



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. 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

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

2024-246 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the November 12, 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 Negotiations)
- Baird Community Center (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Litigation (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilwoman Hilton moved to approve Resolution #2024-246, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:20 pm:

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. 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.

November is National Picture Book Month
Now through Friday, 11/22, readers of all ages can enter their favorite picture book(s) into an orange "ballot" box (located at the Library's Baird Branch). A random name will be drawn on Monday, 11/25 for 4 movie tickets to see a movie of their choice at the Village Theater at SOPAC.

7. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:
Julia Flath resident of South Orange and Chair of the Walk Bike Ride Committee recommended the painting the bike lanes with green paint and using flex post for bike safety measures. This will help to reduce drivers speed and make the streets safer for everyone.

In response to Ms. Flath's comment, Mayor Collum mentioned that she along with Councilmember Lewis-Chang have been meeting with the Board of Education regarding pedestrian safety for the students with is a priority. There are some legal concerns from the engineer pertaining to the width of the roadways that led to the Administrator's decision to not paint the lines green. Mayor Collum agreed there are some small thing that can be done and said Administration will revisit this matter.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on October 28, 2024 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Councilwoman Hilton moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 28th, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Absent
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Hilton	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes



Councilmember Lewis-Chang Yes
Motion carried

9. Ordinances for First 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

Councilwoman Hilton moved to adopt Ordinance #2024-22 for first reading/Introduction, 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.

Councilwoman Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2024-22, shall be at the Village Council Members meeting on Monday, December 9, 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 Councilmembers Haskins. All members were in favor and none opposed.

10. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2024-247 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- B. 2024-248 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY POOL BATHHOUSE TO MEET ADA REQUIREMENTS TO VMF CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$246,000.00
- C. 2024-249 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS
- D. 2024-250 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY NJ STATE CONTRACT T0109 TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR S CAMERA AND RADIO INSTALL IN NEW VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,597.65
- E. 2024-251 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME



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- F. 2024-252 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND DECLARING COMPLETION OF ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK REQUIRED BY FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., PURSUANT TO IT'S CONTRACT WITH SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE DATED DECEMBER 3, 2020
- G. 2024-253 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS FOR THE SALE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, OR SOCIAL DISABILITIES
- H. 2024-254 **[TABLED]** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY PEPPM COOPERATIVE TO MIND'S EYE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAMERAS AND INSTALLATION FOR SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,951.00 **[TABLED]**

Councilwoman Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions #2024-247 through 2024-254 with the exception of Resolution #2024-254 tabled to the next meeting, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

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

2024-255 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2024, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,932,050.96



Councilwoman Hilton moved to approve Resolution #2024-255 of the Bills List, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

12. Village Mayor Report

Mayor Collum discussed the Council members working with the Village Attorney on the next step of the water utility since the referendum did pass on November 5th. There is an agreement that will need to come before the board and hoping this will happen by the end of this year. Also, she discussed concerns with some topics such as funding, infrastructure, gateway tunnel project and deportation as the new Administration takes office in 2025. She will be keeping watch on these items. Lastly, Mayor Collum mentioned the election outcome was surprising to a lot of the voter of South Orange and people are still coming to terms with the results but ensured the residents that we will all work through it together.

13. Village Administrator Report

Ms. Doran mentioned the Village is moving into budget season and she will be meeting with the Department Heads over the next 6 weeks. The departmental presentation will be heard the last Saturday in January and the first Saturday in February. All information for the budget can be found on the village website under Budget Documents.

14. Village Attorney Report

There was no report.

15. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown - There was no report.
- B. Councilmember Greenberg - There was no report.
- C. Councilmember Haskins mentioned he has been receiving positive feedback in regards to the Tree Ordinance. Ms. Doran mentioned the Ordinance was approved by the Planning Board for Master Plan Consistency.



Also, the Councilmembers discussed leaf pick up and the importance of following the leaf map and when the residents should put the leaves out on their street.

D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton

- Library Friends Update – The Friends of the Library will be holding a Jewelry Sale at the Baird on November 17th – 18th, from 10 am to 5 pm at the Baird. All proceeds will go to the Library.

- E. Councilwoman Jones mentioned earlier in the afternoon the Arts Advisory Committee had a great meeting and she is looking forward to the next one. Residents can still join this committee with meet 4 times a year and the subcommittees will meet in between.
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang acknowledged South Orange Downtown and Department of Public Works for all the work they are doing in Seton Village.

16. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

Kevin Kelly resident of South Orange mentioned he is in favor of bike safety and bike lanes and believes they make a difference. Also, Mr. Kelly expressed concerns regarding the quality of the roads, leaves in the streets, dim street lights and suggested the Village look into textile recycling.

In response to Mr. Kelly's comment, Mayor Collum asked Councilmember Lewis-Chang to discussed this at the next regular Environmental Commission meeting. Councilwoman Hilton mention these topics are discussed monthly at the Public Works & Utility meetings. Councilmember Haskins said they can look into textile recycling.

In addition, Councilwoman Jones mentioned the Police Department is holding a volunteer coat drive ending December 1st. Mayor Collum mentioned electronic recycling is scheduled for this upcoming Saturday, November 16th, from 8am to 12pm.

17. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

18. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at



approximately 8:25 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/2551/media>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor