



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 28, 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**
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
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**



2025-202 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the July 28, 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)
- Personnel (Personnel Matters)
- Ritzer Field (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolution #2025-202 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm:

ROLL CALL

Mayor Collum
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**

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.

7. **Board of Health**

- A. Councilwoman Jones moved to recess the meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health, seconded Councilmember Lewis-Chang. 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 7:20 pm and introduced Suzette Gayle Public Health Nurse in the absence of Health Officer Candice Davenport. Ms. Gayle discussed the following of her July Health Report:

- National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
- Heat Awareness Week June 2 – 6 and cooling centers for South Orange are at the Baird and Village Hall Offices; after hours call South Orange Police at 973.763.3000
- Communicable and Infectious Disease Update:
- Nursing Updates
 - Reportable diseases investigated: 3
 - Cases Closed: 2
 - Current Cases Open: 1
 - National Measles Update: Hudson County has 1 confirmed case unrelated to Ocean County measles case. New Jersey is not currently experiencing a measles outbreak which is defined as 3 or more related cases by the CDC.
 - Free Measles Vaccine on July 31st at Essex County Cedar Grove Park Community Center. For appointments, call 973.877.8456
 - Essex County hosting a Virtual Narcan Training July 30th at 1pm
 - Zufall Monthly Health visit on July 11th: 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: 7
 - Pre-operation inspections: 1
 - Mobil Food Trucks: 2
 - School inspections: 0
 - Pool inspections: 0
 - Daycare inspections: 0
 - Complaints: 8
 - NOVs: 5



- Summonses: 0
- Animal Control May updates from Animal Control Solutions:
 - Total Calls: 31
 - Bites: 4
 - Enforcement: 2
 - Other: 1
 - Stray: 6 and 5 impounded
 - Rescue Group: 1
 - Wildlife: 18
 - 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 member questions regarding the increase or decrease with rats in the community and who should residents contact, Ms. Doran explained residents should contact the Health Department. She mentioned they are seeing movement but not necessarily an increase. Administration is working with Ms. Davenport, Essex Regional Health Department and exterminators to help with this matter.

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 Haskins. Board President Lewis-Chang adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

8. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

Residents of Hixon Street in South Orange expressed their concerns regarding the proposed Plan D for Ritzer Field to cover a large percentage of the field with impermeable plastic turf which they believe will directly



impact their properties. They are asking the Village Council to vote against this project.

Mayor Collum mentioned there will be Village Council members at the August 27th Board of School Estimate virtual meeting. She has been advocating for a Courtesy Review with the South Orange Planning Board where all of these concerns can be addressed by the board professionals for matters of this nature. A letter will be going to the Board of School Estimate urging that this step takes place as she believes it is a legal requirement. The Village will do their best to help come to the best solution for everyone.

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 July 14, 2025 (Councilwoman Jones is ineligible to vote)

Councilmember Greenberg moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 14th, seconded by Councilman Brown.

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. Ordinances for First Reading

A. 2025-18 BOND ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SOUTH ESSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$808,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$768,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-18 for first reading/introduction, 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. 2025-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 242 – PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-19 for first reading/introduction, 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.

Councilwoman Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2025-18 and 2025-19, 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 these Ordinances are 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.

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-203 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND F. BASSO JR. RUBBISH REMOVAL, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$332,300) PER YEAR FOR YEAR 2026 AND 2027



- B. 2025-204 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING INC. FOR THE RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT PHASE 5I, PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND PATH IN NEW WATERLANDS PARK AND CHYZOWYCH SOCCER FIELD (FEDERAL PROJECT NO. TAP-D00S(187)CON)
- C. 2025-205 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO A&K EQUIPMENT CO INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 GMC 3500 BODY & PLOW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,463.29
- D. 2025-206 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO FRANKS GMC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 GMC TK31003- 3500 CAB & CHASSIS 1SA PACKAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,704.14
- E. 2025-207 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC QUESTION TO ASCERTAIN PUBLIC SENTIMENT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE FUNDING OF THE OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FROM .01 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED .02 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE TO APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION
- F. 2025-208 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-203 through #2025-208 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 Greenberg. 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-ABC03 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR THE 2025-2026 LICENSE TERM**

**2025-ABC04 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING
AND APPROVING A PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOL
CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION FROM
ORANGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB TO ORANGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB, LLC**

Board Member Brown moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-ABC02
and #2025-ABC05, seconded by Board Member Greenberg.

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 8:30 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 July 25, 2025. The Village Council members were provided



with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-209 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 28, 2025, IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,917,776.04

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-
209, 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** – There was no report.
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 – There was no report.
 - F. Councilman Schnall – There was no report.
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://southorangenetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2927/media>

ATTEST:

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor