



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Executive Session - 6:15 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

2025-022 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the February 10, 2025, 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

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Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
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6. **Announcements**

A. **Black History Month**

The theme for Black History Month is African Americans and Labor. This theme focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Keep an eye out for our weekly Storytime Saturday book readings and children's book list for ages newborn to 10 years, a weekly narrated run/walk in partnership with Erasing Essex's Borders, and an art exhibition at the Pierro Gallery titled "Black Art Unveiled," launching later this month. We are also co-hosting a movie screening of "One of Them Days," starring Maplewood's own SZA, with a special speaker session on February 12th. For a listing of all the upcoming events, check out our South Orange website and click on the "Celebrating Black History Month" banner.

B. **South Orange Public Library**

Celebrate Black history with ***Sew It! Workshop at the Library***. On Thursday February 13th at 4pm tweens and teens are invited to learn the technique of sewing to make their own **Black Panther Sleep Mask**. Ms. Ellen, of *Sew It! Workshop* will be leading this, followed by a brief presentation on Ruth E. Carter, the first Black woman to win



an Oscar in design which was for Black Panther film. Registration is required, visit www.sopl.org for more details.

7. Annual Budget Presentations

- A. South Orange Downtown
- B. South Orange Environmental Commission

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 January 27, 2025 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

10. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED MUNICIPAL CODE, FULLY INCLUDING ALL ORDINANCES ENACTED FROM MARCH 25, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2025-02 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE VILLAGE LIBRARY FACILITIES IN AND BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 - FOR VMF CONSTRUCTION FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF EXISTING EPOXY FLOORING THROUGHOUT WORK AREA FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$9,625.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT



- B. 2025-024 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2025-025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR BLOCK 1006, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 13 AND 14 UPON WHICH MULTI-UNIT, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED
- D. 2025-026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO HANNON FLOORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLOORING DAMAGED FROM SPRINKLER LEAK AT BAIRD CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,775.24
- E. 2025-027 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO BAIRD CENTER DUE TO WATER DAMAGE FROM SPRINKLER TO VMF CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,335.00
- F. 2025-028 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- G. 2025-029 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SALES AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY OR RELATED TO THE SALE OF THE SOUTH ORANGE WATER SYSTEM TO NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. AS APPROVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AND SALE AND ASSIGNMENT OF DESIGNS, PLANS AND PERMITS FOR CREST DRIVE STANDPIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- H. 2025-030 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN VALLEY STREET SOUTH ORANGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR VALLEY STREET SOUTH ORANGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC
- I. 2025-031 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES
- J. 2025-032 RESOLUTION AWARDED RENEWAL OF CONTRACT TO MIELE'S CONCESSIONS AS THE FOOD SERVICE VENDOR FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025



- K. 2025-033 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, WATER UTILITY CONSULTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- L. 2025-034 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION
- M. 2025-035 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF ENTERPRISE DOCUMENT AND DATA MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FILEBANK INC. UNDER THE KEYSTONE PURCHASING NETWORK FOR 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,302.12

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 February 10, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-036 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,852,508.08

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**

- Historic Preservation Commission



- Community Relations Committee

F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang

17. Public Comment

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18. New Business

19. Adjournment