



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 24, 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

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

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton - Absent
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

2024-172 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the June 24, 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)
- South Essex Fire Department (Personnel Matter)
- Police Department (Personnel Matter)
- New Jersey Transit (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Local Ordinances (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Seton Village NPP (Personnel Matter)

Councilman Brown moved to approve Resolution #2024-172, seconded by Councilmember Haskins. 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
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton - Absent
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 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**

Star Spangled South Orange - Saturday, June 29th, starting at 5pm, Meadowland Park Food Trucks, Games, Crafts, Dance Performances, Sloppy Joe Eating Contest, South Orange Symphony Plays Americana, Movie: A League of Their Own.

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**

The Summer Reading Program kick-off event is Wednesday, June 26th from 6-8pm at the Duck Pond. This event is open to all ages, and will include music by Wilma and The Wingers, lawn games, and crafts. And remember, Adventure Begins at Your Library!

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. Board of Health

- A. Councilmember Greenberg moved to recess the meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the South Orange Board of Health, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. 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 - Absent
Board Member Jones - Absent
Board President Lewis-Chang

Board President Lewis-Chang introduced Anna Markarova Public Health Nursing Supervision of the Health Department in the absence



of Candice Davenport, Health Officer. Ms. Markarova presented and discussed the following:

1. Health Officer Report
 - a. Resources on extreme heat and cooling centers
 - b. Resources on drowning prevention and pool safety
 - c. Food recalls on the Baraka Brand Ground Black Pepper Spice and Whole Cucumbers produced by Fresh Start
 - d. South Orange awarded "Put Us on the Map" Challenge- City Health Dashboard Data will be live on July 17th!
2. Communicable and Infectious Diseases update on CDC Measles Advisory from January 1 to June 13, 2024
3. Nursing Report up to June 21st: 1-Reportable Disease Investigated; 2-Outbreaks Investigated and 1-Covid-19 Case Investigated.
4. Animal Control update – a free rabies clinic was held on June 2nd and 10 Rabies vaccination were given out to both cats and dogs. Also, dogs must be leashed in town parks at all times. The following is the May Animal Control Report from Animal Control Solutions: Total Calls – 26; Bites – 4; Cruelty/Neglect – 1; Stray – 6; Stray animals impounded – 3 and Wildlife - 15
5. Environmental Health update: Restaurant inspections – 5; Mobil Food Trucks – 14; School inspections – 2; Daycare inspections – 4 and Complaints - 13
5. Social Services/Mental Health update – This year the annual health fair will be held on September 21st along with Community Day at Meadowland Park. SOPD has a permanent drug drop box in their Lobby area. Rutgers present free Narcan training and Naloxone Nasal Spray Kits.

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 7:35 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

8. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:



There were no questions or comments from the public.

9. 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 10, 2024 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 10th, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

10. Ordinances for First Reading

A. 2024-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 375 "SANITARY STANDARDS" BY AMENDING SECTION 64 - POOLS AND STAGNANT WATER TO REQUIRE INSPECTION AND LICENSING OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL BATHING FACILITIES AS REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 8:26-1 ET SEQ AND AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143 "FEES" BY AMENDING SECTION 38 - SANITARY STANDARDS TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION AND LICENSING OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL BATHING FACILITIES WITHIN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-14 for first reading/Introduction, seconded by Councilwoman Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Absent



Councilwoman Jones Absent
Councilmember Lewis-Chang Yes
Motion carried.

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2024-14, shall be at the Village Council Members Meeting on Monday, July 22, 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.

11. Ordinance for Second 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

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

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-13 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-173 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2024-157 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS THRU VENDOR MAIN POOL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT 17, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00



- B. 2024-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS THRU VENDOR PVS MINIBULK, INC. NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000
- C. 2024-175 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2024-176 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SLOAN STREET AND NJ TRANSIT LOT SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS
- E. 2024-177 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) SUSTAINING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE 2024-2026 GRANT AWARD
- F. 2024-178 RESOLUTION INCREASING SALARY OF JOE FOLIGNO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO \$109,564.75

Councilman Brown moved to adopt the Resolutions of the Consent Agenda #2024-173 through #2024-178, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

13. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Councilmember Haskins recessed the meeting of the Village Council and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Councilman Brown. All members were in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call:

Board Member Brown
Board Member Greenberg
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton



Board Member Jones
Board Member Lewis-Chang
Board President Collum

**2024-ABC02 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR
LICENSES FOR THE 2024-2025 LICENSE TERM:**

Board Member Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2024-ABC02,
seconded by Board Member Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Board member Brown moved to
adjourn the meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board,
seconded by Board member Lewis-Chang. Board President Collum
adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

Reconvened as the Village Council and all members are still present

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 June 24, 2024. The Village Council members were
provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for
examination.

**2024-179 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 24, 2024, IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,177,888.02**

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Resolution #2024-179
of the Bills List, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

15. Village Mayor Report

Mayor Collum mentioned she will be hosting a community zoom meeting along with the Director of the Parking Authority and Mayor Adams of Maplewood on Wednesday, June 26th in regards to the current delays with New Jersey Transit.

16. Village Administrator Report

Ms. Doran explained some of the confusion as it related to the 3rd quarter taxes which are a projected rate. For questions, please contact the Tax Collector. Also, all residents were encouraged to proceed with caution around the Baird Center and the Pool area as it is camp time and children are out of school.

17. Village Attorney Report

Mr. Otis briefly discussed the request for bids for the potential sale of the water system. The bid opening is scheduled for June 25th at 10am and 2 bids are expected.

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 - Absent
- E. Councilwoman Jones - Absent
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang – There was no report.

19. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

Ms. Casilda Luck resident of South Orange, commented on the quality of roads around South Stanley, Montrose, Grove and Centre Street. She mentioned there are a lot of potholes and wanted to know when these streets were going to get paved.



Mayor Collum explained the order and evaluation as it pertains to the road work and directed Ms. Luck to the Village website where there is a priority list for capital improvement road work. Councilmember Haskins invited Ms. Luck to attend a Public Works meeting to discuss her concerns on the road work.

20. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

21. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 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://southorangetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2579/media>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor