



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 14, 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 Jones- **Absent**
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk – **Absent**
Ms. White, Deputy 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**

2025-185 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the July 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council



- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session
- Union Contract (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
 - Insurance Coverage (Personnel)

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolution #2025-185 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed. Councilwoman Jones was absent.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7pm:

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- **Absent**
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6. Announcements

Mayor Collum read the following announcements:

A. 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>.

B. 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

C. **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.

D. **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.

E. **Open Space Trust Fund - Virtual Town Hall**

South Orange Village is considering a referendum to increase the Open Space Trust Fund tax, currently set at \$0.01/per \$100 of assessed value. This fund supports the preservation and enhancement of parks, playing fields, and open spaces by providing dedicated funding that will aid in the preservation of South Orange's natural beauty, promote environmental stewardship, and improve our parks and playing fields. Join us for a virtual Town Hall on Thursday, July 24 at 7:30pm. The meeting link can be found on <https://www.southorange.org>

7. **Public Comment**

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

8. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. In the absence of the Village Clerk, Mayor Collum requested the Council members' to table the minutes to the next Village Council meeting:



- Regular meeting held on June 23, 2025 (All Council Members are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to table the minutes of the meeting held on June 23th, 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.

9. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2025-14 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HANDICAPPED PARKING FOR ANDREA WRIGHT AT 6 LACKAWANNA PLACE, SOUTH ORANGE, AND THE AMENDMENT OF CODE CHAPTER 340-38, SUBSECTION B

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-14 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

- B. 2025-15 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE VILLAGE LIBRARY FACILITIES IN AND BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-15 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:



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

Motion carried.

C. 2025-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351 REGARDING SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-16 for first reading/introduction, 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.

D. 2025-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 2602, LOT 12 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FOR, AMONG OTHER PURPOSES, THE PRIVATE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED LAND TO NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, INC. (AS CONTEMPLATED AND PROVIDED FOR IN RESOLUTION 2025-041)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-17 for first reading/introduction, 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

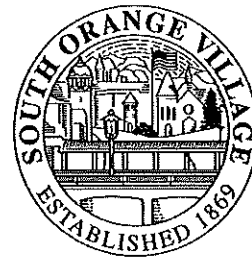
Motion carried.



Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2025-14, 2025-15, 2025-16 and 2025-17, shall be at the Village Council Members meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 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 Greenberg. All members were in favor and none opposed.

10. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-186 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO MERCER PLANNING ASSOCIATES(MPA) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH PLANNING & DESIGN TO DEVELOP A LOCAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$100,000
- B. 2025-187 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF DRESDNER ROBIN TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR VILLAGE BIKE NETWORK PLAN IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000 TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO PHASES
- C. 2025-188 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 - AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT
- D. 2025-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER CHARGES RELATED TO PARCELS 2107/18, 2017/19, 2017/17 & 2017/16
- F. 2025-191 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF VILLAGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE
- G. 2025-192 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WALTON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- H. 2025-193 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VOSE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS II PROJECT
- I. 2025-194 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO CIPRIANO ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE DUCK POND REHABILITATION PROJECT



- J. 2025-195 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- K. 2025-196 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CROSSROADS PAVING REPRESENTING LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS FOR WEST END ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND WATERMAIN REHABILITATION
- L. 2025-197 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SUMMER INTERN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- M. 2025-198 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, CODE INSPECTOR IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- N. 2025-199 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH MEADOWLAND PARK CONSERVANCY FOR CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ESTHER'S GARDEN

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolutions #2025-186 through #2025-199 of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Resolutions #2025-190, pulled for separate action. The motion was 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. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2025-190 RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK AURIEMMA AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolutions #2025-190, 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.

2025-200 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND INTRODUCING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE CENTER ALLIANCE D/B/A SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND SETTING A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolutions #2025-200, 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.

12. Village Mayor's Appointment

- A. Mayor Collum made the following appointment to the South Orange Environmental Commission.

2025-VP03 VILLAGE MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA THOMPSON AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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 July 14, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-201 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 14, 2025, IN



THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,441,893.19

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-201, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

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. Village Mayor Report

Mayor Collum reported on the status of 2026 State Health Benefits Plan for 2026 and the discussed increases.

15. Village Administrator Report- There was no report.

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- There was no report.
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang highlighted the Meadowlands Park Conservancy for the excellent work they are doing.
- F. Councilman Schnall- There was no report.

18. Public Comment

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

19. New Business

There was no new business.

20. Adjournment

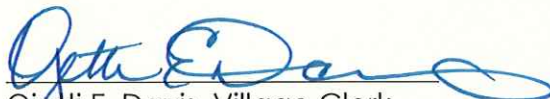


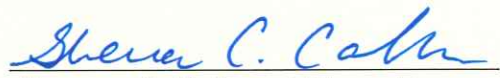
There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:46 pm.

***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