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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

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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 Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones - ABSENT
Trustee Schnall
Ms. Doran, Acting 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 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



2022-314 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Baird Center (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Animal Control (Contract Negotiation)
- Seton Hall University (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- South Essex Fire Department (Personnel & Contract Negotiation)

Trustee Schnall moved to approve Resolution 2022-314, seconded by Trustee Hilton. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

President Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7pm:

ROLL CALL Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones - ABSENT
Trustee Schnall
Ms. Doran, Acting Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel - ABSENT
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

6. **Announcements**

President Collum read the following announcements:

A. **Water Department - Low Income Home Water Assistance Program**

The Department of Community Affairs has a 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 <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/lihwap>. or by calling 1 800-



510-3102, Mon.-Sat. 8:00 am – 8:00 pm for further information.

B. SOPD AND PBA Toy Drive

The South Orange Police Department, in collaboration with our unions, South Orange Superior Officers Association and Policeman's Benevolent Association, are hosting a toy drive this holiday season. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy or gift card that will be delivered to the Pediatric Units at all of our local hospital centers and battered women's shelters throughout Essex County on December 25. Toys and gift cards can be dropped off at the South Orange Police Department (front Lobby) located at 201 South Orange Ave, South Orange, New Jersey.

C. Shop Local this Holiday Season

South Orange Downtown's Holiday Market continues for two more Thursdays, Dec 15 & 22 from 3PM to 7pm in the Sloan Street Lot with many unique vendors each week. You can also give the gift of LOCAL this holiday season with a South Orange Downtown gift card. They are available for purchase at the holiday markets, or online at southorangedowntown.org. This gift card can be used at 30 of our downtown businesses and is valid ALL YEAR LONG until 12/31/2023. And finally, enjoy FREE holiday parking throughout South Orange until Jan 2.

7. Public Comment

President Collum opened the meeting for public comment:

Claire Roberts resident of Maplewood asked if proposals for Animal Control would be presented at this meeting and will the proposals be posted on the website. Ms. Doran explained they are still waiting to receive proposals from a few municipalities and 2 vendors. Once received the proposals will be posted on the News Flash of the website. There have been some challenges but they are working very hard on the solution. President Collum mentioned they are working on some temporary solutions as well as many other municipalities are in this same position.

8. Approval of Minutes

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

- Regular meeting held on November 28, 2022 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)



Trustee Schnall moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2022, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes

Motion carried.

9. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2022-36 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351, SECTION 15 REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM AS IT CONCERNS THE COST OF WATER

Trustee Haskins moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-356 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Schnall moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-36, shall be at the Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that date, the Board may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that this Ordinance is published in the Official Newspaper and posted in an open place in the Municipal Offices. The motion was seconded by Trustee Coalier. All members were in favor and none opposed.

10. Ordinances for Second Reading

- A. 2022-32 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, SECTIONS 340-10, 340-11 AND 340-22 TO



PROHIBIT AND REGULATE PARKING AND REGULATE LOADING AND UNLOADING ON CERTAIN AREAS OF VALLEY STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIXON PLACE

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Coalier moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-32 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

- B. 2022-33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF A PORTION OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED LAND TO A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5)

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Coalier moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-33 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2022-315 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND



OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "NOTE RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,020,000, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM

- B. 2022-316 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO BEN SHAFFER RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CUSTOM CANTILEVERED UMBRELLA FOR CARTER PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,683.53
- C. 2022-317 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY NJEDGE COOPERATIVE TO MIND'S EYE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VARIOUS CAMERAS AND INSTALLATION THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,998.99
- D. 2022-318 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PART TIME REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- E. 2022-319 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING PAUL E. BREENE AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- F. 2022-320 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DENNIS BORDEN AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE SOUTH ORANGE PARKING AUTHORITY
- G. 2022-321 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARC BROMFELD AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE SOUTH ORANGE PARKING AUTHORITY
- H. 2022-322 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT SANDOW AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE SOUTH ORANGE PARKING AUTHORITY
- I. 2022-323 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING WILLIAM AGNELLINO AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE SOUTH ORANGE PARKING AUTHORITY
- J. 2022-324 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF STATE CONTRACT TO BEN SHAFFER RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE BENCHES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,398.02
- K. 2022-325 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO FACILITY SOLUTIONS GROUP FOR LED LIGHTING UPGRADE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,618.20



- L. 2022-326 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF METROWEST NEW JERSEY FOR THE PROVISION OF A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES TO SOUTH ORANGE 55+ COMMUNITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000.00) COSTS TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
- M. 2022-327 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #26 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL LABOR, MATERIALS AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO REMOVE WALL IN SMALL GYM AND REPLACE NOT TO EXCEED \$27,012.71 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- N. 2022-328 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #27 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL LABOR, MATERIALS AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS TO HVAC THAT WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY SHOWN ON ENGINEER'S ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS NOT TO EXCEED \$25,199.47 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- O. 2022-329 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #28 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL LABOR, MATERIALS AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS TO THE ELEVATORS NOT TO EXCEED \$28,550.41 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- P. 2022-330 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SURENIAN EDWARDS & NOLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS AND HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT MATTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$17,500.00)
- Q. 2022-331 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR REDEVELOPMENT/LAND USE COUNSEL
- R. 2022-332 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR TAX APPEAL COUNSEL
- S. 2022-333 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR LITIGATION COUNSEL
- T. 2022-334 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL
- U. 2022-335 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT



FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR LABOR & EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL

- V. 2022-336 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR BOND COUNSEL
- W. 2022-337 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY AND MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMAN FOR LEGAL SERVICES
- X. 2022-338 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING ANTHONY MASON AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- Y. 2022-339 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58
- Z. 2022-340 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AN APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87

Trustee Schnall moved to adopt Resolutions 2022-315 through 2022-340, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Absent
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Motion carried.	

12. 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 December 12, 2022. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2022-341 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 12, 2022 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,232,918.35

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions 2022-341 seconded by Trustee Schnall.

Roll Call Vote:



Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coallier	Yes
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Absent
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Motion carried.	

13. Village President Report

President Collum discussed the following:

- ADU Ordinance – Due to the late night at the last Planning Board meeting, they did not have an opportunity to discuss the ordinance. The Ordinance is scheduled on their January agenda and then it will return to this board for second reading.
- December 1st – Participated in Downtown conference and had an opportunity to highlight some of the successes under our Neighbor Preservation Program lead by our Coordinator Sally Unsworth
- Today, President Collum attended a press conference with Mayors, Local Officials and Unions regarding the 23 percent increase to the State Health Benefit Plan and reminded the residents that this will be an immediate tax increase of close to 1.5 percent if changes not made. This will be the worst our budget cycle if the State Administration does nothing about this situation.
- South Orange Commons the Third Street Affordable Housing project has received an additional \$700K from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. There is a need for more funding due to the increase in cost of construction and supply chain issues preventing the breaking of ground. But, hopeful to receive more funding soon and move forward with the project.
- The Water Taskforce has retained the services of Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE). Currently, the taskforce is evaluating the scope of what they want RVE to deliver to them relating to South Orange owning and operating its own water system or alternatively selling the water system to a regulated private entity. The Taskforce is split into 2 committees and will share more details with the public once available. But for now, they are still in the diligence phase.
- Liquor License Taskforce update – Governor Murphy's administration has expressed support for liquor license reform in 2023. The administration is considering eliminating the population cap and new and expanding business would apply directly to the State in order to receive a local liquor license. The local governing body would have



the ability to determine the number of licenses to be issued. The taskforce is continuing to discuss how to compensate the existing license holders. The League of Municipality will be surveying the Mayors on the comfort levels. President Collum is excited and encourage that the Governor's Administration is committing to finally addressing this issue.

14. Village Administrator Report

There was no report.

15. Village Counsel Report

There was no report.

16. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown – There was no report.

B. Trustee Coallier – Announced that she would not be running for re-election due to personal commitments.

C. Trustee Haskins

- Recycling – Dual streaming will begin January 2023. Separate recycling will create cleaner streaming and more recyclable. They are trying to keep it as simple as possible by allowing one week for paper and one week for glass. Postcards were sent out and more information can be found on the website.

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton mentioned in regards to recycling, residents do not have to purchase a 2nd container, any container can be used. Also, the Library elevator is finally be replaced. Therefore, the elevator will be out of commission for some time.

E. Trustee Jones - Absent

F. Trustee Schnall – There was no report.

17. Public Comment

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

18. New Business

President Collum announced the Village Offices will close at 2pm on December 15th for the Holiday Party. Also, encourages everyone to shop



local for this Holiday Season.

19. Adjournment

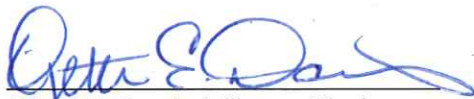
There being no further discussion, President Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm.

***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=738&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village President