



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 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

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember 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

2024-181 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council

- 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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Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
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6. Announcements

A. South Orange Downtown

Farmers Market - The Farmers Market is back every Wednesday in the Sloan St Lot from 2-7pm. Shop for Jersey Fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, bread, meats, pickles, olives, soups, homemade ice cream, apple cider, soul food, sweet treats, plus grab and go lunch/dinner options and much more. Exciting new vendors will join the market this season in addition to your returning favorites!

Downtown After Sundown - Join us in Spiotta Park from 6:30PM-8:30PM every Saturday for Downtown After Sundown. Enjoy live performances from talented local musicians covering several genres including, R&B, soul, flamenco, rock, jazz and more. Grab your favorite lawn chairs, order some delicious takeout from South Orange's finest eateries and let the sweet sounds of South Orange ignite your summer nights.

B. South Orange Recreation Department

South Orange Summer Nights Are Back!

Join us on **WEDNESDAYS** this Summer for **Free Fun on Flood's Hill!** Enjoy programming on our summer stage, including the **JULY** Summer Nights Concert Series (starting at 7:30) and **AUGUST**



Moonlit Movies (at sundown).
Concerts: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Movies: August 14, 21, 28

Adult Swim Nights at the Pool - Friday, July 12th & August 16, 2024, 5-8pm. Bring your floats & friends & enjoy an evening of live music and dinner poolside! Free for all South Orange residents over 18.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - Tuesday, AUGUST 6, Meadowland Park

Join us on Flood's Hill for National Night Out! National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie:
5-8PM: Free food, inflatables, dunk-a-cop in the dunk tank, giveaways & more!
8-10PM: Movie: Migration

C. **South Orange Public Library**

Have you seen Smokey Bear? In honor of his 80th birthday, Smokey Bear will be making an appearance at 16 downtown locations during the month of July as part of the Smokey Bear Scavenger Hunt. Come by the Library to pick up a Bear Paw, to get a hand in documenting all located Smokey Bear sightings, complete and return by July 31st to be entered into a raffle for big prizes!

It's Shark Week! Watch out of SOPL's Sharkie at the community pool on Wednesday, the 10th at 4pm. She'll be reading stories and splashing around in the kiddie pool. Visit the library for more movies, books, and information about sharks for all ages.

D. **South Orange Village and New Jersey American Water Request Residents to Limit Outdoor Watering**

Residents Asked to Begin Conserving Water Now to Avoid Possible Summer Restriction Later

Given the recent consecutive days of hot, dry weather, the Village of South Orange and New Jersey American Water, which operates and maintains the water system, is asking residents to voluntarily limit their outdoor watering now to potentially avoid more stringent summertime restrictions of water usage.

Limiting outdoor water usage now will help the company manage a finite supply of water, and customers will still be able to maintain their lawns and gardens. The guidelines are provided below:

Outdoor Conservation Guidelines:

- Water early or late in the day to minimize evaporation.



- Generally, lawns only require one inch of water per week, most coming from precipitation and dew or by watering **two times per week at a maximum.**

- Raise the level of your lawnmower blade to avoid lawn burnout and the need for watering.

- Avoid adding new plants or sod to your landscape during this time of excessively hot and dry weather.

Additional tips and information on [wise water use](#) can be found on New Jersey American Water's website at www.newjerseyamwater.com under Water and Wastewater Information and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's [Water Conservation Website](#).

7. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

8. Approval of Minutes

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

- Regular meeting held on June 24, 2024 (Councilwoman Hilton and Councilwoman Jones are ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

9. Ordinances for First Reading

A. 2024-15 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE ADVANCING THE SALE OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING A PROPOSAL TO BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER SYSTEM TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER, INC.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

10. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

A. 2024-182 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

B. 2024-183 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL'S RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT



- C. 2024-184 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- D. 2024-185 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PLYMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CO., INC. FOR NON-OCCUPIED SUB-8 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$181,000.00
- E. 2024-186 RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPROVE NJ TRANSIT AND AMTRAK SERVICES

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2024-187 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE CENTER ALLIANCE D/B/A SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. 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 July 8, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-188 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 8, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,668,484.12

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Village Mayor Report

14. Village Administrator Report

15. Village Attorney Report

16. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg



C. Councilmember Haskins

D. **Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton**

- Library Construction
- Active Older Adult Recreation Classes

E. Councilwoman Jones

F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang

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18. New Business

19. Adjournment