



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 22, 2021 - 6:15 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Village President Collum
Trustee Clarke
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Schnall
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6 and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey. Notice of this meeting was posted in Village Hall and on the Village's website, and has been filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. 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. Ogetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-030 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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



- Redevelopment Updates (Contract Negotiations)
- 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 - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause us all health concerns and inconvenience; it is critical that we continue to follow the emergency mandates put in place at the various levels of government. Please continue to wear your face masks when out in public, always maintain six feet of distance, avoid large gatherings, wash your hands frequently, and quarantine for 14 days if returning from a location that has a travel advisory.

B. **2021 Municipal Election Candidate Packets**

The next Municipal Election is Tuesday, May 11, 2021. South Orange residents interested in running for the Board of Trustees in the May 11, 2021 Municipal Election must be a registered voter in the Township of south Orange Village and have been a resident of the Township for at least 1 year. Three seats will be open for a four-year term.

Candidate packets are now available. The deadline for submitting a complete candidate packet to be on the ballot is March 8, 2021. To receive a candidate packet, please send an email request to Clerksoffice@southorange.org and in the subject line: 2021 Municipal Candidate Packet Request. Any questions can be directed to the Village Clerks Office at 973-378-7715 ext. 1.



C. **Volunteers Calls for the Community Police Collaborative (CPC) Committee**

The Community Police Collaborative (CPC) Committee advises South Orange Village elected officials on matters relating to Public Safety oversight. It also works to improve the relationship between the Police Department and South Orange residents and visitors. Its main areas of focus include raising awareness of and reducing bias; reducing frivolous calls to the police; working toward non-police responses to calls for service; making sure the values of the community and the Police Department are aligned; and monitoring the Department's uses of force. The CPC has three permanent subcommittees and one ad hoc subcommittee addressing department community outreach, training, data & analytics, and code review, respectively. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, volunteer on at least one subcommittee, and commit to studying materials related to the work of the CPC as necessary. Please click on the following link to submit an application: <http://southorange.org/374/Volunteering>

D. **Recreation and Cultural Affairs Announcements:**

Registration for Spring Flag Football is open for all South Orange Maplewood residents ages 8-15. The program will be held on Sundays starting April 10th. The registration information can be found on the department's web page.

Registration for the Summer Playground Camp will open March 1st at 9:00 AM. Registration is open to South Orange residents that have a current 2021 recreation membership. Registration and additional information can be found on the recreation department's web page.

The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is looking for field maintenance workers, lifeguards, camp staff and pool staff. Applications can be found on the Village's website.

E. **Black History Month**

As Black History Month comes to a close at the end of this week, the Township of South Orange Village would like to thank our Black History Month Committee and the members of our community who have taken part in the events. As a reminder, this last week is still filled with more surprises.



- On Thursday, February 25th at 7 pm, we have our panel discussion on Sports and Social Change, Part 2 moderated by Bobby Brown, Chair of our Community Police Collaborative, and panelists Coach Lisa Morgan, Former CHS track coach, CHS Graduate and Team USA Track Runner, Olivia Baker and Lisa Charles, Health & Wellness Speaker and Consultant and Coach.
- In Meadowland Park, closer to the Mead Street side, we have launched our art exhibit titled, "Strength in Creativity" which has 15 local residents.
- Our last Erasing South Orange Borders presented by Erasing Essex's Borders will be held this Saturday, February 27th at 1:00 PM.
- On Sunday, February 28th, we will host a Black Health Matters COVID 19 Vaccines and the Black Community panel discussion that is open to the public and your friends at 4:30 pm. This is in conjunction with the Community Coalition on Race as part of their Coffee House Series.

As always, we have launched our last Monday podcast launch and will have a Wednesday children's book lists, and Storytime Saturdays. For a full list of events our events and community events, please go to <http://www.southorange.org/786/Black-History-Month>.

F. **Women's History Month**

March is Women's History Month and South Orange is partnering with Maplewood for a series of events to celebrate women. On Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 PM, head over the Maplewood Town Council meeting to watch the past and present elected officials issue a Proclamation opening up this month. Additionally, we are going virtual with our SOMA "Wear White for Women" Group Photo by hosting a virtual conversation on Thursday, March 4th at 6:00 PM. To see a full lineup, please head over to somawomen.org

G. **Community Care & Justice Program - Save the Date!**

On March 7 at 7p we will host a virtual Town Hall meeting to kick off the Community Care & Justice program and to gather community input on topics of interest for our program survey and focus group outreach. Join with your whole family - youth outreach and dialogue is an important part of our CC&J mission. Don't miss this launch of our exciting new Community Care & Justice program!



H. **Energy Aggregation**

New Municipal Energy Aggregation contract offers 40% or 100% renewable electricity supply to residents.

Residents of South Orange must opt-out or opt-up by March 7.

South Orange has once again joined together with several other towns as the Sustainable Essex Alliance (SEA) to put their collective purchasing power to work to provide greener electricity to residents at competitive, if not lower, prices.

SEA member towns of Glen Ridge, Maplewood, Montclair, South Orange, and Verona are joined by Glen Rock and Livingston for a new 17 month contract beginning in April of 2021 with third party provider *Energy Harbor*. The new contract has two options:

- a default option, that everyone will automatically receive, offering 40% renewable energy content
- or a 100% renewable energy option that residents must opt-up to choose.

The default option is nearly double the renewable energy content presently required of PSE&G and the price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) is below the current average PSE&G Basic Generation Service tariff price for power supply. The 100% renewable electricity option is only slightly above the current BGS rate but compares very favorably to other 100% options on the market.

Eligible residents should have received a letter from the Village in the mail in early February detailing the program options and providing contact information. If you do nothing you will receive the default (40%) option. If you want to opt out or opt up you must do so by March 7. Program details, contact information, rates, and FAQs can also be found on the Village website at

southorange.org/659/Municipal-Energy-Aggregation

7. **Presentation**

- A. Presentation of 167 North Ridgewood Road by William MacIntosh

8. **Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment.

9. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Board's approval of the minutes from the following meetings:



- Regular meeting held on July 8, 2019 (Trustee Jones and Trustee Zuckerman were absent and are not eligible to vote)
- Regular meeting held on July 22, 2019 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)
- Regular meeting held on December 28, 2020 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)
- Regular meeting held on January 11, 2021 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

10. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2021-05 Ordinance amending the Village Code, Chapter 143, "Fees", by amending Section 143-8 "Construction Codes, Uniform"

Roll Call Vote:

- B. 2021-06 Ordinance Amending the Village Code, Chapter 305, "Duty of Owner or Tenant to Remove", by adding Subsection C Imposing Penalties for the Failure to Remove Snow or Improper Removal of Snow

Roll Call Vote:

- C. 2021-07 Ordinance Amending the Village Code, Chapter 143, "FEES", by Amending Membership and Various Fees Related to Recreation Programs

Roll Call Vote:

11. Ordinances for Second Reading

- A. 2021-01 Ordinance Amending and Restating the Cost of Water as set forth in Chapter 351, Section 15 of the Code of the Township of South Orange Village

Public Hearing:

Roll Call Vote:

- B. 2021-02 Ordinance Amending Ordinances 2018-05, 2018-07, 2018-09, 2018-12 and 2020-19 for inclusion in the Township of South Orange



Village Code

Public Hearing:

Roll Call Vote:

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2021-031 Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding for the South Orange Community Care & Justice Project
- B. 2021-032 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract to Alexander Elias Architecture, LLC for Architecture Services at the Village's Recycling Center
- C. 2021-033 Resolution Appointing a Hearing Officer
- D. 2021-034 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract by Bergen County CO-OP BID#18-40, CO-OP#11-BECCP Playground Equipment and General Supplies c/o Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc for Playground Equipment and Upgrade for Carter Park in an amount not to exceed \$116,386.00
- E. 2021-035 Resolution authorizing the award of contract to Morton Salt per 2020-2021 Essex County Co-op Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$72,705.00
- F. 2021-036 Resolution authorizing a contract with US Sports Institute for Multisport and Tennis Instructions Beginning March 2021 thru February 2022 for the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs
- G. 2021-037 Resolution Hiring a Per Diem Telecommunications Dispatcher in the South Orange Department of Public Safety/Police Force
- H. 2021-038 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Per-Diem Crossing Guard for the South Orange Police Department
- I. 2021-039 Resolution in Support of H.R. 946 - The Stop the Attack Local Taxpayers Act
- J. 2021-040 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring Summer Playground Program Staff for the 2021 Summer Season in the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs for the Township of South Orange Village
- K. 2021-041 Resolution Appointing Eric Siskind as a Commissioner to the South Orange Parking Authority



- L. 2021-042 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Firefighter in the South Orange Department of Public Safety-Fire Department
- M. 2021-043 Resolution Establishing Calendar Year 2021 Sewer User Charge
- N. 2021-044 Restitution Approving Subrecipient Agreement for use of Community Development Block Grant Funds between Essex County New Jersey and Township of South Orange Village

Roll Call Vote:

13. Board of Health

- A. Recess Meeting of Board of Trustees and Convene as the Board of Health.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call: Board Member Clarke
Board Member Collum
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board Member Schnall
Board Member Zuckerman
Board President Coalier

Board Members have been provided with the monthly report for February 2021 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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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 February 22, 2021. The Board of Trustee has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-045 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills and the issuance of checks for the period though February 2, 2021 in the total amount of \$6,209,343.78

Roll Call Vote:

15. Village President Report

- Status of ACS 1571/1576
- General Redevelopment Updates
- Medical Marijuana Appellate Court Update
- BOE Liaisons Meeting with SOMSD

16. Village Administrator Report

- Budget Update
- CDBG Update
- Deputy Administrator

17. Village Counsel Report

18. Trustee Reports

- A. Trustee Clarke
- B. **Trustee Coalier**
- Community Care & Justice



- Two Towns meeting with SOMSD Superintendent Dr. Ronlad Taylor and Board of Education President Thair Joshua and Vice President Erin Scherzer

C. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

D. **Trustee Jones**
Community Relations Committee

- Newcomers Day
- Villager of the Month
- Village Spotlight

Seton Village Irvington Avenue Corridor Committee

- Meeting Reminder

E. Trustee Schnall

F. Trustee Zuckerman

19. Public Comment

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20. New Business

- A. Sidewalks and Snow Clearing (VP Collum)
- B. Senate Bill S1 (VP Collum)

21. Adjournment