

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Executive Session - 6:15 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
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Jones - Absent
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
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

2025-115 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the May 27, 2025, 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 Negotiation)
- Personnel (Personnel Matters)
- Village Code (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve Resolution #2025-115 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Haskins. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene Into Open Session**

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm:

ROLL CALL

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Jones - Absent
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel - Absent
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

6. **Announcements**

Mayor Collum read the following announcements:

A. **SOPAC Celebrates: Share the Love – June 12!**

Join the South Orange Performing Arts Center for an unforgettable night featuring **Rock & Roll Hall-of-Famer Darlene Love**, a VIP cocktail reception, and a lively after party! They'll honor outstanding community change makers and celebrate the next generation of talent. Your support keeps SOPAC thriving—bringing world-class performances and transformative arts education to our community. **Get your tickets now at sopacnow.org.**

B. **Community Relations Committee**
Care Kits for Those In Need



From May 5th to June 5th, the Community Relations Committee is proud to sponsor "Care Kits for Those In Need", a month-long donation drive to support individuals in our community who could use a little extra care. We're collecting travel-sized toiletries — think shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and more — to create thoughtful care packages that make a difference. Your small donation can have a big impact — help us spread kindness, one care kit at a time! Drop-off locations: The Baird, Municipal Offices, Police Station, and the Rescue Squad

C. **Office of the Village Clerk - 2025 Primary Election**

The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, and polls will be open from 6:00 AM through 8:00 PM. The sample ballot can be found on the Village website. If you are unsure of your voting district, please contact the Clerk's Office at (973) 378-7715 ext. 1.

For voters who have requested a Vote by Mail Ballot, the Safe and Secured Essex County Election Ballot Drop Boxes are located under the Gazebo across from the South Orange Fire Station (56 Sloan Street) and at Seton Hall University's Duffy Hall Building. For more information on the election, please visit the website at southorange.org.

7. **Board of Health**

- A. Councilmember Greenberg moved to recess the meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health, seconded Councilman Brown. All members were in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call:
Board Member Brown
Board Member Collum
Board Member Greenberg
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Jones
Board Member Schnall
Board President Lewis-Chang

Board President Lewis-Chang called the Board of Health meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm and introduced Candice Davenport, Health Officer. Ms. Davenport discussed the following of her May Health Report:



- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- Virtual Narcan Training on June 10th at 11am
- Zufall Health Center screenings 2nd Friday of each month at the Baird
- Communicable and Infectious Disease Update
- Nursing Updates
 - Reportable diseases investigated: 6
 - National Measles Update
 - Vaccines for Children May Location
 - Avian Influenza (H5N1) Update
- Environmental Health Updates:
 - Restaurant inspections: 7
 - Pre-operation inspections: 1
 - Daycare inspections: 3
 - Complaints: 6
 - NOVs: 9
 - Summonses: 1
- Animal Control May updates from Animal Control Solutions:
 - Total Calls: 14
 - Bites: 2
 - Enforcement: 1
 - Wildlife: 11
 - Animal Resources – Please call Animal Control Solutions during regular business hours at 908.722.1271. For animal emergencies after hours, please call South Orange Police Department at 973.378.7799.
 - For Wildlife questions, please refer to the NJ Fish and Wildlife website: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/wildlife/need-help-with-wildlife/>
- Social Services/Mental Health:
 - CANNabinoid Drug Interaction Review (CANN-DIR) – a free web-based resource development by Penn State researchers that identifies potential interactions between cannabinoid products and common over the counter and prescription medications.
 - Make The Right Call
 - Parents who spend 15 minutes Per Day to improve their child health and wellbeing. More information: <https://drugfreenj.org/>



In response to board questions, Ms. Davenport gave an update on the dog and cat license, late fees now apply.

Board President Lewis-Chang rates of suicide with Veterans are high during this time and asked the public to support and check in with their loved ones as part of Mental Health Awareness Month.

The full presentation of the Board of Health can be found on the Village's website at: <https://southorange.org/167/Health-and-Animal-Control>

There being no further discussion, Board member Collum moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Health, seconded by Board President Lewis-Chang. Board President Lewis-Chang adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

8. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation in Honor of Jewish American Heritage Month read by Councilmember Greenberg. This proclamation proclaims the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month in South Orange and encourages all residents to learn more about the history, culture, and achievements of Jewish Americans and to honor their enduring contributions to our community and our country.
- B. Proclamation Declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day read by Councilman Brown. This proclamation encourages all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.
- C. Proclamation in Honor of Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month read by Mayor Collum. This proclamation is to encourage all residents to learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage and work to combat racism and xenophobia as we celebrate this month of May with cultural events and educational activities.



- D. Proclamation in Honor of Mental Health Awareness Month read by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. This is to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

9. Public Comment

Village Mayor Collum opened the meeting for public comment: There were several members of the public that express the support for bike lanes on Montrose Avenue and throughout the Village. There were a couple members of the public that were not in support of the bike lanes and felt the Montrose Avenue is too narrow for bike lanes.

Mayor Collum mentioned the Ordinance #2025-13 is on for introduction only, public hearing will be at the 2nd meeting in June.

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 May 12, 2025 (All Council Members are eligible to vote)

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 12th, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

11. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2025-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, SECTIONS 340-10 AND 340-13 REGULATING PARKING

Councilmember Haskins gave a brief summary of the proposed Ordinance and discussed the elimination of parking within certain areas of the Village. He mentioned this amendment to the parking was discussed during the robust meetings held for the mobility section of the Master Plan Review. He encouraged the residents to continue attending the Public Works & Utilities Committee meetings



to express their concerns.

Councilmember Haskins moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-13 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilman Schnall.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Councilmember Greenberg moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2025-13, shall be at the Village Council Members meeting on Monday, June 23, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that date, the Council members 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 Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-116 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY NJ STATE CONTRACT T3031 TO DRAEGER INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALCOTEST 9510 SYSTEM (BREATHALYZER) IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,822.50
- B. 2025-117 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 125
- C. 2025-118 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST MONTROSE AVENUE PROJECT
- D. 2025-119 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNTIL JULY 22, 2025 FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR VOSE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT, PROJECT #2023-MA-00636 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF LOCAL AID



- E. 2025-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- F. 2025-121 RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX RATE & BILLING FOR THIRD QUARTER 2025
- G. 2025-122 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS NOTE "RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$740,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
- H. 2025-123 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A 40A:4-87
- I. 2025-124 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR HEUER AND COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION NEW ELECTRICAL CONDUIT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PETER S. CONOR POOL REFLECTING A NET INCREASE OF \$16,405.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- J. 2025-125 RESOLUTION AWARDED DESIGN PROPOSAL FOR CHURCH STREET PROJECT TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING

Councilmember Haskins moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-116 through #2025-125 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Approval of Bills



- A. The Finance and Capital Projects Committee presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated May 27, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-126 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 27, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,184,310.20

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-125, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

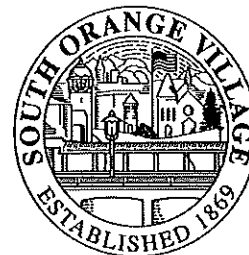
Motion carried.

14. Resolutions for Separate Action - Reorganization

- A. 2025-127 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, §3-9, OF THE CODE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- B. 2025-128 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO LIAISONS TO THE SOUTH ORANGE/MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE
- C. 2025-129 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE LIAISON AND ONE ALTERNATE TRUSTEE LIAISON TO THE COMMUNITY COALITION ON RACE
- D. 2025-130 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES
- E. 2025-131 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON AND MAYOR DESIGNEE TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
- F. 2025-132 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LIAISON TO THE SUSTAINABLE ESSEX ALLIANCE
- G. 2025-133 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON TO YOUTHNET



- H. 2025-134 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SOUTH ORANGE BOARD OF HEALTH
- I. 2025-135 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO THE SOUTH ORANGE/MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
- J. 2025-136 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LIAISON TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
- K. 2025-137 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTH ESSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
- L. 2025-138 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER AS THE CLASS III MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PLANNING BOARD
- M. 2025-139 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
- N. 2025-140 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LIAISON TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
- O. 2025-141 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LIAISON AND ONE ALTERNATE LIAISON TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PARKING AUTHORITY
- P. 2025-142 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Q. 2025-143 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
- R. 2025-144 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LIAISON TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- S. 2025-145 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE
- T. 2025-146 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON TO THE SOUTH ORANGE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
- U. 2025-147 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE VILLAGE MAYOR, LIAISON AND ALTERNATE LIAISON TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- V. 2025-148 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE LIAISON TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- W. 2025-149 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LIAISON TO THE SOUTH ORANGE/MAPLEWOOD (SOMA) TWO TOWNS FOR ALL AGES BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- X. 2025-150 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE WALK BIKE RIDE COMMITTEE



- Y. 2025-151 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCILWOMAN SUMMER JONES AS ACTING VILLAGE MAYOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR IN THE EVENT OF THE VILLAGE MAYOR'S ABSENCE

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Resolutions of Separate Actions #2025-127 through #2025-151 for Reorganization, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

15. Village Mayor Report

There was no report.

16. Village Administrator Report

Administrator Doran discussed the status of the pool construction which is on track to open on Father's Day weekend. The digital kiosk on Sloan Street in front of the train station is now Live. Due to the upcoming weather, residents should watch the website and social media for any changes on upcoming events. Downtown after Sundown live music event resumes in June through September on Saturday evenings in Spiotta Park and Farmer's Market starts June 4th through October. This year the Farmer's Market will be closing an hour early, hours of operation will be 1pm to 6pm every Wednesday.

17. Village Attorney Report

There was no report.

18. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown – There was no report.
- B. Councilmember Greenberg – There was no report.
- C. **Councilmember Haskins**

- Public Works & Utilities Committee Update – The Village Engineer and an Associate of Van Cleef Engineering



presented a highlights of the MS4 Stormwater management requirements. Residents from Warren Court attended to discuss the flooding in their yards and asked if the Village would look into this issue. Also, continued discussions pedestrian safety with the residents of Lenox Avenue.

- D. Councilwoman Jones - Absent
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang
- F. Councilman Schnall – There was no report.

19. Public Comment

Village Mayor Collum opened the meeting for the second public comment portion of the meeting:

There were a few residents the expressed their support of Ordinance #2025-13. A resident of West Montrose was not in support of the bike lanes for this area and suggested speed bumps for this street. A resident of Church Street requested the Council to look into pedestrian crossing and roadway paving for this area.

20. New Business

Councilmember Haskins discussed the details of the proposed bike lanes process, next steps and asked for feedback from the Councilmembers. The Councilmembers discussed looking into a PILOT for the bike lanes, providing a list of streets that are being considered and include evaluating sidewalks for the walkers during this process.

Mayor Collum felt this was a healthy kickoff for more conversations to come in the future!

21. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:25 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/2921/media>

ATTEST:

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Ojetta E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor