separately**

**RESOLUTION 2026-197**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 AND #4 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS IMPROVEMENTS TO LEONARDINE AVENUE, BERYL STREET, DAILEY STREET, DARROW STREET, JOHN STREET, AND VARIOUS PARKS**

WHEREAS, the governing body has received a Change Order request #3 and #4 for the project known as Improvements to Leonardine Avenue, Beryl Street, Dailey Street, Darrow Street, John Street, and Various Parks, which work is being undertaken by JADS Construction Co.; and

WHEREAS, the Change Order #3 request will provide for revised contract quantities which results in an decrease to the original contract amount of \$4,967.45; and

WHEREAS, the change order #4 request will provide for additional concrete work at various locations, which will result in an increase to the original contract amount of \$47,435.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that Change Order #3 and #4 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account C-06-23-020-104. Payment is subject to NJDOT's approval, if required.

**\*\*Councilman Donato would like to know what the total amount of the project was and Borough Engineer Cornell states it was a little over two million. Councilman Donato would like to know what the reason for the change order was and Mr. Cornell answers.**

| COUNCIL                           | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|------|---------|--------|
| <i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>       |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Donato</i>          |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Dziemian</i>        |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>  |        |     | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>      |        | X   | X    |      |         |        |
| <i>Council President DeSantis</i> | X      |     | X    |      |         |        |

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**PUBLIC COMMENT- Good and Welfare of the Borough (5 min per speaker)**

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Bob Bodak, 92 Cleveland Ave/ Chairman of the South River Land Use Board, encourages all of Council to attend Land Use Board meetings

Zane Taha, Gioca Co-Founder, speaks on their soccer program

Barry Brill, Monticello Way, speaks on the Colins Drive street closure

Being that no one else came forward for public comment, Mayor Guindi requested motion to close. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to close; seconded by Council President DeSantis. All in Favor.

#### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS (For the Good and Welfare of the Borough)**

##### **Councilwoman DaSilva**

- Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Speaks on e-bikes
- Father Mike will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> year at St. Mary's

##### **Councilman Gurchensky**

- Thank you to all public safety officers
- Watch out for elderly residents in the heat. Please stay hydrated
- Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

##### **Councilman Dziemian**

- The next Imperial Music Concert will be on 8/2
- Congratulations to Father Garretson on his retirement
- Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

##### **Councilman Donato**

- School has ended, please be careful with children outside
- Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Speaks on the water main projects

##### **Council President DeSantis**

- Explains how to review the water bills
- Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July / America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- God Bless America

##### **Mayor Guindi**

- Speaks on the work regarding Main Street
- Speaks on the new law regarding e-bikes. The new law goes into effect on 7/1
- Makes a statement regarding the Kamm Avenue investigation
- The Mayor's Patriotic Contest will be coming to an end. There are 17 entries
- Happy 4th of July

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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