

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

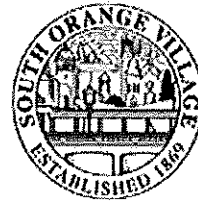
Monday, November 10, 2025 - 7:00 PM
(In-Person/Hybrid Meeting)
South Orange Baird Community Center
5 Mead Street - 3rd Floor Meeting Room

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**
Mayor Collum called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 pm:
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**
Village Clerk Davis read the following 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 virtually 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

2025-265 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council

**A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session**

- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- General Redevelopment Updates (Contract Negotiation)
- South Orange Police Department Personnel (Personnel Matter)
- Open Space Trust Fund (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- 133 Fairview Avenue (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Councilmember Jones moved to approve Resolution #2025-265 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Haskins. All members were in favor and none opposed.

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 - **Absent**
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

6. Announcements

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm:

A. WATER SYSTEM SALE

On October 7, 2025, South Orange Village and New Jersey American Water (NJAW) completed the sale of the water system and South Orange water customers should have received their final water bill from South



Orange Village. These bills have a payment due date of November 20. Questions on these final South Orange water bills can be directed to sowaterinfo@southorange.org.

Going forward, water bills will be issued by and paid to NJAW. Everyone should have received a welcome letter and packet with details on how to set up your NJAW account. Questions on NJAW invoices or other service related issues should be directed to 800.272.1325. More detailed information can be found on southorange.org.

B. Town Hall Discussion - Accessory Dwelling Units

South Orange Village will hold a Virtual Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 7pm to discuss the Accessory Dwelling Units. Residents will be able to learn more, talk openly and offer feedback on related topics:

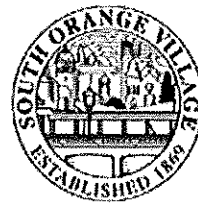
- Overview of ADU Ordinance allowances
- Discussions about process and cost
- Success stories and case studies
- How to apply for an ADU on your property
- A&A with Village Professionals and Admin

For more information and examples, please visit the Village website at: <https://southorange.org/960/Accessory-Dwelling-Units>. The meeting link can be found on the Village calendar at: <https://www.southorange.org/>

C. South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC)

SOPAC will present its 2025 Annual Giants of Jazz Concert on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 7:30 pm, honoring the incomparable Paquito D'Rivera. Recognized as one of the greatest living musicians, Paquito's long and distinguished career spans both the worlds of jazz and classical music. For ticket information, visit the SOPAC website: <https://www.sopacnow.org/events/giants-of-jazz-2025/>

In Addition, Mayor Collum announced leaf pick up is through December 10th and residents are asked to only pile the leaves in the street right before their scheduled pick up due to the possibility of blocking the catch basins during a rain storm. Congratulations to the owners and manager on the opening of the new marketplace. The Municipal Offices will be closed on Veteran's Day. Many of the Village Council, Administration and Department Heads will be attending the annual League of Municipalities conference November 18th through November 20th. This is an opportunity for



many of the Department heads to received continuing education credits, examine some of the best practices around the state and new council members will attend the new elected official orientation. SOPD is holding a Turkey Drive on November 24th from 11am to 2pm at the corner of Irvington Avenue and West Fairview Avenue. Seton Hall will have a Veteran's Day Ceremony at 9am at the University Center, all community members are invited.

7. Proclamations

- A. Proclamation recognizing Veterans Day:
Mayor Collum read the proclamation recognizing November 11th as Veterans Day in South Orange Village and encouraged all residents to join in activities that honor our veterans and reflect on their sacrifices.
- B. Proclamation celebrating America Recycles Day:
Councilmember Haskins read the proclamation which celebrates and proclaims November 15th, as America Recycles Day in South Orange Village and encouraged all residents to renew their commitment to recycling and sustainable living for the health and prosperity of current and future generations.

8. Villager of the Month

There was no Villager of the Month.

9. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.

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 October 27, 2025 (Councilmember Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Councilwoman Jones moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 27th, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Abstained
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes



Councilmember Lewis-Chang Yes
Councilman Schnall Yes
Motion carried.

11. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2025-23 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 143 FEES, SECTION 39 – OTHER FEES AS IT REGARDS POLICE SIDE JOBS

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-23 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown Yes
Councilmember Greenberg Yes
Councilmember Haskins Yes
Councilwoman Jones Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang Yes
Councilman Schnall Yes
Motion carried.

- B. 2025-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143 – 17, FEES, PARKS AND RECREATION BY AMENDING MEMBERSHIP AND VARIOUS FEES RELATING TO RECREATION PROGRAMS

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-24 for first reading/introduction, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown Yes
Councilmember Greenberg Yes
Councilmember Haskins Yes
Councilwoman Jones Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang Yes
Councilman Schnall Yes
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinances #2025-23 and #2025-24, shall be at the Village Council Members meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that date, the Council members may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that this Ordinance is published in the Official Newspaper and posted in an open place in the Municipal Offices.



The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang. All members were in favor and none opposed.

12. Ordinance for Second 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

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public.

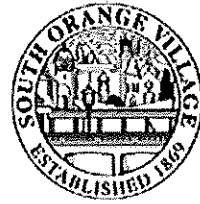
Councilman Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-22 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilman Schnall	Yes
Motion carried	

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-266 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE 2026 MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR
- B. 2025-267 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
- C. 2025-268 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 KENWORTH T480 CAB AND CHASSIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$151,984.50
- D. 2025-269 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 192 WEST FAIRVIEW AVENUE
- E. 2025-270 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT TO BAYSHORE RECYCLING CORPORATION FOR THE MARKETING & DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FOR THE YEARS 2026 AND 2027 AS PER CURRENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT RELATES TO ORIGINAL PROPOSAL/BID IN MAY 2022
- F. 2025-271 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO TRIUS INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A



SWANSON 11' DUMP BODY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$140,623.74

- G. 2025-272 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- H. 2025-273 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- I. 2025-274 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LIYHA JONES AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO FILL EXISTING VACANCY IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
- J. 2025-275 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #2022-209 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF APPLICANT FROM LUSHLY LLC TO GASLIGHT DISPENSARY LLC
- K. 2025-276 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT, ON NON-FAIR AND OPEN BASIS, BY AND BETWEEN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND BIBER PARTNERSHIP FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR SOUTH ORANGE POOL BATHHOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS ROOF REPLACEMENT, PAINTING AND DRAINAGE PIT WATERPROOFING PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,400.00
- L. 2025-277 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF STEPHEN DOLINAC TO CHIEF OF THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

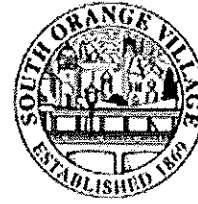
Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-266 through #2025-276 of the Consent Agenda with Resolution #2025-277 voted separately, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilman Schnall	Yes
Motion carried.	

Resolution for Separate Action:

2025-277 Resolution Authorizing the permanent appointment of Deputy Chief Stephen Dolinac to Chief of the South Orange Police Department:



Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Resolution #2025-277, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilman Schnall	Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Collum and the Councilmembers congratulated newly appointed Chief Dolinac in his new role. Chief Dolinac thanked the Mayor and Council members for his appointment along with his colleagues both at the police department and throughout the Village, his family and is looking forward to continuing to foster the culture of professionalism and excellence at the police department.

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 November 10, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-278 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$9,354,354.64

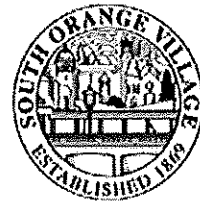
Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-278, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brown	Yes
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilman Schnall	Yes

Motion carried.

15. Village Mayor Report



Mayor Collum and on behalf of the Village Council expressed appreciation for the support of the Open Space Trust Fund Referendum. She mentioned some of the projects that benefit from the Open Space Trust Fund such as the Phase 2 of the River Greenway, Cameron Recreation area and the Historic Connett Building. Moving forward, the Open Space Trust Fund will be call Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund will be the forma language which will lead to less confusion.

Mayor Collum discussed her birthday plan for this year with the theme party with a purpose celebrating the South Orange Public Library. The goal was set to raise \$50,000 that would be matched by a very generous anonymous donor. The themed attire is 1983 and is not required but encouraged. All are welcome to celebrate for this great cause for the South Orange Public Library.

Also, congratulated the candidates who won this year's Election and welcomed 2 new members to the South Orange Village Council Hannah Zollman and Patricia Canning along with returning Councilmember Bill Haskins.

16. Village Administrator Report

Administrator Doran discussed the following:

- The Village Municipal Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day
- The Village road work along with the County road work is continuing at various intersections throughout the town. Please visit the Village website for more information on the scheduled road work
- New Jersey American Water will soon begin with the lead line replacements throughout the Village. This should take place after Thanksgiving and NJAW will notify the neighbors.
- Please visit the Village website to find information posted for food security programs throughout Essex County.

17. Village Attorney Report

There was no report.

18. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown announced the Recreation meeting was scheduled to Thursday, November 13th at 8:45am.
- B. Councilmember Greenberg – There was no report.
- C. Councilmember Haskins – There was no report.



- D. Councilwoman Jones mentioned the SNAP benefits has been reloaded but the President wants the funds refunded. She suggested that SNAP recipients should use all of their funds loaded on the card before its rescinded and suggest checking the card balance prior to using it by visiting njsnap.gov. The South Orange Downtown Shopping Experience is scheduled for Friday, November 14th form 5pm to 8pm.
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang gave a shout out to the South Orange Community Garden who gave over 740 pounds of fresh produce to 2 food pantries, Our Lady of Sorrows and Tucson Pantry in Newark. The garden is officially closed until next year. Also gave a shout out to the Free Walkers Organization who continuing efforts to get the residents of South Orange out and walking.
- F. Councilman Schnall – There was no report.

19. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment: Chinedu Oneyima and his mother Caroline Onyema residents of Warren Court wanted to bring to the Council member attention that cars can only park on one side of this street and the residents have been receiving numerous tickets and felt that it is unfair with this current parking situation. They have reach out to the Parking Authority that said there have been complaints but suggested they take the matter to the Village Council to try and figure out a solution.

Mayor Collum thanked the residents for bringing this to the Council attention. She mentioned there is no great solution at this time but defer to the Administrator to follow up with the Police Department and the Parking Authority in hopes to come up with a resolution.

20. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

21. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Schnall. Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm.

***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangenetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2941/media>



ATTEST:


Ojeri E. Davis, Village Clerk

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor

