



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 23, 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

2024-222 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the September 23, 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

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

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 WATER SYSTEM POTENTIAL SALE
TOWN HALL MEETINGS ANNOUNCED**

South Orange Village has scheduled three Town Hall meetings to discuss the potential sale of the water system to New Jersey



American Water (NJAW). These meetings are part of a broader outreach plan aimed at informing and engaging the community before the referendum question appears on the November ballot.

The town hall meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday, September 25, 7 p.m; virtual meeting
- Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m; In-person meeting at the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead Street, 3rd Floor

Links to attend the virtual meetings will be posted on the Village website calendar.

All meetings will be recorded and made available on the website.

C. **New Jersey American Water to Perform Hydrant Flushing in South Orange Village**

Water main flushing begins October 6

South Orange N.J. – This month, New Jersey American Water will perform the annual flushing of the Village of South Orange's distribution system to support the continued provision of high-quality, reliable water service. Beginning on October 6 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and lasting for approximately two weeks, the company will clean out any buildup of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes. Hydrant flushing will be performed by New Jersey American Water crews. Flushing involves simultaneously opening fire hydrants in a specific area to create increased water flows. This routine flushing program also includes flushing blowoff valves on dead end water mains throughout the system.

While water mains are being cleaned, it is common for customers to notice short periods of low water pressure or discolored water. If customers experience temporary water discoloration, New Jersey American Water recommends running the cold water until it is clear.

The following steps are also encouraged:

- Draw water for cooking prior to the flushing period.
- Store a large bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Check for discolored water before using the washing machine or dishwasher.
- If water pressure or water volume seems low after flushing has been completed, check faucet screens for trapped particles.

New Jersey American Water is contracted by the Village of South Orange to operate and manage its water system. New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to



approximately 2.8 million people. For more information, visit www.newjerseyamwater.com and follow New Jersey American Water on Twitter and Facebook.

7. Board of Health

- A. Recess meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health.

Voice Vote:

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

Candice Davenport, Health Officer:

1. Health Officer Updates
2. Nursing update
3. Environmental Health Update
4. Animal Control Update
5. Make the Right Call

Adjourn as the Board of Health to reconvene as the South Orange Village Council.

Voice Vote:

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 Attorney



Mr. Otis, Village Attorney
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

8. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

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

Roll Call Vote:

10. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-223 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- B. 2024-224 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF DRESDNER ROBIN TO PROVIDE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CAMERON TENNIS COURTS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$107,110.00
- C. 2024-225 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2024-226 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR A PLUS STRIPING INC FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBERGLASS MESH DUE TO SURFACE CRACKS AT THE SOUTH ORANGE BAIRD TENNIS, PICKLE BALL AND BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT REFLECTING A NET INCREASE OF \$8,900.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- E. 2024-227 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR S.1622 AND A.4042, PENDING LEGISLATION ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD VOTING OPTIONS ACT", WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

ROLL CALL VOTE

11. 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 September 23, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-228 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23,
2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,480,063.91
ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Village Mayor Report

13. Village Administrator Report

14. Village Attorney Report

15. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg
- C. Councilmember Haskins
- D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
- E. Councilwoman Jones
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang

16. Public Comment

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17. New Business

18. Adjournment