



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024 - 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

2024-104 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table

Voice Vote

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

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Trustee Greenberg
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
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6. 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 on the news feed of our website, southorange.org, or by calling 1 800- 510-3102, Mon.- Sat. 8:00 am – 8:00 pm for further information.

B. Tax Assistance for South Orange Residents

AARP is back for another year to help South Orange residents with their taxes. They will be located at the Skate House at the Duck Pond on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 11th. Appointments are required by calling 973-762-0230.

C. HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

If you live in South Orange Village, own your home, and your total gross annual household income falls below a specified income limit for your household size, you may qualify to participate in a program which covers up to \$10,000 in home repairs. This program is funded



through fees collected on development in South Orange. Visit the news flash section of southorange.org to learn more.

D. **South Orange Rescue Squad**

The South Orange Rescue Squad's "Sound The Siren" 5K event on May 19th will feature a 5K Run (with optional 1.3 mile walking route), a free Kids "Fun Run", & a free EMS Community Open House where kids and adults alike can tour the ambulances, equipment and headquarters of the Rescue Squad and learn about EMS in South Orange and Maplewood. Free food trucks and beverages will be provided, as well as activities and games for kids. Register now for discounted pricing: tinyurl.com/SORS5K

E. **South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

Reading and Book Signing Event with Autistic Author & Advocate
Tiffany Hammond
Monday, April 15th, 7pm

Tiffany is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling picture book and Dolly Gray Award winner, "A Day With No Words." "A Day With No Words" invites readers into the life of an Autism Family who communicates just as the child does, without spoken language.

Pierro Gallery Grand Opening

Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30-8:30pm

Celebrating 30 years of artistic excellence at the Pierro Gallery. With immense pride and appreciation, we mark 30 years of creativity, inspiration and community at the Pierro Gallery. The inaugural exhibition proudly showcases the talents of the South Orange artist community.

Baseball/Softball Parade & Baird Community Center Grand Opening

Saturday, April 20, 9:00am-1:00pm

Join us for the Baseball/Softball Parade from 9-10am, followed by a ribbon cutting and Grand Opening of the Baird Recreation Center from 10am-1pm. Explore the building and sign up for classes & activities! There will be music, food & inflatables too!

F. **Town Hall: Library's Building Connections Project**

Thursday, April 18 @ 7pm - 65 Scotland Rd, South Orange, NJ 07079 (the previous library). The library and SOV will unveil the new design plans. Andrew Berman Architect will present to the community with a variety of visuals, there will be a Q&A. All SOV committees, commissions, businesses, and residents are encouraged to attend.



7. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation Celebrating Arbor Day 2024

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 March 25, 2024 (Trustee Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

10. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2024-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN NON-UNION AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

11. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143, "FEES," BY AMENDING SERVICE CHARGE ADDED FOR RETURNED CHECKS

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2024-07 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2024-08 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$8,132,327 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,770,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF



PUBLIC HEARING:
ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-105 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO)
- B. 2024-106 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. 2024-107 RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL BUDGET LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1, ET SEQ.) HAVE BEEN SATISFIED AND AUTHORIZING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY
- D. 2024-108 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO OMEGA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR PREPARATION OF ASBESTOS/LEAD ABATEMENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 65 SCOTLAND ROAD
- E. 2024-109 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SETON VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- F. 2024-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE HIRING OF A PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR (DISPATCHER) TRAINEE, FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2024-111 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

PUBLIC HEARING:
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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 April 8, 2024. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-112 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE



ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 8, 2024, IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,937,022.04
ROLL CALL VOTE:

15. **Village President Report**
16. **Village Administrator Report**
17. **Village Counsel Report**
18. **Trustee Reports**
 - A. Trustee Brown
 - B. Trustee Greenberg
 - C. Trustee Haskins
 - D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
 - E. **Trustee Jones**
 - Walk Bike Ride Committee Update
 - SOPAC Committee Update
 - South Orange Downtown Kiosk
 - F. Trustee Lewis-Chang
19. **Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment
20. **New Business**
21. **Adjournment**