



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 9, 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

2024-265 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the December 9, 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
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6. Announcements

A. Affordable Housing Units and Lottery

Applications for affordable residential units are now available for the Mosaic at 8 2nd Street in South Orange. Interested applicants may submit a preliminary application at AffordableHomesNewJersey.com. Preliminary applications must be received by December 17, 2024 to join the South Orange Rental Waiting List and be included in the random lottery number drawing. More information can be found on southorange.org in the news flash section.

B. South Orange Public Library

South Orange Public Library is collaborating with MEND-NJ and Bobrow Food Pantry for a FOOD DRIVE to give back and support families in need. Collections will take place at the LIBRARY's BAIRD BRANCH on Saturdays beginning November 16 through December 21, from 1pm-3pm.

C. South Orange Health Department

The Health Department will hold a Free Health Screening Event on Wednesday, December 18th from 12pm-2pm, for the following:

- COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Clinic



- Free HIV Testing

Registration is strongly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To register, please contact Zufall Health at 973-325-2266 ext. 1040.

The Essex County Holiday Food Distribution event will be held on Thursday, December 19th, at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center in Essex County Branch Brook Park. 1000 turkeys and food boxes will be distributed while supplies last; one box per car/family.

7. Proclamation

- A. Proclamation recognizing Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

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 November 25, 2024
(Councilmember Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

10. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2024-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143, "FEES," BY AMENDING MEMBERSHIP AND VARIOUS FEES RELATING TO RECREATION PROGRAMS

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-266 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN WATER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, INC. AND WORK ORDERS IN CONNECTION WITH METER CHANGES
- B. 2024-267 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
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- C. 2024-268 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2024-269 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND UPDATING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL/EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
- E. 2024-270 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 98-YEAR LEASE OF GROUND FLOOR SPACE LOCATED AT 317 VALLEY STREET, SOUTH ORANGE TO BE USED AS A COMMUNITY CENTER
- F. 2024-271 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME CLERK IN THE TAX DEPARTMENT
- G. 2024-272 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR REPAIR/RENOVATION TO THE SOUTH ORANGE POOL PAVILLION TO VMF CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,710.00
- H. 2024-273 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE EVIDENCE CABINET REQUIRED AS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS GOING THRU ACCREDITATION THRU SPACESAVER UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #110923-SPC #091423-KII IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,299.89
- I. 2024-274 RESOLUTION AWARDING contract FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DAIS IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM TO EPIC MILLWORK, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,300.00
- J. 2024-275 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING OJETTI E. DAVIS TO THE POSITION OF VILLAGE CLERK
- K. 2024-276 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING IRMA WEIR TO THE POSITION OF TAX COLLECTOR

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. 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 December 9, 2024. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2024-277 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2024,



IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,854,458.16.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 13. Village Mayor Report**
- 14. Village Administrator Report**
- 15. Village Attorney Report**
- 16. Council Members Reports**
 - A. Councilman Brown
 - B. Councilmember Greenberg
 - C. Councilmember Haskins
 - D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
 - E. Councilwoman Jones
 - F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang
- 17. Public Comment**

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment
- 18. New Business**
- 19. Adjournment**