



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

2024-153 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council Matter



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Village Charter (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- HPC Ordinance Review (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to approve Resolution 2024-153, seconded by Councilwoman Hilton. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

Acting Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting at approximately 7pm:

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

6. **Announcements**

Councilwoman Hilton 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.

Pride Under The Stars - Get ready to dance the night away at Pride Under the Stars! Join us on Friday, June 14, from 8-11pm for the annual Pride dance party in Spiotta Park. This 21+ event will feature a cash bar, music by DJ Sanchico and will be hosted by the fabulous Honey Marie. Entry is free, but we encourage everyone to support North Jersey Pride by donating \$20 at the door. Your generosity helps fund essential programs for LGBTQ youth and families throughout the Garden State.

B. **South Orange Recreation Department**

Star Spangled South Orange - On Saturday, June 29th beginning at 5pm on Floods Hill, the Meadowland Park Conservancy and South Orange Village are bringing a star spangled extravaganza to town for every family to enjoy. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to cheer on the contestants in the return of the Town Hall Deli Sloppy Joe Eating Contest...listen to the beautiful sounds of the South Orange Symphony Orchestra performing Americana favorites...and watch the iconic film "A League of Their Own". Plus food trucks, kids' games, crafts and more! It's all free and it's all for you!

Summer Nights - South Orange Village, in partnership with SOPAC, is excited for another year of South Orange Summer Nights! Join us on Flood's Hill every Wednesday in July at 7:30 PM for great live music and food trucks! Please visit the South Orange Summer Nights page on southorange.org for the full lineup of artists performing this year.

C. **South Orange Public Library**

South Orange Public Library is now operating out of two interim locations: 298 Walton Ave and at the Baird Center. Summer hours have gone into effect, so please see the website: www.sopl.org for current hours at each location. Don't forget to check out this month's Book Discussion Group on Tuesday, June 25th, this month's featured title is "A Fever in the Heartland" by Timothy Egan. All adults are welcome to register and join.

7. **Villager of the Month**

- A. Proclamation honoring "The Scouts of Troop 5 Maplewood BSA" for Villager of the Month:
Acting Mayor Jones read the proclamation that recognized and commended the Scouts of Troop 5 Maplewood BSA as Villagers of



the Month for June 2024 for their work and wonderful contribution in South Orange Village. In attendance from Troop 5 was Stuart Boose, Kevin Dowlin and Max C. Max on behalf of Troop 5, thanked the Mayor and Village Council for recognizing all the work that they do.

8. Presentation

- A. Introduction of SOPAC's New Executive Director - Lana Rogachevskaya:
Acting Mayor Jones introduced SOPAC's new Executive Director as of May 1st. Ms. Rogachevskaya gave a brief presentation of her first 40 days. The presentation included her background experiences, community impact, recent recitals and shows, global community reach out, and hosting of the 2024 Democratic Primary Debate. Currently, SOPAC is in preparation of the 2024-2025 season and she's looking forward to working with the community.

9. Public Comment

Acting Mayor Jones 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 May 28, 2024 (Councilwoman Jones is ineligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 28th, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

11. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2024-12 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, APPROVING



AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED MUNICIPAL CODE, FULLY INCLUDING ALL ORDINANCES ENACTED THROUGH MARCH 25, 2024, AND ALL CHARTER REVISIONS ENACTED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE

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

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-12 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-154 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES
- B. 2024-155 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF, AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO HEUER & COMPANY FOR POOL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PETER S. CONNOR POOL NECESSARY TO REMOVE AND REPLACE MAIN GUTTER AT MAIN AND INTERMEDIATE POOLS AND ALL NECESSARY ANCILLARY WORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,267,900.00
- C. 2024-156 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
- D. 2024-157 RESOLUTION 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
- E. 2024-158 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH RIVERVIEW PAVING INC. CORPORATION AND DENVILLE LINE STRIPING UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL 2024 CONTRACTS #6 AND #36 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE RESURFACING OF PROSPECT STREET (IRVINGTON AVENUE TO VILLAGE BOUNDARY) AND



WILDEN PLACE (WARD PLACE TO VILLAGE BOUNDARY) AND N. RIDGEWOOD AVENUE (TILLOU ROAD TO FOREST ROAD) AND MEAD STREET (N. RIDGEWOOD AVENUE TO VOSE AVENUE) AND THE BAIRD PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$707,900.00

- F. 2024-159 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SOUTH RIDGEWOOD ROAD (WEST THIRD TO LENOX) IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- G. 2024-160 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VOSE AVENUE SECTION 2 (RAYMOND TO RANDOLPH) IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- H. 2024-161 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL FOR 2023 CCTV INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF STORM SEWER SYSTEMS REFLECTING A NET INCREASE OF \$2,510.88 (3.10%) TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- I. 2024-162 RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX RATE & BILLING FOR THIRD QUARTER 2024
- J. 2024-163 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- K. 2024-164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2025 KENWORTH T480 CONVENTIONAL CHASSIS WITH GOODWIN ALUMINUM BODY AND HENKE/WAUSAU HOMESAFE STEEL REVERSIBLE PLOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THRU GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #060920-KTC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$274,442.97
- L. 2024-165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO FRANK'S GMC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 GMC TK31003 – 3500 REGULAR CAB/CHASSIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,170.03
- M. 2024-166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO A & K EQUIPMENT CO. INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 GMC 3500 60' CA CHASSIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,455.56
- N. 2024-167 RESOLUTION INCREASING SALARY OF ERINROSE BALDRY, NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, TO \$45,000.00



- O. 2024-168 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT O'CONNOR AS PART-TIME PLUMBING SUB-CODE OFFICIAL, PLUMBING INSPECTOR AND BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
- P. 2024-169 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO OMEGA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR NON-OCCUPIED SUB-CHAPTER 8 ASCM MONITORING

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Resolutions #2024-154 through #2024-169 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

13. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2024-170 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND INTRODUCING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE CENTER ALLIANCE D/B/A SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions #2024-170 for the introduction of the South Orange Downtown 2024 Operating Budget, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

14. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Councilmember Lewis-Chang recessed the meeting of the Village



Council and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Councilmember Haskins. 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 - Absent

2024-ABC01 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2024-2025 LICENSE TERM

Board Member Hilton moved to adopt Resolution 2024-ABC01, seconded by Board Member Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Board member Haskins moved to adjourn the meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Board member Greenberg. Board member Jones adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm.

Reconvened as the Village Council and all members are still present

5. 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 10, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.



2024-171 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 10, 2024, IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,583,088.45

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions #2024-171 of the
Bills List, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

16. **Village Mayor Report** – There was no report.
17. **Village Administrator Report** – There was no report.
18. **Village Attorney Report** – There was no report.
19. **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 – There was no report.
 - F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang – There was no report.
20. **Public Comment**

Acting Mayor Jones opened the meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.
21. **New Business** – There was no new business discussed.
22. **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://southorangenj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2577/media>**

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor