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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

To access information on how to use WebEx to join the meeting, please click on the following link: <https://www.southorange.org/800/WebEx-FAQs>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Ms. Doran, Deputy Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the official newspapers of the Village, posted on the Village's website and filed in the Office of the Village Clerk indicating that this meeting is being held virtually via Cisco WebEx video conferencing. During a remote meeting, participants, including members of the public may be muted by the host. However, there will be an opportunity for them to participate and speak during the public portion of the meeting where participants will be unmuted at their request. Official action may be taken.

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2022-067 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the April 25, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

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6. Announcements

A. **Importance of continuing to follow the COVID-19 Emergency
Precautions**

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic situation in South Orange and work closely with the state and county health departments to track cases and coordinate vaccinations and testing.

Essex County continues to offer both vaccinations and testing at the Kmart location in West Orange and the Essex County Employee Parking Deck in Newark. Current hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 2-7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm. The sites are closed on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

You can find this and more information by visiting the southorange.org website's COVID-19 information page, calling your primary care doctor or New Jersey's toll-free vaccination hotline at 1-855-568-0545.



B. **Water Department**

The Low Income Home Water Assistance Program

The Department of Community Affairs has announced a new Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). This is a federally funded program designed to help low-income households reduce the balances they have on their residential water and wastewater bills. Eligibility and application details can be found in the newsfeed on our website, southorange.org.

C. **Autism Awareness Month**

April is Autism Awareness Month and the South Orange Police PBA and SOA Local 12 are selling limited edition police autism patches to help benefit Nassan's Place, a local non-profit organization. Patches can be ordered online and picked up at either the South Orange Police Department, Kitchen a la Mode or Town Hall Deli! Cash purchases can also be made in person at SOPD headquarters, see southorange.org for more information. To learn more about Nassan's place, visit nassansplace.org.

D. **River Day is Good, Clean, Fun!**

Annual River Clean Up Returns for its 11th Year Sunday May 1st

South Orange, NJ (April 1, 2022) If you've put on boots and waded in, had a student at the Middle School, or spent time in Meadowland Park before, you know the east branch of the Rahway River runs right through the heart of South Orange, literally and figuratively. Sadly, you probably also know how quickly trash from our disposable lifestyle builds up along the banks and in the river itself. But for 11 years, members of the community have gathered together on the first Sunday in May to remove that trash, celebrate and learn about the river, and enjoy time outdoors with friends and family.

River Day started in 2011 and grew steadily in number of participants, events, and amount of trash removed, until COVID brought that to a halt in 2020. While COVID restrictions have curtailed some of the traditions of music, food, and educational activities, they could not stop the die-hard volunteers from returning last year to mark River Day's return and 10th anniversary. In 2022, as we ease into the new normal, we are glad to announce the return of a favorite: River Curriculum Exhibits by the student scientists of South Orange Middle School!

Check in on Sunday, May 1st, 2022, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Rain Date



May 8th) at the Skate House by the pond in Meadowland Park (off Mead St.) in South Orange. Pre-registration for River Day can be done in [advance on the website](#). For updates, follow the SOEC on Facebook or Instagram @sogreenteam or our website at <https://sogreenteam.wordpress.com/>

E. **Tax Department - COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES
INSTALLMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY**

The Village is now offering an installment plan to residents for any sewer arrearages that accrued between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. The payment plan will include the total amount of prior year delinquent sewer charges with interest beginning on March 15, 2022.

For more information, please refer to the Village website or contact the Tax Collector's office directly. The deadline for establishing an installment plan is May 20, 2022.

F. **National Library Week!**

Did you know that April 3rd - 9th was National Library Week where we celebrate our libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support? Another way for you to support the South Orange Public Library this month is to take part in their Mother's Day Jewelry Sale sponsored by the Friends of the South Orange Public Library. It will take place on Saturday April 30, 2022, 1-5pm, and Sunday May 1, 1-4pm, in the South Orange Public Library. All jewelry donated and the sale proceeds will fund Library services for the South Orange community. Cash, credit cards, and debit cards accepted. Face masks required. Bring a friend!

G. **SOMA Celebrates Older Americans Month 2022 - Age My Way!**

Each year in May, we celebrate Older Americans Month and the many contributions older Americans make to our community. Older adults play vital, positive roles – as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce, and more. In celebration, we honor the memories and service of notable older adults who dedicated their time and talents to the betterment of our community. This year we will introduce the Nan Samons Memorial Community Service and Leadership Award honoring Nan's legacy of community engagement. Each year beginning in 2023 an award winner will be selected who exemplifies the spirit of community building and leadership.



In May, we will also engage current older residents who continue to thrive and impact our community in positive ways by focusing on physical and emotional well-being. Opportunities to collaborate with older adults and other generations this month include environmental walks in local parks, a hike in the reservation, a meditation walk, learning sessions on home decluttering and using your smartphone, a Seton Hall walking tour, our annual Repair Café, and a luncheon to celebrate our older residents. We also plan to launch new programming in May that will deepen connections between older residents and younger generations.

For details and more information, visit the SOMA Two Towns for All Ages website, somatwotownsforallages.org or call the office at 973-558-0863.

7. Presentation

- A. Village Spotlight - Friends of the South Orange Public Library

8. Proclamation

- A. Proclamation Celebrating Older Americans Month 2022

9. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment.

10. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Board's approval of the minutes for the following meeting:
- Regular meeting held on April 11, 2022 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2022-13 CALENDAR YEAR 2022 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

ROLL CALL VOTE:



- B. 2022-14 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,058,780 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,854,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2022-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO CREATE CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE TO CALM, LIMIT AND REGULATE THE USE OF LEAF BLOWERS

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2022-068 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE COUNSEL TO ACQUIRE A PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO AFFORDALBE HOUSING TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON WEST THIRD STREET.
- B. 2022-069 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2022-070 RESOLUTION AMENDING PROPOSAL OF ATKIN OLSHIN SCHADE ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHTIECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CONNETT BUILDING EXTERIOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00
- D. 2022-071 RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE 2022 PAVEMENT/MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF THE BID
- E. 2022-072 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #15 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INCREASE TO REMOVE PLASTER CEILINGS IN VARIOUS ROOMS AND CORRIDORS OF \$53,936.25 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- F. 2022-073 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #16 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INCREASE TO INSTALL



NEW STEEL COLUMNS OF \$6,256.60 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT

- G. 2022-074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #17 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR A DECREASE FOR ELIMINATING WET TAP IN THE STREET, REMOVING ELECTRICAL CONDUITS & ELIMIANTING DIVIDER CURTAINS OF \$13,594.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- H. 2022-075 RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE 2022 STORM DRAIN SYSTEM VIDEO INSPECTION AND AUTHORIZING THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF THE BID
- I. 2022-076 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- J. 2022-077 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH SAM TELL COMPANIES UNDER THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOOD SERVICE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT #HCESC-Cat-20-09 FOR APPLIANCES FOR RENOVATED BAIRD COMMUNITY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,101.60

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2022-078 SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION - INTRODUCTION
 - 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

15. Board of Health

- A. Recess the meeting of Board of Trustees and convene as the Board of Health.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:
Board Member Brown



Board Member Collum
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board Member Zuckerman
Board President Coalier

Board members have been provided with the monthly report for April 2022 from John M. Festa, M.A., Health Officer.

Adjourn as the Board of Health to reconvene as the Board of Trustees.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:
Village President Collum
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16. Approval of Bills

- A. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer dated April 25, 2022. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2022-079 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 25, 2022 IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,013,857.05

ROLL CALL VOTE:

17. Village President Report



18. Village Administrator Report

19. Village Counsel Report

20. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown

B. **Trustee Coalier**

- Community Care & Justice

C. **Trustee Haskins**

- River Day
- Spring Tree Planting

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

E. **Trustee Jones**

- Seton Village - Italian Center, NPP Grant
- Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee
- Community Relations Committee

F. Trustee Zuckerman

21. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment

22. New Business

23. Adjournment