

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 23, 2025 - 7:00 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 6:15pm:

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator – Absent
Mr. Travers, Deputy 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



2025-166 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the June 23, 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 and Contract Negotiations)
- South Orange Pool (Contract Negotiation)
- Personnel (Personnel Matters)
- SOPAC (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Board of School Estimate (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilwoman Jones moved to approve Resolution #2025-166 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Brown. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7 pm:

ROLL CALL

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

6. **Announcements**

Mayor Collum read the following announcements:

A. **Office of the Village Clerk – 2025 Municipal Election Candidate Information**

The South Orange Village Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Offices subject to election are three (3)



seats on the Village Council. If you are interested in receiving a candidate packet, please email the Clerk's Office at: clerksoffice@southorange.org, using the subject line: **2025 Municipal Election Candidate Packet Request**.

The deadline for the submission of all candidate packets to the Clerk's Office is Thursday, August 21, 2025 by 4pm.

B. **South Orange Summer Nights**

Get ready for an unforgettable summer in South Orange! Starting July 2nd, join us every Wednesday at 7:30 PM for music, movies, and art that bring our community together under the stars. From concerts in the park to family-friendly films and creative art sessions, there's something for everyone to enjoy. South Orange Summer Nights is proudly sponsored by the South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC). Check out the full lineup and event details at <https://www.southorange.org/520/South-Orange-Summer-Nights>.

C. **South Orange Downtown Farmers Market**

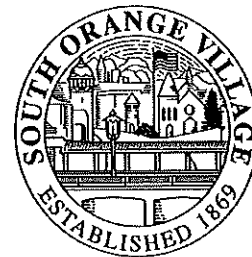
The South Orange Downtown Farmers Market returns for its 34th season starting Wednesday, June 4th, and runs every Wednesday through October 29th, rain or shine, in the Sloan Street Parking Lot (12 Sloan Street) — right in the heart of South Orange Downtown. New Hours for 2025: 1 PM – 6 PM

D. **Downtown After Sundown Live Music Series**

South Orange Downtown presents our free live music series, Downtown After Sundown Saturdays from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm from June to September. It's a fun, casual environment to sit back, relax, and enjoy the sweet sounds of South Orange Downtown in the warm weather with fellow friends and neighbors.

E. **NJ Transit Discounts**

Our partners at NJ TRANSIT are turning up the heat with incredible summer deals that make exploring New Jersey more affordable than ever. From now through September 2nd, riders can take advantage of exciting promotions like beach excursion fares, discounted round-trip tickets to Philadelphia and Atlantic City, and even a "Buy One, Get One Free" offer to bring a friend along. Just use the promo codes in the NJ TRANSIT Mobile App to unlock these savings and earn 100 bonus points in NJT REWARDS, their free loyalty program. Full details and monthly promo codes are available at www.njtransit.com/summer.



7. Board of Health

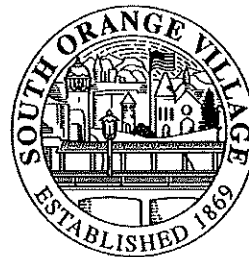
- A. Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to recess the meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health, seconded Councilmember Greenberg. All members were in favor and none opposed.

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 7:15 pm and introduced Candice Davenport, Health Officer. Ms. Davenport discussed the following of her June Health Report:

- Heat Awareness Week June 2 – 6 and cooling centers for South Orange are at the Baird and Village Hall Offices
- Communicable and Infectious Disease Update
- Nursing Updates
 - Reportable diseases investigated: 5
 - Cases Closed: 4
 - Current Cases Open: 4
 - National Measles Update
 - Essex County hosting a Virtual Narcan Training July 30th at 1pm
 - Zufall Monthly Health visit on June 13th: 17 people were given health education and information on services
 - Make The Right Call
 - Parents who spend 15 minutes Per Day to improve their child health and wellbeing. More information: <https://drugfreenj.org/>
 - June 2025 Location for Vaccines for Children (VFC)
- Environmental Health Updates:
 - Restaurant inspections: 3
 - Pre-operation inspections: 1
 - School inspections: 6



- Pool inspections: 8
- Daycare inspections: 18
- Complaints: 6
- NOVs: 2
- Summonses: 3
- Animal Control May updates from Animal Control Solutions:
 - Total Calls: 25
 - Bites: 3
 - Enforcement: 1
 - Stray: 1
 - Wildlife: 20
 - 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/>

In response to board questions, Ms. Davenport discussed the difference between NJ Family Care and the Affordable Care Act.

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 Greenberg moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Health, seconded by Board member Brown. Board President Lewis-Chang adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

8. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

Mr. Moore resident of South Orange asked if the Village was still planning to pursue a consultant to look at the Bike Lanes.

Mayor Collum responded the plan is to bring in a consultant in the near future. Also, she mentioned receiving a grant for finishing Safe Streets for All with Essex County and finished all the necessary requirements for the grant.



Ms. Emily R. resident wanted to know if the Village Council was aware of Congress trying to prevent the use of Medicaid funds for gender affirming care and wondering if there was anything that could be done locally.

Mayor Collum stated that the Village has passed resolutions previously reaffirming support for the LGBTQ plus community on many occasions to our congresswoman and senators on this highly important issue for the South Orange community. She has complete assurance from our representatives that they care and are working hard on this issue for all members of the LGBTQ plus community.

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 June 9, 2025 (All Council Member are eligible to vote)

Councilman Schnall moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 9th, 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.

10. Ordinance for Second Reading

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

PUBLIC HEARING: There were a few members of the public the expressed their support for the complete street design for West Montrose Avenue that includes adding bike lanes and prohibiting parking on Montrose.

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-13 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. 2025-167 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- B. 2025-168 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL'S RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE 2024 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- C. 2025-169 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A 40A:4-87
- D. 2025-170 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
- E. 2025-171 RESOLUTION PROMOTING BRANDON WONG TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 2, STEP 0, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- F. 2025-172 RESOLUTION PROMOTING JACK ZICHELLI TO THE POSITION OF EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, STEP 7, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- G. 2025-173 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- H. 2025-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- I. 2025-175 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH TILCON NEW YORK, INC., UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL 2025 CONTRACTS #6, RESPECTIVELY FOR THE RESURFACING OF NORTH RIDGEWOOD ROAD (MOUNTAIN HOUSE ROAD TO VILLAGE BOUNDARY) AND LACKAWANNA AVENUE AND REYNOLDS PLACE AND MERCER PLACE AND SOUTH STANLEY ROAD AND SOUTH CENTRE STREET AND SOUTH HARDING DRIVE AND HEMLOCK TERRACE AND SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE POLICE



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- J. 2025-176 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A LABORER IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - STEP 0
- K. 2025-177 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A LABORER IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - STEP 0
- L. 2025-178 RESOLUTION SETTING 2025 SALARIES FOR CERTAIN NON-UNION AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL
- M. 2025-179 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, NAMING 58 CHURCH STREET LLC AS CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1902, LOT 1 (58 CHURCH STREET) ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO
- N. 2025-180 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP. FOR THE LENOX AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- O. 2025-181 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO CROSSROADS PAVING FOR THE VOSE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT
- P. 2025-182 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL 2025 CONTRACT #14 FOR CASTINGS RELATED TO THE RESURFACING OF NORTH RIDGEWOOD ROAD (MOUNTAIN HOUSE ROAD TO VILLAGE BOUNDARY) AND LACKAWANNA AVENUE AND REYNOLDS PLACE AND MERCER PLACE AND SOUTH STANLEY ROAD AND SOUTH CENTRE STREET AND SOUTH HARDING DRIVE AND HEMLOCK TERRACE AND SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT AND 41-45 WEST THIRD STREET AH PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,734.00
- Q. 2025-183 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH DAN SWAYZE & SON, INC. UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL 2025 CONTRACT #36 FOR ROADWAY STRIPING RELATED TO THE RESURFACING OF NORTH RIDGEWOOD ROAD (MOUNTAIN HOUSE ROAD TO VILLAGE BOUNDARY) AND LACKAWANNA AVENUE AND REYNOLDS PLACE AND MERCER PLACE AND SOUTH STANLEY ROAD AND SOUTH CENTRE STREET AND SOUTH HARDING DRIVE AND HEMLOCK TERRACE AND SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT AND 41-45 WEST THIRD STREET AH PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO



EXCEED \$16,000.00

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-167 through #2025-183 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 Lewis-Chang 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-ABC02 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2025-2026 LICENSE TERM

Board Member Brown moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-ABC02, seconded by Board Member Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Brown	Yes
Board President Collum	Yes
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, Board Member Jones moved to adjourn the meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Board Member Haskins. Board President Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 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 23, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 23, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,832,153.75

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-184, 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.

14. Village Mayor Report – There was no report.

15. Village Administrator Report

Deputy Village Administrator gave an update on the pool construction project. The contractors are working really hard to complete the project and still planning to open on July 1st.

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 announced the New Jersey American Water is requesting residents to conserve water during these high heat temperatures.
- D. **Councilwoman Jones**
 - Senior Advisory Committee Update: Councilwoman read a letter addressed to the Council Members from the Senior Advisory Committee regarding the numerous cuts made to federal programs meant to provide services, insurance and other aids, the reduction of staff and defunding of government agencies providing health, safety, insurance and welfare to South Orange residents. The Senior Advisory Committee requested the Council to adopt a resolution urging the US President and DOGE to reinstate all funding to the Security Administration and all other federal agencies.
 - Community Relation Committee: Councilwoman Jones thanked the committee on the fundraiser that ran from May 5th thru June 5th. The CRC Chair Scott Egelberg worked with Troop 99 and bagged 150 care kits. Also thanked the elementary students that helped put the care kits together and all those that donated.
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang mentioned the South Orange Community Garden celebrated 15 years of serving the community.
- F. Councilman Schnall mentioned the SOPAC annual fundraiser was an incredible time and thanked those that were able to attend.

18. Public Comment

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

19. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

20. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 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://southorangenj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2925/media>

ATTEST:

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor