



South Orange Parking Authority

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OPEN MINUTES

June 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the South Orange Parking Authority was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 via Zoom conference call. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bromfeld at 7:01pm.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Chairman Bromfeld, Commissioners Agnellino, Sandow and Borden.

Also Present: Mark Hartwyk (ED), SOPA Counsel Greg Busch, Neva Rodriguez (AD) and Councilman Haskins.

Absent: Commissioner Siskind.

Financials: All financial reports were forwarded to the Treasurer in advance of this meeting. The ED gave the cash position as of June 18, 2024 for the SOPA accounts \$512,269.00 and NJ Transit \$228,834.00.

Approval of Checks: A motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Agnellino to approve four ACH payments and SOPA checks #2334-2350 totaling \$16,264.43 and NJ Transit checks # 1162-1163 totaling \$1,485.75

Resolution Adopting Open Minutes for May 21, 2024: A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Sandow, all were in favor. Commissioner Borden abstained.

Legal: No legal issues to discuss.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Open Session Updates: Consent Agenda-

Commissioner Sandow stated he had no issues with the resolutions and asked for a Consent Agenda.

Chairman Bromfeld inquired as to why SOPA was paying for the cost of item d. *Resolution Approving the Removal and Replacement of Two Trees, Stumps, Shrubs and Meter Poles in the Sloan Street Lot on the Western Side Bordering Sloan Street Sidewalk.*

The ED stated that he has already had onsite meetings with the Director of DPW as well as with Councilman Haskins and Councilwoman Lewis-Chang in regards to this specific area of the sidewalk that borders the Sloan St parking lot on the west side of the lot. We have always taken care of this area to a certain point and due to the current condition of the trees and shrubs this will be a group effort in keeping with the beautification that is going on with Sloan St and the downtown area. DPW will do the removal of the trees and shrubs and working with a third party vendor we will be purchasing the three new trees and new shrubs to put in place. John McLean will remove all the old meter poles. Commissioner Sandow asked if the Village had outsourced the maintenance of these areas to SOPA a while back? The ED stated the Authority was in a position to supplement what DPW and the Downtown South Orange were doing at the time. Also as the liaison for the Authority working with the Downtown South Orange, this would be part of that and working with Village as we have in the past, like having Scalora coming in to maintain Spiotta Park and the 911 Memorial circle in Transit. The ED also pointed out the fact that with DPW doing the removal of the trees and shrubs the Authority would not be paying for the labor. After a short discussion among Board members the consent agenda was voted on.

The ED added that Resolution “d” would indicate that the appropriation and expenditure would state “not to exceed \$10K”. He would earmark \$5K for the first phase of the project including the purchase of the replacement trees and shrubs in the Fall and another \$5k to go towards the purchase of an additional 10 trees to be planted in the Sloan St parking lot area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sandow approving the Resolution approving the consent agenda items a through d and seconded by Commissioner Border, all were in favor.

- a. Resolution Certifying Aura’s, Elite and Elite LS Pay Stations Are No Longer Needed for Public Use. (11units)
- b. Resolution Approving Internet Sale of Aura’s, Elite and Elite LS Pay Stations or junk them. (11units)
- c. Resolution Approving an Increase for Guest Parking Pass from \$5.00 to \$7.00.
- d. Resolution Approving the Removal and Replacement of Two Trees, Stumps, Shrubs and Meter Poles in the Sloan Street Lot on the Western Side Bordering Sloan Street Sidewalk.

Commissioner Agnellino asked Councilman Haskin if there was something on the Village Budget for the Rahway River cleanup this year? Councilman Haskin confirmed that there has to be regular maintenance done on the river and that it is an item on the 2025 Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Borden to go out of Open Session into Closed Session at 7:20pm, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sandow and seconded by Commissioner Agnellino to go out of Closed Session and back into Open Session at 7:21pm, all were in favor.

The ED had just a few reminders to the Board stating that the Office will be closed tomorrow for Juneteenth Holiday and that there will be no Jitney or Senior bus service. Service will resume on Thursday June 20, 2024.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Agnellino seconded by Commissioner Borden, all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

APPROVED

