



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 9, 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

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

2. Roll Call

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

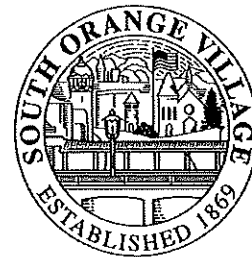
3. Meeting Notice Statement

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

2025-152 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Labor Negotiations (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolution #2025-152 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

Acting Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting at approximately 7pm:

ROLL CALL

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

6. **Announcements**

Acting Mayor Jones read the following announcements:

A. **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.

B. **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 afterparty! They'll honor outstanding community changemakers 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.**

C. **South Orange Public Library**

On June 21st everyone is invited to Color Our World at this summer's reading program kickoff party! From Noon-4pm there is a lot of fun to be had with crafts, music, raffles, and much more. The summer reading program is open to all ages, and prizes from local businesses are provided weekly! Sign up now by visiting your closest library branch or on the website: www.SOPL.org.

7. **Proclamations**

A. Proclamation Commemorating June 2025 as Pride Month in South Orange Village:

Acting Mayor Jones read the proclamation that recognized June 2025 as Pride Month in South Orange Village and encouraged all citizens and residents to celebrate the valuable contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community who enrich the diversity and vitality of our neighborhoods, institutions, government organizations, and businesses.

8. **Public Comment**

Acting Mayor Jones opened the meeting for public comment:

There were many residents of Hixon Place that expressed concerns regarding the proposed installation of new Turf at Ritzer Field. The residents were concerned about how the stormwater will be effected with the project.

Also, there were residents from Lenox Avenue that expressed concerned regarding cars speeding in this area. They would like to have a meeting with the Council to discuss a traffic calming plan, possible speed bumps or speed tables.

Acting Mayor Jones asked the residents of Hixon Place to email their questions and statements to the Clerk's Office for the Village Council to review prior to the Board of School Estimate meeting.



Ms. Doran mentioned in regards to Lenox Avenue, that the data does support their concerns and the Village is in agreement. There is an RFP out and traffic calming methods can be added.

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 May 27, 2025 (Councilwoman Jones is ineligible to vote)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 27th, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

10. Ordinance for Second Reading

A. 2025-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN NON-UNION AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-11 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.



- B. 2025-12 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 305 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 12 – PURPOSE THROUGH SECTION 22 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 143 FEES, SECTION 28 – STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ALL REGARDING OPENING, EXCAVATION OR OTHER DISTURBANCE TO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-12 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF VILLAGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE
- B. 2025-154 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 - SOUTH ORANGE JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY DELINQUENCY PROGRAM
- C. 2025-155 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 - CLEAN COMMUNITIES 2025
- D. 2025-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK GARRETT TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME POLICE CLERK FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- E. 2025-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- F. 2025-158 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF DRESDNER ROBIN TO PROVIDE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE



IMPROVEMENT OF THE CAMERON TENNIS COURTS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,020.00

- G. 2025-159 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SLOAN STREET SIDEWALK AND PEDESTRIAN PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS
- H. 2025-160 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN PAGANO TO THE POSITION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK OFFICIAL FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- I. 2025-161 RESOLUTION SETTING 2025 SALARIES FOR CERTAIN NON-UNION AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL
- J. 2025-162 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- K. 2025-163 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- L. 2025-164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2026 KENWORTH 7880 CHASSIS AND ARH-75-22 ROLLOFF FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THRU GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #032824-KTC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$290,522.58

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-153 through #2025-164 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

12. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Councilmember Greenberg moved to recess meeting of the Village Council and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Haskins. All members



were in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call:

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

2025-ABC01 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR
LICENSES FOR THE 2025-2026 LICENSE TERM

Board Member Greenberg moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-ABC01, seconded by Board Member Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Brown	Yes
Board President Collum	Absent
Board Member Greenberg	Yes
Board Member Haskins	Yes
Board Member Jones	Yes
Board Member Lewis-Chang	Yes
Board Member Schnall	Yes

Motion carried.

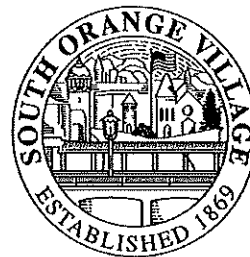
There being no further discussion, Acting Board President Jones adjourn the meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Board member Lewis-Chang. Acting Board President Jones adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

Reconvened as the Village Council and all members are still present.

13. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilman Schnall, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated June 9, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 9, 2025, IN



THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,028,082.74

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-165, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

14. Village Mayor Report - Absent

15. Village Administrator Report

Administrator Doran mentioned the pool construction is not quite complete and therefore the opening has been delayed to June 21st.

16. Village Attorney Report – There was no report.

17. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown – There was no report.
- B. Councilmember Greenberg – There was no report.
- C. Councilmember Haskins – There was no report.
- D. Councilwoman Jones announced the SOMA Juneteenth event at flood hill on Friday, June 20th at 6:30 pm. There will be live music, food trucks and fireworks and South Orange Summer Nights on Wednesdays in Meadowland Park: June - Skate House Sessions, July – Summer Concerts and August – Summer Movies.
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang mentioned the South Orange Community Garden will be celebrating 15 years of the opening of the garden. Although it is not a public affair, she wanted to acknowledge the celebration which will be held at the Baird.
- F. Councilman Schnall – There was no report.

18. Public Comment

Acting Mayor Jones opened the meeting for public comment: There were no questions or comments from the public.



19. **New Business**

There was no new business.

20. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.

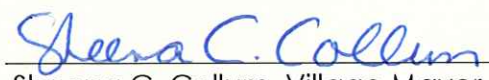
***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2923/media>

ATTEST:

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor