

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
Municipal Offices
76 South Orange Ave
Suite 302
South Orange
Essex County
New Jersey 07079

www.southorange.org
P 973.378.7715
F 973.763.0987



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Coallier
Trustee Brown
Trustee Haskins
Fire Chief Sullivan
Interim Police Chief, Capt. Dolinac
Lt. Acevedo
SORS Chief Rothstein
Mr. Festa, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

February 10, 2022

All committee members present approved the February 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

General Discussion

Mobility - Pedestrian, Bike, and Traffic Safety

Interim Chief, Capt. Dolinac discussed the third annual Crash Report created by the SOPD. The report identifies areas in the village where there is a high volume of vehicle accidents, identifies attributing factors, and helps develop solutions to mitigate future accidents. Capt. Dolinac further explained that the crash reports were taken throughout the year, along with information from the Dept. of Transportation. As of 2021, Capt. Dolinac reported on the following:

- 416 motor vehicle accidents,
- 1 Bicycle accident
- 16 pedestrians involved in accidents
- 112 parked vehicles involved in accidents



- 56 hit and run accidents
- 0 fatalities in 2021

93 1/2 percent of accidents resulted in no reported injuries. For more information regarding the 2021 Crash Report, please see attached.

Lt. Acevedo added that even though there are some increases, it coincides with what's going on nationally. Most of the crashes in the Village have more to do with volume than engineering deficiencies. The more prevalent areas on the heat map are South Orange Avenue, Scotland/Valley, and Irvington Avenue. From the perspective of the Traffic Bureau, what's best to be done would be repainting the crosswalks and purchasing the light-up crosswalk signs. Along with enforcement. The committee discussed various intersections in the village that need signage and lighting, crashes on Municipal Roads versus County Roads, and the traffic study process.

In response to Mr. Battaglia, Lt. Acevedo stated that this report has been shared with the county. Mr. Battaglia added that the County is currently designing a new signal on Valley & First St. Discussion ensued regarding county project plans. Mr. Battaglia stated that he would personally pass this report over to his contact at the County.

Upcoming Spending (e.g. vendor purchase orders, large (greater than \$5,000) items in the bills list and /or ordinances)

Chief Sullivan briefed the committee on the emergency system replacements from late December through February. This included boilers and water heaters. This was a major expense, upwards of \$50,000. In response to Trustee Coalier, Chief Sullivan stated that two thirds have been paid out of their facility capital budget.

Special items

There were no special items.

Report Questions

- Radio Update- In response to Trustee Coalier, Chief Sullivan stated that the repeaters are a work in progress. Two vendors have been identified and there is quite a difference in pricing for the equipment needed. A Radio Consultant has been hired to help with the process. There was a minor delay, but SOFD are currently working on the agreement on the first testing of the repeaters. Within one or two weeks. Chief Sullivan is pushing for a



clarification to be made if the repeaters don't work the way the department needs them to or how the company stated the equipment would work; the village would receive a full refund. The Fire Chief detailed the vendor to the committee. In regards to Radio Enhancements, Chief Sullivan detailed that the department has jurisdiction over places that are non-owner occupied , two families and above. Addresses that are on the list are single-family homes. There are no enforcement procedures in terms of making someone make radio enhancements. Chief Sullivan is currently working with Mr. Otis on this matter.

- SORS- Trustee Coalier asked Chief Rothstien for an update on the RWJ Daytime EMS service and if it had been discussed with the Village Administrator. Chief Rothstien stated there is no update at this time. The RWJ is still stationed in South Orange and is currently still looking into regionalizing .
- Health Department- Mr. Festa detailed items from the monthly report. For more information, please see the Board of Health Report attached. Trustee Coalier announced that September 10th, 2022 will be the next Annual Health Fair.

New Items

There were no new items.

Public Comments

Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad, S.O. Resident, Thanked Ms. White for posting the agenda and associated materials in a timely manner on the website.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Next Meeting Date

April 14, 2022; 6:00 PM

Adjournment



The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.
Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary