



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 24, 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

2025-037 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the February 24, 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

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

6. Announcements

A. **Black History Month**

South Orange is hosting a series of exciting events to celebrate Black History Month in collaboration with various community organizations. These festivities aim to educate, connect, and honor the rich history and culture of the Black community. We thank our community partners for their creativity and effort in crafting a vibrant event lineup! Additionally, we want to recognize the dedicated volunteers whose passion and commitment have helped launch this initiative. Please visit the South Orange website and click on the "Celebrating Black History Month" banner.

B. **Crossing Guard Appreciation Week**

Join us for the 3rd Annual SOMa Crossing Guard Appreciation Week from March 3-7! This week is dedicated to showing gratitude to our local crossing guards, who help keep our streets safe in all kinds of weather. We encourage the community to express their appreciation with a token of thanks, such as a handmade card, a poster, a hot drink, a treat, or simply a heartfelt "thank you." In addition, the guards will be honored with an appreciation breakfast hosted by JESPY House in collaboration with Walk Bike Ride South



Orange. They will receive gift cards courtesy of the Police Departments and 7-Eleven.

7. Board of Health

- A. Recess meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Board Member Brown
Board Member Collum
Board Member Greenberg
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board President Lewis-Chang

Candice Davenport, Health Officer:

- Health Officer Updates
 - February is Heart Health Month
- Nursing Update
 - H5N1 update
 - Zufall Health at the Baird, starting March 12th
- Environmental Health Update
- Animal Control Update
 - Reminder of dog and cat licensing deadline: March 1, 2025

Adjourn as the Board of Health to reconvene as the South Orange Village Council.

Voice Vote:

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 Attorney
Mr. Otis, Village Attorney
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

8. Annual Budget Presentations

- A. Community Coalition on Race
- B. South Orange Performing Arts Center
- C. YouthNet

9. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

10. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:
 - Regular meeting held on February 10, 2025 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

11. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2025-03 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE AND THE CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ORDER TO FURNISH WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2025-04 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 146 FILMING, SECTION 5 - FEES AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 143 FEES, SECTION 10 - FIRE PREVENTION BY THE ADDITION OF A FEE FOR TYPE 1-4 UNIFORM FIRE CODE PERMIT APPLICATION FEES REQUIRING INSPECTIONS OUTSIDE OF REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS



ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2025-05 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 157 FIRE PREVENTION, SECTION 7 – TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- D. 2025-06 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,000.00 IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF RENOVATIONS TO AND FURNISHINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-038 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, EMPLOYEE IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- B. 2025-039 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS
- C. 2025-040 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CALENDAR YEAR 2025 SEWER USER CHARGE
- D. 2025-041 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
- E. 2025-042 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH 181 CHURCH STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC AND 185 CHURCH STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2301, LOTS 21, 42, 43 AND 44 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE VILLAGE



- F. 2025-043 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2025
- G. 2025-044 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- H. 2025-045 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NJ CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT
- I. 2025-046 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ESSEX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN/UPDATE AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE AS PLANNING POINT OF CONTACTS

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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 February 24, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-047 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,304,570.67

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Village Mayor Report

15. Village Administrator Report

16. Village Attorney Report

17. 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

18. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment

19. New Business

20. Adjournment