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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 2022 - 7:00 PM

(In-Person/Hybrid Meeting)

South Orange Performing Arts Center

1 SOPAC Way - Main Stage

South Orange, New Jersey 07079

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

Village President Collum called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15pm:

2. Roll Call

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coallier - ABSENT
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

Village Clerk Davis read the following 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 in-person and through hybrid communication 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

2022-144 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the June 27, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees

**A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session**

- Personnel (Personnel & Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- DPW (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Village Charter (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Trustee Jones moved to approve Resolution 2022-144, seconded by Trustee Hilton. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coallier - ABSENT
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Ms. Doran, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel (ABSENT)
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

6. Announcements

President Collum read the following 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 offers both vaccinations and testing at the former Sears location at the Livingston Mall, including pediatric boosters for 5 to 11 years old. Current hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 2-7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm. Pediatric boosters are available by appointment only, visit EssexCovid.org to schedule an appointment.

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. Department of Administration

Summer Hours – The Municipal Offices, Recreation Department and Department of Public Works (DPW) will remain open late on Mondays until 7pm and will close at 1pm on Fridays. A DPW representative will be located in Village Hall on Monday evenings until 7pm. These extended Monday hours will provide residents with more flexibility in conducting business with these municipal departments.

C. Recreation Department

South Orange Summer Night's is back! This year's lineup will showcase local talent on Wednesdays throughout July.

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM on Flood's Hill for great bands and food trucks. This year's lineup is:

Stuff Brothers on July 6th

SOMA Rocks July 13th

Radio Petty July 20th

Gravy Train July 27th

We cannot wait to see everyone on the hill this summer!

7. Villager of the Month

- A. Proclamation Honoring and Commending Meskerem Hyman as "Villager of the Month" for June 2022:
Trustee Jones read the proclamation that recognized and



commended Meskerem Hyman as Student Villager of the Month. Ms. Hyman thanked President Collum and the Trustees for the acknowledgements and hopes to continue to make them proud.

8. Proclamation

- A. Proclamation Honoring and Extending Congratulations to Beth Halliday on the Occasion of her Retirement at South Orange Public Library:

Trustee Hilton read the proclamation that recognized and thanked Ms. Halliday for her contributions to the Library and South Orange Community

Also, a proclamation was presented to Adam Loehner recognizing his many achievements, leadership and service to the South Orange Village. Mr. Loehner last day as Village Administrator will be June 30th.

9. Public Comment

Village President opened the meeting for public comment:

Alyssa Arson resident of South Orange asked about wearing mask in the buildings, the resolution regarding shared service between Maplewood and South Orange and the reason for scheduled emergency meeting. In response to the public questions, President Collum mentioned that masks are now optional in Village buildings, the resolution is for the service agreement between the two towns for the Maplewood Health Officer due to the recent retirement of the South Orange Health Officer and the emergency meetings is regarding the shared service agreement with Maplewood Fire Services and changes to the administrative roles.

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 June 13, 2022 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

Trustee Hilton moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022, seconded by Mr. Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent



Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

11. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2022-16 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Trustee Haskins moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-16 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

- B. 2022-17 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE III OF THE LOCAL UNIT'S ALLOCABLE SHARE OF THE FLOOD MITIGATION FACILITIES PROJECT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT"); APPROPRIATING \$1,890,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,890,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Trustee Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-17 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes



Trustee Zuckerman Yes
Motion carried.

- C. 2022-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 143 FEES, SECTIONS 143-13 LAND DEVELOPMENT, 143-39 OTHER FEES, AND 185-3 DEFINITIONS; WORD USAGE

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-18 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Abstain
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Jones moved that the Public Hearing Ordinance #2022-16 shall be at the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm and Ordinances #2022-17 and 2022-18 shall be at the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm. On these dates, the Board may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that the Ordinances are published in the Official Newspaper and posted in an open place in the Municipal Offices. The motion was seconded by Trustee Haskins. All members were in favor and none opposed.

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2022-145 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VOSE AVENUE SECTION 1 PROJECT
- B. 2022-146 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LENNOX AVENUE PROJECT
- C. 2022-147 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH



ORANGE VILLAGE TO CONTRACT WITH EDMUNDS GOVTECH FOR PROPRIETARY COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICES RELATED TO VARIOUS FINANCIAL SERVICES MODULES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,900.00

- D. 2022-148 RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRAMT FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2022 - MARCH 14, 2023
- E. 2022-149 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN, INC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2022 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT/ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
- F. 2022-150 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRAIN STATION/SLOAN STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- G. 2022-151 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS – TREE PLANTING PROGRAM REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A 40A:5-29
- H. 2022-152 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- I. 2022-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD FOR THE SERVICES OF THE MAPLEWOOD HEALTH OFFICER
- J. 2022-154 RESOLUTION AWARDDING EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO DS MEYER ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR REPAIR OF A SINKHOLE WITHIN THE INTERSECTION OF MEADOWBROOK PLACE AND MEEKER STREET

Trustee Jones move to approve Resolutions 2022-145 through 2022-154, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.



The following Resolutions were walk-ons:

2022-157 RESOLUTION AWARDING EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO, D.L.B. WIRE NUTS ELECTRICAL, L.L.C. FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT THE SOUTH ORANGE POOL

2022-158 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JULIE DORAN AS ACTING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Trustee Jones move to approve Resolutions 2022-157 and 2022-158, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

13. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Recess meeting of the Board of Trustees and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Ms. Hilton moved to recess the Board of Trustees and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Ms. Jones. All members were in favor and none opposed

Roll Call:

Board Member Brown
Board Member Coalier - ABSENT
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board Member Zuckerman
Board President Collum

2022-155 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2022-2023 LICENSE TERM

Ms. Jones moved to approve Resolution 2022-155, seconded by Ms.



Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Brown	Yes
Ms. Coalier	Absent
Ms. Collum	Yes
Mr. Haskins	Yes
Ms. Hilton	Yes
Ms. Jones	Yes
Mr. Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Jones moved to adjourn as the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board and reconvene as the Board of Trustees, seconded by Ms. Hilton. All members were in favor. President Collum adjourned Alcohol and Beverage Control Board at approximately 8:28 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

14. 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 June 27, 2022. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2022-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 27, 2022 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,161,802.55

Trustee Hilton move to approve Resolution 2022-156, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Absent
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

15. Village President Report

President Collum discussed the following:



- Thanked everyone who attended the rally regarding the Ruling of the Supreme Court on Roe v. Wade and encourages everyone to stay informed.
- S & P Bond Rating – Thanked the Finance Committee Chair, CFO and Administrator for all their hard work.
- The Neighborhood Preservation Program recently received notice that the Village will be receiving a Grant for an additional amount of \$233K to complete the ADA upgrade at 133 Fairview Avenue Community Center.
- The Taylor & Vose Avenue project has 11 affordable housing units and now is accepting application at www.affordablehomesnewjersey.com to apply for lottery.
- The Village Hall Beer Garden Restaurant & Event Hall will be opening soon and they have begun to work on the Historic Clock Tower to have it up and running again.
- In the upcoming months, PSE&G will be working on upgrading Services throughout South Orange to better service the residents.
- South Essex Fire Department will operational as of July 1st. At the special meeting scheduled for June 29th, there will be resolutions for administrative shared agreements and some revisions to the regional service agreement.
- Briefly discussed the security concerns in the schools. President Collum shared the concerns of Maplewood's Mayor and had conversations with the Board of Education and the Superintendent regarding the concerns of the parents and students relating to safety and being transparent between the two towns, school board and the Board of Education.
- Briefly discussed the Energy Tax Receipt Bills and working on getting the necessary funds returned to the Municipality as it should have been previously distributed.
- Read a statement regarding a bias incident that occurred within the Municipal operations on May 17, 2022 between a Village Employee and a South Orange Resident. President Collum discussed some of the action taking including restricting the resident for conducting any in person or telephonic business in the Village and explained the actions that will be taken should this be violated. President Collum stated they will always protect the employees against these types of incidents.

16. Village Administrator Report

Acting Administrator Julie Doran discussed the S & P Rating upgrade for



South Orange, next steps for the Italian Culture Center and announced the 4th of July Two Towns Pool Party with South Orange and Maplewood.

Mr. Loehner discussed the status of the elevator at the library. There will be a construction meeting in the next couple of weeks.

17. Village Counsel Report

There was no Village Counsel Report.

18. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown
There was not report

B. **Trustee Coalier**

- Community Care & Justice – There was no report.

C. Trustee Haskins
There was no report.

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton – The Summer Reading at the Library has begun and everyone is encouraged to visit the Library website for more details.

E. Trustee Jones
There was no report.

F. Trustee Zuckerman – The Cannabis applications deadline is June 30th. There have been several applications submitted and expecting a few more. The Task Force will be reviewing all applications and making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

19. Public Comment

Village President opened the meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.

20. New Business

Trustee Jones mentioned Trustee Zuckerman will be receiving the Pride of Essex Award on June 30th from the Essex County LGBTQ Pride Celebration and congratulated him on being selected to receive this award.

21. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, President Collum adjourned the meeting



at approximately 9pm, and announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022.

***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangenj.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=604&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village President