



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 29, 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

Mayor Collum opened the meeting at approximately 6:15 pm:

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown - Absent
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Attorney
Mr. Otis, Village Attorney
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

2024-113 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the April 29, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Historic Preservation Commission (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Municipal Code (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Redevelopment Contracts (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter & Contract Negotiation)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve Resolution 2024-113, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7pm:

ROLL CALL

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown - Absent
Councilwoman Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilwoman Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Attorney - Absent
Mr. Otis, Village Attorney
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

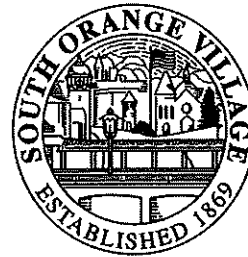
6. **Announcements**

Mayor 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 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. **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.

C. **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

In addition, the following announcements were made:

- AAPI Heritage Celebration at the Baird Center on May 11th
- Memorial Day Celebration by the Duck Pond in Meadowlands Park on May 27th
- River Day May 5th at Meadowlands Park
- Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale at the Baird on May 4th
- SOMA Coalition on Race hosting mental health event at Congregation Beth El on May 14th

7. **Board of Health**

- A. Councilwoman Lewis-Chang recessed the meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health at approximately 7:10 pm, seconded by Councilwoman Hilton. All members were in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call:

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

Board President Lewis-Chang introduced Candice Davenport, Health Officer. Ms. Davenport discussed the following:



1. Health Officer Report

- a. City Health Dashboard data for South Orange Village
- b. Health Department Received NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Grant
- c. Childhood Lead Education Program
- d. New GovPilot Modules in order to assist residents with easier online application processes
- e. Communicable and Infectious Disease Update on H5N1 Bird Flu and CDC Measles Advisory
- f. Animal control Update
 - National Puppy Day on April 6th
 - Pet Safety Reminders: Dogs must be leashed in town parks at all times
 - Dog & Cat licenses are now available online
- g. Environmental Health Report
- h. Nursing Report
 - (a) Respiratory Viruses Update- NEW: NJ updated COVID-19 community isolation guidance
- i. Social Services/Mental Health Report
 - Free Community-Wide Resource Fair on Saturday, May 4th at Columbia High School

The full presentation of the Board of Health can be found on the Village's website at: <https://southorange.org/167/Health-and-Animal-Control>

There being no further discussion, Board President Lewis-Chang moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Health, seconded by Ms. Collum. Board President Lewis-Chang adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:31 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

8. Proclamation

- A. Proclamation Honoring America's Junior Citizens:
Mayor Collum read the proclamation recognizing the first week of May as Youth Week and urging all departments of government, civic, fraternal, and patriotic groups and our citizens generally to participate wholeheartedly in this observance.

9. Public Comment

Mayor Collum opened the meeting for public comment:



There were no questions or comments from the public.

10. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on April 8, 2024 (Councilmember Haskins is ineligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt the minutes of April 8th, seconded by Councilwoman Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Abstain
Councilwoman Hilton	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes

Motion carried.

11. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2024-11 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE THIRD AMENDED CHURCH STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-11 for first reading/Introduction, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Abstained
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2024-11, shall be at the Village Council Members Meeting on



Tuesday, May 28, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that date, the Councilmembers 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 Councilmember Greenberg. All members were in favor and none opposed.

12. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2024-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143, "FEES," BY AMENDING SECTION 13 LAND DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PAYMENT TO PROFESSIONALS SERVING THE VILLAGE

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

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-09 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes

Motion carried.

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-114 RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR BIDDING & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH PLANNING & DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PETER S. CONNOR MEMORIAL POOL TO LAN ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$59,700.00 FOR PHASE 3 AND 4 OF PROPOSAL
- B. 2024-115 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #88 TO DECREASE THE CONTRACT OF THE BAIRD COMMUNITY CENTER AS THE VILLAGE MADE DIRECT PAYMENTS TO SUB-CONTRACTOR STONE TEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,737.94 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- C. 2024-116 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87



- D. 2024-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- E. 2024-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM - COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
- F. 2024-119 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- G. 2024-120 RESOLUTION REQUESTING INVESTIGATION BY ESSEX COUNTY AS TO THE APPROPRIATENESS AND INSTALLATION OF CROSSWALKS AT THE NORTH WYOMING AVENUE AND BLANCHARD ROAD AND NORTH WYOMING AVENUE AND REDMOND ROAD INTERSECTIONS
- H. 2024-121 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TREES WITHIN TREE WELLS NUMBERS 1, 5, 6 & 7 ALONG IRVINGTON AVENUE WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF WAY BELONGING TO THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
- I. 2024-122 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING 181 CHURCH STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC AND 185 CHURCH STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2301, LOTS 21, 42, 43 AND 44 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions of the Consent Agenda #2024-114 through #2024-112, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes

Motion carried.

14. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee presents the Bills List audited by the Village



Treasurer dated April 29, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH April 29, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,723,278.99

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2024-123, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes

Motion carried.

15. Village Mayor Report

Mayor Collum discussed the following:

- The South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education authorized the shared service and easement agreement with Maplewood Township and the developer for the Gleason property into Maplewood to advance the River Greenway project
- In partnership with the South Orange Environment Commission, The Village launched a Leaf Blower survey ends May 25th and so far there has been 400 responses
- Congratulations on the Baird Grand Opening and the Gallery Opening. Mayor Collum encourages everyone to walk through and make purchases as all proceeds to directly to the artist.
- Development Committee will meet on May 1st to discuss a redevelopment project at All Star Motors
- Basketball Fundraiser at Seton Hall University with South Orange Police Department on May 9th for Autism Acceptance Program

16. Village Administrator Report – There was no report.

17. Village Attorney Report – There was no report.

18. Council Members Report



- A. Councilman Brown -Absent
- B. Councilwoman Greenberg – There was no report.
- C. Councilmember Haskins – There was no report.
- D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton – There was no report.
- E. Councilwoman Jones – There was no report.
- F. Councilwoman Lewis-Chang – There was no report.

19. Public Comment

Mayor Collum opened the meeting for public comment;
There were no questions or comments from the public.

20. New Business

There was no new business.

21. Adjournment

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

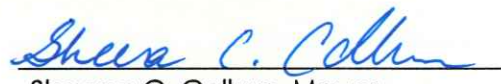
***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangenetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2859/media>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetta E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor