



South Orange Parking Authority

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OPEN MINUTES

A regular meeting of the South Orange Parking Authority was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, via Zoom conference call. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bromfeld at 7:01pm.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Roll call was taken.

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

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

Financials: All financial reports were forwarded to the Treasurer in advance of this meeting. The AD gave the cash position as of February 18, 2025 for the SOPA accounts \$579,530. and NJ Transit \$319,550.

Approval of Checks: A motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Agnellino to approve three ACH payments and SOPA checks #2445-2454 totaling \$14,268.59 all were in favor. No NJT checks this meeting.

Resolution Adopting Open Minutes for January 21, 2025: A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Borden, all were in favor. Commissioner Siskind abstained.

Legal: No legal issues to discuss.

Public Comment:

Councilmen Bill Haskins inquired about Jitney ridership as we continue to recover from the pandemic. The ED stated that he hasn't seen the huge increase that he was expecting due to the congested pricing, however he would review the ridership surveys and have an update for next month's meeting.

Open Session Updates:

The ED had a few updates; he advised the Board that we have put our new plow and salter to good use over these past few winter weather events. The ED stated we have also done back up plowing and salting in most of our lots and by doing so he has seen a huge improvement. The ED shared that he interviewed and hired a new Jitney bus driver to replace Melvin Daniels's early morning route for Tuxedo and Montrose, his name is Ramon Aybar he comes to us with experience of being a NJ Transit commuter bus driver and had a desire and availability for the early morning run. He was bought on and trained and is now running that route. The ED stated he has another interview scheduled for a driver to assist with the Senior Bus operation. We currently have a temporary fill-in for Thursday and Friday 10am -1pm. We would like to have a permanent driver to cover the normal 10-3 hours on those days. We are also getting ready to release a PEO ad and see what that brings us. The ED also wanted to mention a notification was sent out in regards to Councilwoman Karen Hilton's resignation from the town Council and that she will be resigning close to the end of her term in May, as her and husband will be moving back to Massachusetts. There was a short discussion amongst the Board and Councilman Haskins in regards to her replacement and how that is handled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Borden to go out of Open Session into Closed Session at 7:10pm, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Borden to go out of Closed Session and back into Open Session at 7:11pm, all were in favor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

