



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Lewis-Chang
Councilwoman Greenberg
Councilwoman Jones
Acting Police Chief Dolinac
Captain Acevedo- **Absent**
SORS Chief Rothstein — **Absent**
SORS President Nik Engineer
Ms. Davenport, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer — **Absent**
Ralph Goduco, Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

May 13, 2025

The May 13, 2025, meeting minutes were approved by all members present.

General Discussion

Health Department Report

Federal public health funding has been reinstated through March 2026. County vaccine clinics for children continue monthly, with details to be posted online. A staff "Lunch and Learn" on mental health will be held June 24, introducing new Nursing Supervisor Suzette Gale. Health inspector trainee Isabel Debari passed her certification exam; part-time REHS Peter Dillon will retire in July. Summer camp and pool inspections are underway.

Action Items:

- Post information on county vaccine clinics to Village website.
- Include mental health awareness highlights in the next council report.

OEM Report



Mr. Egelberg discussed that storm recovery funds of \$4.5 million have been confirmed at the state level. Awaiting final hazard mitigation plan approval. The CRC homeless care kit project was highly successful, producing over 150 kits. Discussion was held on improving the visibility of emergency route signage along South Orange Avenue.

Action Items:

- Develop educational materials on emergency routes for the Township website.
- Prepare public information for the National Night Out event.

Rescue Squad Report

Mr. Engineer reported 216 calls handled in May, with five-minute response times. Increase in second-response calls (53 total) was noted. Department staffing remains stable. Chief Rothstein is to complete officer training graduation June 18.

Action Item:

- Continue monitoring call volume trends and backup response rates.

Police Department Report

• **Mental Health Advocate Update**

Acting Chief Dolinac reported 22 Part 1 crimes reported in May; majority theft-related. 1,824 traffic citations/warnings issued, bringing the year-to-date total to 9,585. Traffic studies (2023–2025) posted on southorange.org. Junior Police Academy is scheduled for July 28–August 1. National Night Out confirmed for August 5. Mental Health Advocate program supported six calls with successful service linkages.

Action Items:

- Promote a home security screening program.
- Include phishing scam alerts in public safety updates.
- Maintain visibility of traffic safety data online.

Traffic/Engineering Report

Mr. Ralph discussed West End Road improvements completed June 6; striping is pending. West Montrose Avenue awarded for construction. Lenox and Vose Avenue bids are due June 12 for pedestrian safety upgrades. Lenox Place sewer replacement begins June 18. Survey work at Church and West 3rd Street is underway on a future bike lane concept.

Action Items:

- Prepare materials for the upcoming Valley Street community traffic meeting.
- Update residents on Church Street traffic design discussions.



Walk/Bike Ride South Orange Committee Update

Planning a fall community bike event in partnership with the Recreation Department for September 14 (Community Day). Exploring collaboration with SOMA Bike Bus for back-to-school safety. Continued coordination with the county on Safe Streets for All initiatives.

Action Item:

- Finalize event logistics and road closure plan by the August meeting.

Public Comments

**The Chair opens the meeting for public comments.
[comments are limited to 3 minutes]**

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Date

July 8, 2025; 6pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Joycelyn White.