



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2025 - 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

2025-059 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the March 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. **Town Hall Discussion: Open Space Trust Fund Increase**

South Orange Village is considering a referendum to increase the Open Space Tax Levy, currently set at \$0.01/per \$100 of assessed value, to support the preservation and enhancement of our parks, recreational facilities, and natural areas. The goal is to provide long-term funding dedicated to park improvements and environmental conservation efforts.

We invite you to share your thoughts and learn more about this proposal on Tuesday, March 25, 7PM - 8:30PM at Baird Community Center in Stage & Screen Room.

B. **Safe Streets for All (SS4A)**

Essex County and South Orange need your input for our "SafeStreets4All" Action Plan, aimed at eliminating roadway deaths and serious injuries. Take the survey to share your experiences using Essex County streets. You can find the link in the news section of our website at southorange.org. The survey closes March 30.

7. Villager of the Month



- A. Honoring George Matias as Villager of the Month for March 2025

8. 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 for March:

- A Focus on Women's Health and services
- Communicable and Infectious Diseases update
 - Measles Update
 - Childhood Immunizations Update
 - Nursing Report – February
 - Avian Flu H5N1 Update
- Environmental Health
- Animal Control Update

○ Rabies Clinic, Saturday, April 5th from 10am - 12pm
at the Love My Pup, Love My Park event at
Meadowlands Park

- Social Services/ Mental Health

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

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 March 10, 2025 (Councilmember Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

11. Ordinances for First Reading

A. 2025-10 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Ordinance for Second 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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-060 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JULIE DORAN, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO THE MORRIS COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER AND PETER TRAVERS, DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, AS THE ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER THRU 2025
- B. 2025-061 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PRORGAM
- C. 2025-062 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2025-063 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SPRING TREE PLANTING TO NEW JERSEY TREE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,756.00
- E. 2025-064 RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES
- F. 2025-065 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS FOR



VETERINARIAN AND ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Village Mayor's Appointment

- A. VILLAGE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIE MCCOURT AS A CLASS B REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

2025-066 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 24, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,253,586.88

ROLL CALL VOTE:

16. Village Mayor Report

17. Village Administrator Report

18. Village Attorney Report

19. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg
- C. Councilmember Haskins
- D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
- E. Councilwoman Jones
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang

20. Public Comment

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21. New Business



22. Adjournment