

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 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 - CANCELLED
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 7:05 pm:
2. **Roll Call**
Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Jones - **Absent**
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel - **Absent**
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 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. Announcements

Mayor Collum read the following announcements:

A. SOMA Menorah Lighting

Join us for blessings, songs and the lighting of the menorah with elected officials and faith leaders from South Orange and Maplewood on Tuesday, December 16 in Ricalton Square, Maplewood Avenue, 6pm to 7pm.

B. Holiday Toy Drive

The South Orange Police Department PBA Local 12 is kicking off their annual Holiday Toy Drive! Toy collection takes place through December 17th. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the designated drop box located in the front lobby of Police Headquarters at 201 South Orange Avenue. Your generosity brings holiday cheer to local children in need!

Mayor Collum announced the sudden passing of Joe Foligno Director of South Orange Public Works and called for a moment of silence. Mayor Collum along with the Council Members, Village Administrator, Village Clerk and newly elected officials all shared heart felt memories of Joe Foligno. The sudden passing of our beloved Joe has sadden the entire South Orange Village community and he will truly be missed. The Council is discussing ways to honor Joe and his legacy in South Orange. Once details are finalized, the community will be informed to come out and join in the celebration.

5. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

Mayor Collum announced Audrey Winkler Director of JESPY House and Ahadi Bugg-Levine Board Chair acknowledged the passing the Joe Foligno and had agreed to withhold their presentation regarding pedestrian safety to a future meeting. Mayor Collum called for another moment of silence for JESPY client Daryl and stated there will be a more robust conversation at the January TAPS meeting where the Village Engineer and police traffic bureau will be in attendance and will be able to directly come up with some solution for the many issues brought up by the JESPY clients.

Mr. Derrick Jackson resident of South Orange expressed his condolences for the passing of Mr. Foligno and share a heartfelt story. He mentioned at the last meeting he commented on his concern for the cleanliness of the



downtown area and brought some photos to share with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Collum thanked Mr. Jackson for his comments and they will review the photos and follow up on the concerns.

Jenny Aylward resident of South Orange and leader of a non-profit project in SOMA called Meat Me in the Middle. This project is about reducing the amount of meat we eat for environment reasons. The group is planning a series of activities in February and calling it a Veggie February and the showing of a documentary called Meat Me Halfway on February 1st at the Baird from 3pm to 5pm. Ms. Aylward hopes to have all of the council members support.

Mayor Collum thanked Ms. Aylward for her comments and knows how hard she has worked on this project. Suggested she place an ad in the Gaslight but the deadline has passed so the Council will share the information on their social media accounts.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on November 24, 2025
(Councilmembers Greenberg and Haskins are ineligible to vote)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 24th, seconded by Councilman Schnall.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

7. **Ordinance for Second 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



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

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-23 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-24 for second reading/Final Adoption, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-289 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS
- B. 2025-290 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2025-291 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES
- D. 2025-292 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION INC. REPRESENTING LINE ITEM



ADJUSTMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST MONTROSE AVENUE

- E. 2025-293 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58
- F. 2025-294 RESOLUTION GRANTING APPLICATION FOR CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE AS A CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER WITHIN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TO CANNABOY TREEHOUSE, LLC
- G. 2025-295 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING JACOB LEVINE AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- H. 2025-296 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING DEVYANI GUHA AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- I. 2025-297 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING JOSEPH GABRIEL AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Councilmember Greenberg moved to adopt the Resolutions #2025-289 through #2025-297 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

9. Village Mayor Appointments

Mayor Collum made the following appointments to the South Orange Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission:

- A. 2025-VP05 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF LILLIAN HARRIS AS A CLASS IV REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PLANNING BOARD
- B. 2025-VP06 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN MORIN AS A CLASS IV REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PLANNING BOARD
- C. 2025-VP07 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DAVID KRAIKER AS A CLASS IV REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PLANNING BOARD



- D. 2025-VP08 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF CECIL HOUSE AS A CLASS IV REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PLANNING BOARD
- E. 2025-VP09 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF JACOB LEVINE AS A CLASS C REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
- F. 2025-VP10 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF ANINA ROSSEN AS A CLASS C REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
- G. 2025-VP11 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF GRETCHEN SCHUMANN AS A CLASS B REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
- H. 2025-VP12 VILLAGE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF DAVID WRIGHT AS A CLASS B REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

10. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilman Schnall, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated December 8, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-298 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,240,937.90

Councilman Schnall moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2025-298, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Village Mayor Report
There was no report.

12. Village Administrator Report
There was no report.



13. Village Attorney Report

There was no report.

14. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown - There was no report.
- B. Councilmember Greenberg briefly discussed last week's public Town Hall meeting on ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units). She thought the meeting went very well and it was well attended. The presentation will be posted on the website and encourages everyone to watch it.
- C. Councilmember Haskins - There was no report.
- D. Councilwoman Jones - Absent
- E. Councilmember Lewis-Chang - There was no report.
- F. Councilman Schnall - There was no report.

Mayor Collum thanked Councilman Schnall again for stepping in for the 2nd time as a former councilmember had to resign. Councilman Schnall thanked everyone for allowing in to be a part of the Council and all the work that they do for the Village.

Mayor Collum mentioned the reorg meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2026 and the newly elected officials will be sworn in at that time.

15. Public Comment

Village Mayor opened the meeting for public comment:

Samantha Banker resident of Lenox Avenue expressed concerns regarding the construction of a huge divider placed in the middle of the street. Her house being on the corner is affected the most and she no longer park in the front of her house. She spoke with the Engineer and understands that they are trying to slow down the traffic but she does not have speeders on her end of the street. She and her neighbors are not happy about the construction and asking how they can go about starting a petition,

Mayor Collum thanked Ms. Banker for sharing her concerns and documenting it via email but suggested she attend the TAPS meeting where members of South Orange Traffic Bureau, Village Engineer and 3 Council member sit on this committee. At the TAPS meeting, it would be a more robust conversation to come up with solutions for this issue. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 7pm.

16. New Business



There was no new business discussed.

17. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Councilman Schnall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Brown. Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

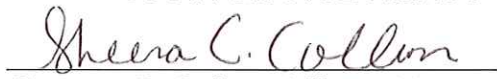
***These minutes are a summary and the actual statements can be found on the video located on the Village's website at the following link:**

<https://southorangetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2945/media>

ATTEST:


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor