



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 29, 2025 - 7:00 PM

(In-Person/Hybrid Meeting)

South Orange Baird Community Center

5 Mead Street - 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Executive Session - 6:15 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

To access information on how to use Zoom to join the meeting, please click on the following link: <https://southorange.org/800/Zoom-FAQs>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

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 in-person and through hybrid communication via Zoom 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



2025-233 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the September 29, 2025, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council

A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table

Voice Vote

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

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

6. **Announcements**

A. **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

B. **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.



C. **South Orange Police Department**

The South Orange Police Department PBA Local 12 is once again hosting its Annual Winter Coat Drive to support those in need during the cold months. We can't do it without you! Clean out your closets and make room for the new season! We are collecting new and gently used, clean coats for both adults and children. All donations will go directly to local residents and charities. Donations can be dropped off at Police HQ, 201 South Orange Ave. Deadline is October 13th. Distribution will be October 19th, at 10 AM at the Sloan Street gazebo.

7. **Board of Health**

- A. Recess meeting of the South Orange Village Council and convene as the Board of Health.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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

Candice Davenport, Health Officer:

Health Officer updates:

- Communicable and Infectious Diseases Update
- Environmental Health Update
- Animal Control updates
- September is Suicide Prevention Month

Adjourn as the Board of Health to reconvene as the South Orange Village Council.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins



Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Attorney
Mr. Otis, Village Attorney
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

8. Proclamations

- A. CELEBRATING CASA FOR CHILDREN OF ESSEX COUNTY FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

9. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

10. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on September 8, 2025 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-234 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE REGARDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS
- B. 2025-235 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VIERSMA COMPANIES TO PURCHASE INFIELD MIX FOR MEADOWLANDS FIELDS AND WATERLANDS FIELDS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT # 33, CLAY & INFIELD MIX FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,250.00
- C. 2025-236 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS EFFECTUATING SALE OF THE WATER UTILITY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AS MAY BE RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF ALL ASSETS, RIGHTS, TITLES AND INTERESTS THEREIN
- D. 2025-237 RESOLUTION PROVIDING A CHRONICLE OF MUNICIPAL ACTION RELATED TO THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE SOUTH ORANGE WATER UTILITY AND ENUMERATING AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSING OF THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE SYSTEM



- E. 2025-238 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO GEO-TECHNICAL ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000
- F. 2025-239 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FALL TREE PLANTING TO CLARKE MOYNIHAN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION LLC IN THE VILLAGE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,207.00
- G. 2025-240 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FOUNDER PARK PLANTING TO CLARKE MOYNIHAN LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION LLC IN THE VILLAGE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,165.00
- H. 2025-241 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CROSSROADS PAVING REPRESENTING LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS FOR WEST END ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND WATERMAIN REHABILITATION
- I. 2025-242 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR MONTANA CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF THE LENOX PLACE SANITARY SEWER MAIN
- J. 2025-243 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- K. 2025-244 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS RESULTING FROM TAX COURT JUDGMENTS
- L. 2025-245 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SIDE BAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND PBA LOCAL NO. 12A (SOA)
- M. 2025-246 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH STREET
- N. 2025-247 A RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING DEBT OBLIGATIONS UTILIZING PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER SYSTEM, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE TO DO ALL THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETIREMENT OF SUCH OUTSTANDING DEBT OBLIGATIONS
- O. 2025-248 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE REGARDING WATER UTILITY DATA COLLECTION EQUIPMENT ON STRUCTURES BELONGING TO SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
- P. 2025-249 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 - FOUNDERS PARK



IMPROVEMENTS

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilman Schnall, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated September 29, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-250 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,894,401.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Village Mayor Report

14. Village Administrator Report

15. Village Attorney Report

16. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg
- C. Councilmember Haskins
- D. Councilwoman Jones
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang
- F. Councilman Schnall

17. Public Comment

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18. New Business

19. Adjournment