

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 22, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Collum opened the meeting at approximately 6:15 pm:

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 - Absent
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

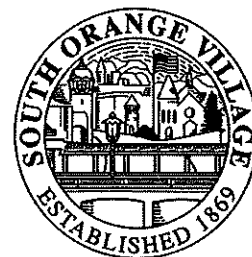
3. Meeting Notice Statement

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

2024-189 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the July 22, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- General Redevelopment (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter & Contract Negotiation)
- HPC Ordinance (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilwoman Hilton moved to approve Resolution #2024-189, seconded by Councilman Brown. 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
Councilwoman Jones
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.

Join us at Village Plaza on Thursday, August 29, from 6-8 p.m. for a FREE outdoor yoga experience with Three Birds Yoga Studio. Attendees will enjoy an all-level yoga class with a live DJ and juice shots from Juice Hub. The rain date for this event is Friday, August 30.

Join us on Saturday, September 14, from 2-6 p.m. at the Sloan Street Parking Lot for Beer Fest. This new and exciting event will feature a diverse selection of craft brews from over 20 local New Jersey brewers. This is a unique opportunity for beer enthusiasts and casual drinkers to sample over 40 delicious brews. Visit southorangedowntown.org to learn more. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 15.

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 24, 31

Movies: August 14, 21, 28

Adult Swim Nights at the Pool - Friday, 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. **Village Administration Department**

South Orange Village has scheduled a special meeting of the Village Council focusing on the adoption of an ordinance advancing the sale of the South Orange Water System. The ordinance, if passed, will authorize a ballot referendum for consideration by voters during the general election on November 5, 2024 to consider the sale of the



village's water system to New Jersey American Water, Inc. The special meeting will be held on Monday, July 29 at 7pm, virtually. A link will be posted on the Village calendar on southorange.org.

7. Board of Health

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

Roll Call:

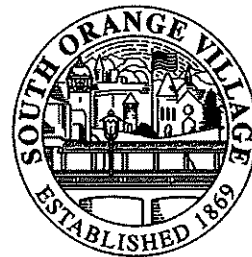
Board Member Brown
Board Member Collum
Board Member Greenberg
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board President Lewis-Chang

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

1. Health Officer Updates
 - a. Grant awards- NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity and NJACCHO Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure
 - b. NJ Heat Hub and extreme heat information
 - c. Essex County mosquito spraying
 - d. Black bear sightings
 - e. Community day/Health fair, September 21st, 1-3 pm
 - f. City Health Dashboard
2. Nursing update
3. Environmental Health Update
4. Animal Control Update
5. Make the Right Call

Ms. Davenport thanked the councilmembers in advance of approving the 2 Grants listed in the Consent agenda. She also stressed the importance of not leaving children and pets alone in the car in the heat, keeping dogs on a leash and discussed the legal process in regards to the increase of homelessness around town.

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 President Lewis-Chang. Board President Lewis-Chang adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 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 July 8, 2024 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 8th, 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.

10. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2024-16 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 9 – BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, SECTIONS 9-17 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SECTION 9-29 IN THEIR ENTIRETY - ALL RELATING TO THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Councilwoman Jones introduced Jacob Levine Chair of the Historic



Preservation Commission and their board attorney William Sullivan. She briefly discussed the proposed changes to the ordinance including the following 5 major changes:

- No New Designation
- Pathway for Designation
- Review Process
- Enforcement Measures
- Nomenclature Revisions

Mr. Levine discussed the original and existing ordinance and explained the process for designating properties. Property owners will be notified in advance and the process will be done in batches. Mr. Levine acknowledged and thanked Ms. Doran, Mr. Otis and Ms. Patras Village Planner for their assistance on this matter.

In response to the board questions, Mr. Sullivan discussed the impact of the on current planning board cases, type of recourse for a neglected demolition project and explained the designation process from start to finish.

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-16 for first reading/Introduction, 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.

Councilwoman Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2024-16, shall be at the Village Council Members Meeting on Monday, August 26, 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 Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

11. Ordinance for Second 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

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

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-14 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilman Brown.

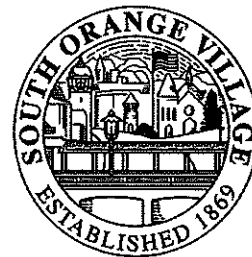
Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-190 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF VILLAGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE
- B. 2024-191 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC. FOR LIGHTING AT NEW WATERLANDS PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$897,886.00
- C. 2024-192 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR REPAIR OF A SINKHOLE WITHIN THE INTERSECTION OF MEADOWBROOK PLACE AND MEEKER STREET REFLECTING A NET INCREASE OF \$2,923.12 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- D. 2024-193 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- E. 2024-194 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

- F. 2024-195 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NJDOH), OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH, STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY 2024-2025 GRANT AWARD
- G. 2024-196 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-167 INCREASING SALARY OF ERINROSE BALDRY, NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, TO \$45,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024
- H. 2024-197 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE 2024-2026 GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS
- I. 2024-198 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt the Resolutions of the Consent Agenda #2024-190 through #2024-198, 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.

13. 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 22, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-199 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 22, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,154,874.99



Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Resolution #2024-199 of the Bills List, 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. Village Mayor Report

Mayor Collum discussed the following:

- Library Board – Thanked Ms. Doran and Councilwoman Hilton on their work with the Library Board and the Village Council offers full support to help meet their goals. The Village and the Library Board will soon be entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for this project.
- Duck Pond – DPW cleaned up graffiti over the weekend. She stated that anti-Semitism is unacceptable in this community and apologized to the families that had to see it.
- On July 24th at 6pm, there will be a meeting at NJ Transit to discuss the ongoing issues with the commuter train services. The meeting will be held in person at transit and virtually. The meeting link will be posted on the website.
- The Village Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 29th for the second reading and public comment for Ordinance 2024-15, 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. There will be a series of community meetings and members of the public will be allowed to ask questions and make comments.

15. Village Administrator Report

Ms. Doran acknowledge the SPACE Committee and South Orange Downtown on the installation of the new Kiosk located on Sloan Street. Also, phase 1 of the County construction will begin this summer on Valley Street. As soon as the County releases the schedule, it will be posted on the



Village's website.

16. Village Attorney Report

There was no report.

17. 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 discussed New Commer's Day which is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. Organizations will soon be receiving a save to date to RSVP. If you have not received it, send an email to crc@southorange.org to RSVP.
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang – There was no report.

18. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.

19. New Business

There was no new business discussed, but Mayor Collum mentioned the Baird Café is now open!

20. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 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/2581/media>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor