



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 13, 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

2025-251 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the October 13, 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. **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.

C. **Seton Village Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival**

Join us on Friday, October 17th, from 5 pm to 9:30 pm along Irvington Avenue! Enjoy tasty bites from some of the area's best food



trucks, plus craft beer, cider, and wine in the popular Gaslight Brewery Beer Garden. With great music, fantastic food, and a lively community atmosphere, it's the perfect night out for family and friends.

- D. **Essex County Safe Streets 4 All – Virtual Community Meeting**
Join Essex County for a **Virtual Community Meeting** on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** to share your thoughts on making our roads safer and more accessible for everyone - drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. Don't miss this opportunity to help shape the future of transportation safety in your community! Register at bit.ly/essex-meeting
- E. **Age Advantage Discount Card**
A free program for residents 62+ to enjoy special discounts at local shops, restaurants, and services in South Orange and Maplewood! Apply online and email soma2towns@gmail.com to arrange for card pickup. Visit SOMATwoTownsForAllAges.org for the latest list of participating businesses and offers.
- F. **1st Annual Harvest Festival - Essex County**
Fall fun is in full swing! Sheriff Amir D. Jones and the Community Engagement Team invite you to the 1st Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 18, from 1 to 4 PM at South Mountain Reservation (Oakdale Lot, Cherry Lane). Enjoy an afternoon of pumpkin painting, hayrides, games, music, and more as we celebrate the season with family, friends, and our Essex County community.
- G. **Office of the Village Clerk - 2025 General Election - Late Night Voter Registration**
On October 14, 2025, the Village Clerk's Office will remain open from 4:30pm–9pm. This will be the last day to register to vote in the General Election, which will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Residents wishing to "Vote By Mail" may get an application either from the Village Clerk's Office or the Essex County Clerk's Office at the Essex County Hall of Records. Applications for a vote-by-mail ballot must be submitted no later than 7 days prior to Election Day.

In-Person Early Voting starts October 25th to November 2nd - All registered voters have the option to vote in person at any of the Early Voting locations for the November 4th General Election. For more Election information, including the locations for Early Voting and the Secure Ballot Drop Box, please visit our Election page on the Village website at: www.southorange.org or contact the Village Clerk's Office at (973) 378-7715 ext. 1.



H. **WATER SYSTEM SALE**

On October 7, 2025, South Orange Village and New Jersey American Water (NJAW) completed the sale of the water system. South Orange water customers are now being serviced by NJAW. Final meter readings for the South Orange Water Utility occurred on October 6 and customers should expect a final bill shortly. Customers will have until November 20 to pay this final bill via the existing methods currently available (online portal, current online bill pay and/or checks) and instructions will appear on the final bill. Questions on final South Orange water bills can be directed to sowaterinfo@southorange.org.

Customers will receive their next billing from New Jersey American Water and with this change, you'll now set up bill payments directly through New Jersey American Water or update your online banking system information accordingly. Customer account numbers and the payment address will be found on your new NJAW bill.

A welcome letter and welcome packet with details regarding their New Jersey American Water account will be mailed to South Orange customers directly from NJAW in the coming days. Questions on NJAW invoices or other service related issues should be directed to 800.272.1325.

This information and more can be found on southorange.org.

7. **Proclamations**

- A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- B. Pedestrian Safety Month

8. **Public Comment**

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

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 September 29, 2025
(Councilmember Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

10. **Ordinance for First Reading**



- A. 2025-22 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 3, SECTION 9 – COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEES CREATING AND RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH IS HEREBY KNOWN AS THE TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ("TAPS") COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2025-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HANDICAPPED PARKING FOR GIOVANNA ROSE NIRO RESIDING AT 183 TICHENOR AVENUE, SOUTH ORANGE, AND THE AMENDMENT OF CODE CHAPTER 340-38, SUBSECTION B

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-252 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXTENDED GRACE PERIOD OF THE 4th QUARTER TAX PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON OCTOBER 1, 2025
- B. 2025-253 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SIDE BAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 125
- C. 2025-254 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Recess the meeting of the Village Council and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Voice Vote:

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-ABC08 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING
AND APPROVING A PERSON TO PERSON PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOL
CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION FROM DM
RESTAURANT VENTURES I, LLC T/A FOX AND FALCON TO 19 VALLEY
LIQUOR LLC

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Adjourn as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to reconvene as
the 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 Counsel
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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 October 13, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-255 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2025,
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,048,611.45
ROLL CALL VOTE:

15. Village Mayor Report



16. Village Administrator Report

17. Village Attorney Report

18. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg
- C. Councilmember Haskins
- D. **Councilwoman Jones**
 - Seton Hall University Engagement
 - Candidates Forum Senior Advisory Committee
 - Village of the Month
 - Arts Advisory Committee
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang
- F. Councilman Schnall

19. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment

20. New Business

21. Adjournment