



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Collum called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 pm:

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones - Absent
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, 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

2024-142 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council.



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- General Redevelopment (Contract Negotiation & Attorney Client Privilege Matter)
- Fire Department (Personnel)
- Police Department (Personnel)

Councilman Brown moved to approve Resolution 2024-142, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

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

6. Announcements

Mayor Collum read the following announcement:

A. **Clerk's Office - 2024 Primary Election**

The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 and polls will be open from 6:00 AM through 8:00 PM. The sample ballot can be found on the Village website. If you are unsure of your voting district, please contact the Clerk's Office at (973) 378-7715 ext. 1.

For voters who have requested a Vote by Mail Ballot, the Safe and Secured Essex County Election Ballot Drop Boxes are located under the Gazebo across from the South Orange Fire Station (56 Sloan Street) and at Seton Hall University's Bethany Hall Building. For more information on the election, please visit the website at southorange.org.



In addition, Mayor Collum mentioned Undercover Music Fest is scheduled for June 1st from 2pm – 10 pm on Sloan Street and presented by South Orange Downtown. Councilmember Lewis-Chang mentioned ArtBender will be installing art work at Carter Park on June 1st at 9:30am.

7. Board of Health

- A. Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to recess the meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the South Orange Board of Health, seconded by Councilman Brown. All members were in favor and none opposed.

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

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

1. Health Officer Report

- Communicable and Infectious Disease Update on CDC Measles Advisory
- Nursing Report up to May 24th – 3 reportable disease investigated and Immunization audits for the 2023 -2024 School year completed.
- COVID and COVID Vaccine updates
- Flu and RSV Vaccine updates –
- Animal Control Update – Reminder that all dogs must be leashed in town parks at all times and Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic will be held on June 2nd at 11am at the South Essex Fire Department Headquarters.
- f. Environmental Health Report for April
- h. Social Services/Mental Health Report – Hotlines for Mental Health, Dispose of unused or expired medication safely Drop Box located at the South Orange Police Department

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 member Collum moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Health, seconded by Board member Greenberg. Board President Lewis-Chang adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

8. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day:
Mayor Collum read the proclamation declaring June 7th, the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day and encouraged all citizens to support their local communities efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.
- B. Proclamation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month:
Mayor Collum read the proclamation proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

The following Proclamation was a walk-on:

Proclamation Recognizing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Honoring Mayor Sheena C. Collum:

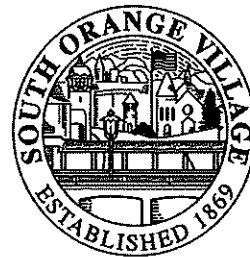
Councilmember Lewis-Chang read the Proclamation on behalf of the Village Council Honoring Mayor Sheena C. Collum during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for her many contributions to the community and encouraged all residents to learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage.

9. Public Comment

Village Mayor Collum opened 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 May 13, 2024 (All Councilmembers are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 13th, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

11. Ordinance for First Reading

- A. 2024-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, CHAPTER 340 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 340-38 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES, PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PARKING

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-13 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilmember Lewi-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Councilmember Greenberg moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2024-13, shall be at the Village Council Members Meeting on Monday June 24, 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 Councilman Brown. All members were in favor and none opposed.



12. Ordinance for Second 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.

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

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-11 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-143 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) VERTEX STAND ON MOWERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM P & P LAWNMOWERS INC. UNDER OMNIA PARTNERS CO-OP CONTRACT #20469 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,669.99
- B. 2024-144 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2024-145 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
- D. 2024-146 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CIVIC PLUS FOR VIRTUAL WEBMASTER FOR WEBSITE REORGANIZATION AND ADA COMPLIANCE AT A COST OF \$5,000.00 FOR 2024
- E. 2024-147 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CIVIC PLUS FOR AUDIO EYE FOR ADA COMPLIANCE AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$2,060.84 FOR 2024



- F. 2024-148 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- G. 2024-149 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT OF CGP&H LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLAGE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,600.00
- H. 2024-150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROMOTION OF GUSTAVO GUERRERO TO CLERK 2, STEP 1 FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
- I. 2024-151 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TOWNSHIP'S TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 2303, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 13 AND 14

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions #2024-143 through #2024-151 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Absent
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 May 28, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-152 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 28, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,128,167.18

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2024-152, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.



Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

15. Village Mayor Report

There was no report.

16. Village Administrator Report

Ms. Doran mentioned the Crisis Intervention Social Worker will begin on June 3rd, and the Village Summer hours are as follows:

- Mondays: 8:30am – 7pm
- Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:30pm
- Fridays: 8:30am – 1pm

17. Village Attorney Report

Mr. Otis mentioned the Village will be receiving the Water Bids on June 25th, and updates will be provided at the following meeting.

18. Council Members Reports

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

19. Public Comment

Village Mayor Collum opened the meeting for public comment:

Ms. Acevedo resident of Maplewood read a statement pertaining to the war with Palestine & Israel and requested the Village Council to pass a resolution on cease fire. Mayor Collum thanked Ms. Acevedo but disagreed with part of her comment pertaining to Zionist and felt it was incredibly offensive.

20. New Business

There was no new business discussed.



21. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.

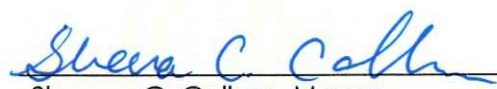
***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangenjwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2870/media>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor