

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 18, 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 - Absent
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

2025-210 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the August 18, 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 Health insurance (Attorney Client/Privilege Matter)
- Personnel (Personnel Matters)
- Board of School Estimate (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilman Schnall moved to approve Resolution #2025-210 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 - Absent
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**

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 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 Ballot Referendum - Attend a Town Hall Discussion**

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 Town Hall discussion on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30pm, The Baird Community Center Stage & Screen Room, 5 Mead Street.

In addition, Councilwoman Jones announced the South Orange Community Day and Back to School Bike Parade on Sunday, September 14th from 1pm to 3pm at Meadowland Park.

Council Member Lewis-Chang called for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Dr. Jean Bean-Folks resident of South Orange Village, member of the South Orange Library Board and Community Garden.

7. **Public Comment**



Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

A resident of Hixon Place expressed concerns about not receiving the answers to the neighbors questions from the Board of School Estimate as it relates to the proposed Ritzer Field construction project and asked that the board do not grant funding for this project.

Mayor Collum shared information from the architect regarding stormwater management, landscaping and traffic plans. She explained the purpose of a Courtesy Review which will be held by the Maplewood Planning Board as that would be best appropriate.

8. 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 23, 2025 (All Council Members are eligible to vote)
- Regular meeting held on July 28, 2025 (All Council Members are eligible to vote)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 23rd and July 14th, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

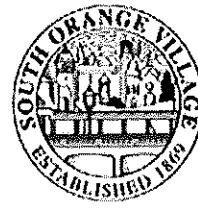
9. Ordinances for First Reading

A. 2025-20 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION SET FORTH IN SECTION 3(D)(1) OF BOND ORDINANCE #2024-08 OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 8, 2024

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-20 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilman Schnall.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Absent



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

Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2025-20, shall be at the Village Council Members meeting on Monday, September 8, 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 Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

10. Ordinance for Second 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

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

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-14 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Absent
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
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



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

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-15 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-16 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Absent
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
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)

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

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-17 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilman Schnall.



Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

- E. 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

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

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-18 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

- F. 2025-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 242 – PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

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

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-19 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Absent



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

Motion carried.

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-211 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY NJ STATE CONTRACT 17-FLEET-00754 TO MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULLET PROOF VESTS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,303.90
- B. 2025-212 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2025-213 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC. FOR LIGHTING AT MEADOWLAND PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$933,620.00
- D. 2025-214 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- E. 2025-215 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH GABRIEL AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- F. 2025-216 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 \$35,000.00
- G. 2025-217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANT ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR WEST 3RD STREET AND SOUTH RIDGEWOOD ROAD IN AN AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00
- H. 2025-218 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 15-YEAR LEASE OF GROUND FLOOR SPACE LOCATED AT 8 SLOAN STREET, SOUTH ORANGE TO BE USED AS A COMMUNITY CENTER TOGETHER WITH A SUBLEASE AND OPERATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND CREATIVE IN COMMON, INC.

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-211 through #2025-217 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Schnall.

Roll Call Vote:



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

Motion carried.

Resolution #2025-218 was voted separately due to Councilman Schnall recused from this action:

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Resolution #2025-218, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

12. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2025-219 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE CENTER ALLIANCE D/B/A SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

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

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-219, seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.



13. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Councilwoman Jones moved to recess meeting of the Village Council and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schnall. 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-ABC05 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2025-ABC04
APPROVING A PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOL
CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION FROM
ORANGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB TO ORANGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB, LLC

2025-ABC06 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR THE 2025-2026 LICENSE TERM

2025-ABC07 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 Collum moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-ABC05 through #2025-ABC07, seconded by Board Member Schnall.

Roll Call Vote:

Board Member Brown	Yes
Board President Collum	Yes
Board Member Greenberg	Absent
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 Collum moved to adjourn the meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Board Member Schnall. Board President Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.



Reconvened as the Village Council and all members are still present

14. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilman Schnall, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated August 18, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-220 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2025 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,330,296.02

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-220, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

15. Village Mayor Report
There was no report.

16. Village Administrator Report
There was no report.

17. Village Attorney Report
There was no report.

18. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown - There was no report.
- B. Councilmember Greenberg - Absent
- C. Councilmember Haskins - There was no report.
- D. Councilwoman Jones mentioned the Yacht Rock Adult Swim night held at the South Orange Pool had an amazing turn out and thanked Blake Smith for a great event. The Walk Bike Ride Committee is hosting Mead Street Bike Night to paint the lanes



greens and are looking for volunteers on August 27th, from 5pm to 8pm. SOPAC has hired a new Director Molly Marinik and they will be kicking off their 20-year anniversary on September 5th. Please visit SOPAC website for more information.

- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang - There was no report.
- F. Councilman Schnall - There was no report.

19. Public Comment

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

20. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

21. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

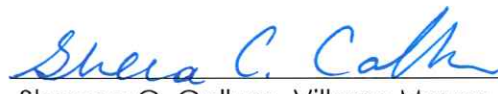
***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangenjwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2931/media>

ATTEST:

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Ojetta E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor