



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 14, 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 - Absent
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Ofis, 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

2024-229 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Redevelopment (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter & Contract Negotiations)
- Affordable Housing Obligation (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Personnel (Personnel Matters)

Councilwoman Jones moved to approve Resolution #2024-229, seconded by Councilmember Haskins. 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 - Absent
Councilmember Greenberg - Absent
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**

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!

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



New Jersey American Water will perform the annual flushing of the Village of South Orange's distribution system beginning through mid-October. 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. See southorange.org for more detailed information and tips for using water during this period.

C. **Senior Advisory Committee**

Repair Café -Free event where Volunteers help neighbors fix things! Saturday, Oct 26, 2024; 2 PM to 4:30 PM. Call 973-763-6391 to let us know the item and arrange a time. Brought to you by The South Orange Senior Advisory Committee, SOMa for All Ages, South Orange Recreation & Cultural Affairs. Our Volunteer Experts will: • Sharpen knives • Mend clothes, quilts and other textiles • Fix lamps, Small electronics • Computers • Furniture, wood working • Fix Jewelry! • Video games • Clocks, vacuums • Tune up BICYCLES • GUITARS!

D. **Village Clerk's Office - Late Night Voter Registration - 2024 General Election**

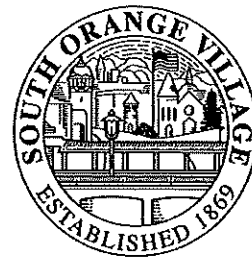
On October 15, 2024, the Village Clerk's Office will remain open from 4:30pm-9pm. This will be the last day to register to vote in the General Election, which will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Residents wishing to "Vote By Mail" may get an application either from the Village Clerk's Office or the Essex County Clerk's Office at the Essex County Hall of Records. Applications for a vote-by-mail ballot must be submitted no later than 7 days prior to Election Day.

In-Person Early Voting starts October 26th to November 3rd - All registered voters have the option to vote in person at any of the Early Voting locations for the November 5th General Election. For more Election information including the locations for Early Voting and the Secure Ballot Drop Box, please visit our Election page on the Village website at: www.southorange.org or contact the Village Clerk's Office at (973) 378-7715 ext. 1.

E. **South Orange Public Library**

South Orange Public Library is among a number of libraries in NJ, and across the US, to elevate the voices of their community in supporting the FREEDOM TO READ on October 19th. All ages are invited to join the Library in speaking out against censorship at any, or all, of the following programs: "Conversation and Crochet", "Community Collage", or a special children's storytime. Programs will run from 1-



3pm, on Saturday, October 19th, at the Library's Baird Branch. For more information, please visit www.sopl.org

In addition, Councilmember Haskins encouraged everyone to check out the South Orange Symphony's 75th Anniversary on Sunday, October 27th at 3 pm at the South Orange Middle School. Councilwoman Jones announced the Seton Village Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival on Friday, October 18th at 5 pm – 10 pm.

7. Villager of the Month

- A. PROCLAMATION HONORING AND COMMENDING NATHANIEL KRAEMER AS "VILLAGER OF THE MONTH" FOR OCTOBER 2024 FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE:

Councilwoman Jones gave a briefly introduction on Nathaniel Kraemer nominated by Keisha Miller of the South Orange Public Library to the Community Relations Committee. Councilwoman Jones read the proclamation that recognized Nathaniel Kraemer as Villager of the Month for his outstanding contributions and commitment to the Village of South Orange. Mr. Kraemer thanked the Mayor, Council Members and Ms. Miller for the nomination and recommended for all teens to sign up and volunteer at the Teens Library.

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 September 23, 2024 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Haskins moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 23rd, seconded by Councilwoman Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Absent
Councilmember Haskins	Yes



Councilwoman Hilton Yes
Councilwoman Jones Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang Yes
Motion carried

10. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2024-19 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, SECTION 340-22 WITH RESPECT TO LOADING AND UNLOADING ON IRVINGTON AVENUE

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public comments or questions.

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-19 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-230 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR A SPECIAL CLEAN-UP AT 158 WARD PLACE IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- B. 2024-231 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FALL TREE PLANTING TO SJC LAWN CARE INC. IN THE VILLAGE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,925.00
- C. 2024-232 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY IN CONNECTION WITH 270-274 AND 299-307 IRVINGTON AVENUE IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2024-233 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF A RECREATION LEADER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- E. 2024-234 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME



SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

- F. 2024-235 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ENTERPRISE
DOCUMENT AND DATA MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND EXECUTION OF
AGREEMENT WITH FILEBANK INC. UNDER THE KEYSTONE PURCHASING
NETWORK, CONTRACT # KPN-202201-06A, TECHNOLOGY, 3/1/22-
2/28/25, FOR INITIAL ONE-TIME PROJECT FEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$34,432.70 WITH RECURRING MONTHLY FEES NOT TO EXCEED
\$1,858.51 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE
- G. 2024-236 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR HEUER
AND COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL CONCRETE FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PETER S. CONOR POOL REFLECTING A NET
INCREASE OF \$20,700.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT

Councilmember Haskins moved to adopt Resolutions #2024-231
through 2024-236 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by
Councilwoman Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Resolution for Separate Action:

Councilmember Haskins moved to have Resolution #2024-230
Stricken from the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman
Hilton. All members were in favor and none opposed.

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 October 14, 2024. The Village Council members were
provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for
examination.

2024-237 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2024,
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,820,782.97



Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2024-237, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Village Mayor Report

Mayor Collum mentioned they are still working on the water utility and encouraged all residents to go out and vote. Also, the Village will be receiving the Affordable Housing numbers soon and will then need to update the Housing Element & Fair Share Housing Plan. The Plan will need to be adopted early next year.

14. Village Administrator Report

Ms. Doran thanked everyone for their patience during this time of the milling and paving projects throughout the Village.

15. Village Attorney Report – There was no report.

16. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown - Absent
- B. Councilmember Greenberg - Absent
- 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.

17. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment: William Graves resident of South Orange and an advocate for Ranked Choice Voting. Mr. Graves thanked the Council Members for their consideration on voting in favor of this Resolution.

Mayor Collum was happy to inform Mr. Graves that the Village Council voted and adopted the Ranked Choice Resolution at the last Council



meeting asking the Legislation to pass the Bill.

18. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

19. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 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://southorangenetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2550/media>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Mayor