



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 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 Greenberg
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, 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

2023-301 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the September 26, 2023, 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

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Greenberg
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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6. Announcements

A. Schedule Your Water Meter Upgrade Today!

To help ensure the accuracy of our water meters, we must periodically change them. There is no cost to residents to have this work performed but the installation requires access to your basement or utility room. MeterTekUtility Services, Inc, our subcontractor, will perform this service. Appointments are necessary, so please schedule your appointment today by calling 800.717.0974 or by visiting SouthOrange.org to access the online appointment scheduler.

B. Community Day

The South Orange Community Relations Committee and the Board of Trustees invite all South Orange residents to Community Day 2023 on Sunday, October 8 from 1 to 3pm at the Meadowland Park Skate House. It's your chance to connect with your community organizations, volunteers, Village government and Village staff, all while enjoying food, activities and your neighbors.

C. Hola Fest

Hola Fest Returns on Saturday, October 14 from 4 to 8pm on Irvington Avenue in Seton Village. This event merges the popular Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival with Hola Fest, a cultural event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. You'll find local restaurant



offerings, food trucks, a beer garden and a full array of music and performances, along with activities for the kids.

D. **Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

Watershed Literary Event, Sunday, Oct 15, 2023 3:00 pm, Skate House

The spoken word series features the work of both emerging and established writers with a connection to New Jersey. October's featured poets: Marina Carreira, Ben Purkert, and Soraya Shalforoosh.

Corn Hole-O-Ween, Saturday, Oct 28, 2023 2:30 pm, Skate House

Challenge your friends and neighbors at the 2023 Cornhole-O-Ween Tournament! Prizes will be awarded for best costumes & SOMA Brewing Co. will feature tasty brews at the Beer Garden.

Love My Park! Saturday, Nov 28, 2023 5:30-7:00 pm, Flood's Hill

Celebrate Meadowland Park with music, dancing, a light-up art project and fireworks! (Meadowland Park Conservancy will also have an anniversary reception for MPC members from 4:30-5:30pm at the Skate House.)

E. **South Orange Downtown**

FALL FESTIVAL - South Orange Downtown is excited to kick off the fall season with a special Downtown on Display Fall Festival for kids of all ages to enjoy. Join South Orange Downtown in Spiotta Park on Sunday, October 1st from 11am to 1pm for pumpkin picking and decorating with Oh! Canary and Sparkhouse Toys, sensory activities with the Little Brain Lab, a sewing craft with SewLeana, fairy hair with YK Salon, sidewalk chalk with Best in Class, storytime with the South Orange Public Library and lots of oversized games. In the event of rain, this event will be moved indoors to the South Orange Public Library.

FASHION SHOW - October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. As part of a special Downtown on Display, join us in Spiotta Park on Thursday, October 5th from 6 to 7:30pm for a fashion show featuring JESPY clients modeling fall fashions from Sadie's and fabulous hair from YK Salon. Small bites and refreshments will be provided by Miti Miti and Three Daughters Bakery, plus a cash bar provided by Jespy House. The rain date for this event is Thursday, October 12th.

Downtown on Display is a South Orange Downtown program which



focuses on spotlighting the amazing small businesses located in the downtown district. The goal is to have you experience South Orange Downtown and everything it has to offer. Visit southorangedowntown.org to learn more.

FARMERS MARKET - The South Orange Farmers Market continues every Wednesday from 2-7pm through November 1. Visit the market weekly to get your Jersey Fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, apple cider, baked goods and so much more.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL - Join us on Sunday, October 29th from 11am-1pm in Spooky Spiotta for our annual Halloween event including a costume contest with prizes, interactive games, entertainment by Wanda the Witch, trick or treat stations and more! This event is made possible thanks to our generous presenting sponsor Natalie Farrell of Weichert Realtors and supporting sponsor, Sparkhouse Toys

7. **Board of Health**

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

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Board Member Brown
Board Member Collum
Board Member Greenberg
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board President Lewis-Chang

Candice Davenport, Health Officer:

- Health Officer's Report
 - South Orange Health Fair
- Nursing/ Communicable Diseases Report
 - New COVID vaccination update
- Environmental Health Report
- Animal Control Report
- Social Services Report



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

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Village President Collum

Trustee Brown

Trustee Greenberg

Trustee Haskins

Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

Trustee Jones

Trustee Lewis-Chang

Ms. Doran, Village Administrator

Mr. Rother, Village Counsel

Mr. Otis, Village Counsel

Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

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 for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on September 11, 2023 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

10. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2023-302 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- B. 2023-303 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2023-304 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT



- D. 2023-305 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #64 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS TO COVER ADDITIONAL LABOR, MATERIALS AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL ELECTRICAL POWER TO SUMP PIT PUMP CONTROLLERS IN SHAFTS OF BOTH ELEVATORS NOT TO EXCEED \$1,988.18 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- E. 2023-306 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87 - STORMWATER ASSISTANT GRANT
- F. 2023-307 RESOLUTION CORRECTING AND AMENDING RESOLUTION #2023-290 TO CHANGE START DATE FOR FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST KENNETH SCHMERTZ TO OCTOBER 2, 2023
- G. 2023-308 RESOLUTION CORRECTING AND AMENDING RESOLUTION #2023-291 TO CHANGE THE ANNUAL SALARY PAYABLE TO DEPUTY CHIEF STEPHEN DOLINAC FROM \$192,000 TO \$192,500
- H. 2023-309 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FALL TREE PLANTING TO SJC LAWN CARE INC. IN THE VILLAGE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,475.00
- I. 2023-310 RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PUBLIC BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE RIVER GREENWAY BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND PATHWAY PROJECT
- J. 2023-311 RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ TO SERVE HIS CONSTITUENTS AND DEMANDING HIS IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. 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 September 26, 2023. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2023-312 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,148,891.82

ROLL CALL VOTE:



- 12. Village President Report**
- 13. Village Administrator Report**
- 14. Village Counsel Report**
- 15. Trustee Reports**
 - A. Trustee Brown
 - B. Trustee Greenberg
 - C. Trustee Haskins
 - D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
 - E. Trustee Jones
 - F. Trustee Lewis-Chang
- 16. Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment
- 17. New Business**
- 18. Adjournment**