



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 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
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

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

2024-201 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Personnel (Personnel Matter)

Councilwoman Jones moved to approve Resolution #2024-201, 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

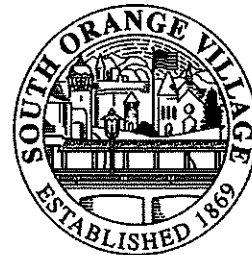
6. **Announcements**

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 with **AUGUST** Moonlit Movies (at sundown).

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.

C. **South Orange Village Senior Advisory Committee**

Presents Tour South Orange on our Party Tour Bus on Thursday, August 15th at 11am. Seniors will learn how our Town Bus can open up the world to you! Enjoy sites, explore multiple stops and learn the history of South Orange. Lunch will be provided at the Baird Cafe. RSVP for bus pick up or meet at the Baird: soma2towns@gmail.com or 973-558-0863.

In addition, Councilwoman Jones announced the Community Day and the South Orange Health Fair will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 1pm to 3pm in Meadowland Park.

7. **Village Spotlight**

- A. Honoring The Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE): Councilwoman Jones on behalf of the Community Relations Committee gave an overview of the process for acknowledging amazing businesses and organizations that have positively impacted the community. She announced this year's honoree to be The Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE) and introduced Amanda



Cavanagh Assistant Director. Ms. Cavanagh showed a brief presentation that included their programming, mission trips, total number of student commitments, education, mentoring, ministry of presence & Inclusion and student leadership. Ms. Cavanagh thanked the Community Relations Committee, Mayor Collum and the Village Council Members for this acknowledgment.

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 22, 2024 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 22nd, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

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. 2024-17 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 157 FIRE PREVENTION, SECTION 4 - INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION FEES AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 143 FEES, SECTION 10 - FIRE PREVENTION BY THE ADDITION OF EXPEDITED FEES AND MISSED APPOINTMENT FEES

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-17 for first reading/Introduction, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- B. 2024-18 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HANDICAPPED PARKING FOR EMILY CHASAN AT 190 TICHENOR AVENUE, SOUTH ORANGE, AND THE AMENDMENT OF CODE CHAPTER 340-38, SUBSECTION B.

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-18 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 Ordinances #2024-17 and #2024-18, shall be at the Village Council Members Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that date, the Councilmembers may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that these Ordinances are 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. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-202 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
- B. 2024-203 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
- C. 2024-204 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO A PLUS STRIPING INC. FOR TENNIS, PICKLEBALL & BASKETBALL COURT CRACK REPAIR, COLOR COAT AND STRIPING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,600.00



- D. 2024-205 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A FULL TIME LABORER 1 FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- E. 2024-206 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN CLANCY AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR
- F. 2024-207 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELISSA HODGE AS CO-MANAGER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2024
- G. 2024-208 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LISA SZULEWSKI AS CO-MANAGER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2024
- H. 2024-209 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE'S DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT – STEP 3

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt the Resolutions of the Consent Agenda #2024-202 through #2024-209, 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.

12. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Councilmember Greenberg moved to recess the meeting of the Village Council and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All members were in favor and none opposed.

The following Resolution was briefly discussed:

2024-ABC03 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOL COSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION FROM DM RESTAURANT VENURES II, LLC TO EDEN CAFÉ & DINING LLC

Board Member Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2024-ABC03,



seconded by Board Member Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Brown	Yes
Board Member Collum	Yes
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 Greenberg moved to adjourn the meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and reconvene as the Village Council, seconded by Board member Brown. Board President Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm.

Reconvened as the Village Council and all members are still present

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

2024-210 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,488,979.26

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Resolution #2024-210 of the Bills List, seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

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 mentioned they are continuing discussion on the water utility and information will be posted on the website soon. The referendum will be on the November Ballot. There will be 3 public town hall meeting presentations that will be held in person and virtually throughout September and October. All information will be posted on the Village Calendar at www.southorange.org.

15. Village Administrator Report – There was no report.

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 – There was no report.
- 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.

20. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 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/2548/media>

ATTEST:


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor