

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2021**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Village President Collum called the regular meeting of the Township of South Orange Board of Trustees to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 at approximately 6:15 pm in a Virtual WebEx meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Village President Collum, Trustee Clarke, Trustee Coalier, Trustee Hilton, Trustee Jones, Trustee Schnall, Trustee Zuckerman, Mr. Loehner Village Administrator, Mr. Rother Village Counsel, Mr. Otis Counsel, Ms. Davis Acting Village Clerk

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Ms. Davis read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted in Village Hall and on the Village's website, and has been filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. Official action may be taken.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-001 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the December 28, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

President Collum stated the board would be discussing energy aggregation , general redevelopment and social worker contract negotiation.

Trustee Schnall moved to approve Resolution 2021-001, seconded by Trustee Coalier. All Trustees were in favor and none opposed.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL:

Present: Village President Collum, Trustee Clarke, Trustee Coalier, Trustee Hartshorn Hilton, Trustee Jones, Trustee Schnall, Trustee Zuckerman, Mr. Loehner Village Administrator, Mr. Otis Counsel, Ms. Davis Acting Village Clerk
Absent: Mr. Rother Village Counsel

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Collum read the following announcements:

Importance of continuing to follow the COVID-19 Emergency Precautions - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause us all health concerns and inconvenience; it is critical that we continue to follow the emergency mandates put in place at the various levels of government. Please continue to wear your face masks when out in public, always maintain six feet of distance, avoid large gatherings, wash your hands frequently, and quarantine for 14 days if returning from a location that has a travel advisory.

Nominate a Villager of the Month for 2021

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is looking for submissions for Villager of the Month nominations for the 2021 calendar. This prestigious award is given to South Orange residents, businesses, or organizations in South Orange who have made a significant positive impact on the lives of our residents or the overall community. To nominate a Villager, please go to the CRC website and click on the link to nominate or email crc@southorange.org.

The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Spring baseball registration for players ages 5 -15 is open to all South Orange and Maplewood residents. Please visit our website for additional information and registration. Registration closes January 31st.

The 2021 recreation and cultural affairs membership is available for purchase. The recreation membership provides discounts on select programs, discounted use of tennis courts and access to the community pool. For additional information please visit our website.

The department has partnered with Sing for Hope to provide daily virtual concerts and activities for local seniors. The link and calendar of events is located on the department website. Anyone interested in additional information can find the link on the website or can call the recreation office.

2021 Municipal Election Candidate Packets

The next Municipal Election is Tuesday, May 11, 2021. South Orange residents interested in running for the Board of Trustees in the May 11, 2021 Municipal Election must be a registered voter in the Township of south Orange Village and have been a resident of the Township for at least 1 year. Three seats will be open for a four-year term.

Candidate packets are now available. The deadline for submitting a complete candidate packet to be on the ballot is March 8, 2021. To receive a candidate packet, please send an email request to Clerksoffice@southorange.org and in the subject line: 2021 Municipal Candidate Packet Request. Any questions can be directed to the Village Clerks Office at 973-378-7715 ext. 1.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race is hosting its 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance and Luminary Project on January 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM. This year's event will be shared virtually via YouTube "Live" using this link <https://youtu.be/hkh36SYKLm8>.

Additional Trustee Announcements:

Trustee Schnall announced Debra Engel will be the new of the South Orange Village Center Alliance.

Promotions

Swearing-In Ceremony:

Village President Collum shall administer the Oath-of Office to recently promoted Police Personnel in the South Orange Department of Public Safety/Police Force pursuant to the Resolution on this evening's agenda appointing as such:

2021-006 Resolution Promoting and Appointing Thomas Horton as Police Sergeant
Trustee Coallier moved to approve Resolution 2021-006, seconded by Trustee Hilton.
Clarke.

Roll Call:

Trustee Clarke	Yes
Trustee Coallier	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Promotion to Police Sergeant:

President Collum administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Horton. Mr. Horton was promoted to Police Sergeant as recommended by Chief Kyle Kroll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The received comments from the public regarding 167 N. Ridgewood Road that is currently before the Planning Board. The property owner is proposing to subdivide the property. The surrounding neighbors and residents of South Orange expressed their concerns of proposed subdivision of this home considered to be historic although it is not listed on the local landmark. President Collum briefly explained the application is before the Planning Board for a minor subdivision and there is no reason the Planning Board would deny the application. She did have an opportunity to speak with the owners who want to work in good faith. They have offered to allow the community who has a vested interest in the property for a socially distance walk through and to discuss ways to possibly preserve the property or identifying any actual historic aspects that can be preserved. President Collum mentioned Greer Patras Village Planner will reach out to the Historic Preservation Commission, History Preservation Society and those community members who have reach out with concerns and she will set up the days and time to visit the property.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Schnall moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2020, seconded by Trustee Clarke.

Roll Call:

Trustee Clarke	Yes
Trustee Coallier	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

2020-24 Ordinance Accepting the Land Donation of Block 2103, Lot 21 from The Father Vincent Monella Center for Italian Culture

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-24 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Clarke.

Roll Call:

Trustee Clarke	Yes
Trustee Coallier	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

2020-25 Ordinance Establishing Salary Range for Non-Union and Supervisory Personnel

Public Hearing: There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Schnall moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-25 for second reading, second by Trustee Clarke.

Roll Call:

Trustee Clarke	Yes
Trustee Coallier	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

2021-003 Resolution Approving Award of Contract - Barnabas Health - Employee Assistance Program

2021-004 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Village Vehicles

2021-005 Resolution Cancelling Tax Overpayments and Small Balances from 2019

2021-007 Resolution Hiring Per Diem Telecommunication Dispatcher in the South Orange Department of Public Safety Police Force

2021-008 Resolution Adopting the 2021 Temporary Budget for the Township of South Orange Village

2021-009 Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part-Time Public Health Nurse

2021-011 Resolution Authorizing and Filing of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for Program Year 2021

2021-012 Resolution in Support of New Jersey Senate Bill No. S-2964 which establishes a Restricted Alcoholic Beverage License

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Jones moved to approved Resolutions #2021-003 through #2021-012 and Resolution 2020-283 through 2020-284, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call:

Trustee Clarke	Yes
Trustee Coallier	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolutions on for Separate Action

2021-002 Resolution Designating Continental Resources (CONRES) as Vendor and Installer for all Networking and Server Related CISCO Products for 2021

Trustee Hilton moved to table Resolution 2021-002, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman. All members were in favor.

2021-010 Resolution Appointing Julie Doran as Deputy Village Administrator for the Township of South Orange

Trustee Schnall moved to approve Resolution 2021-010, seconded by Trustee Clarke.

Roll Call:

Trustee Clarke	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schnall	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT

President Collum made the following reappointment:

- 2021-VP01 Resolution appointing Serena Enniss as a Member of the South Orange Village Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Loehner discussed the new Civic Clerk Program. He explained for the few months, the Clerk's office has been working on a new program which will improve the how the agendas are view without the struggles from the old program. The program is currently up and running on the Village website.

VILLAGE COUNSEL REPORT

There was no report from the Village Counsel

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Clarke discussed the tree inventory, leaf blower regulations and gave a brief update on the Energy Aggregation contract. He explained they will need to renegotiate the contract and hope to have more information soon.

Trustee Hilton announced the Finance Board is currently working on the budget and thanked the department heads and Mr. Loehner for the budget presentations. The CBAC now has eight members and had a few meeting so far. The construction at the Baird has started with demolition of the tennis court and the interior. The South Orange Library is open, check the Village website for the hours. The Recreation adopted a program called Sing for Hope. She encouraged the residents to check it out on the Recreations website.

Trustee Jones discussed the upcoming plans and events for Black History Month. She has been working with Peter Travers on the Carter Park designs. The Community Police Collaborative is looking for members to join.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

Master Plan Updates – The full presentation is on the Master Plan's website. This week is considered a power week starting on Tuesday through Thursday with virtual meetings on the following topics: General Introduction and Land Use Element, Mobility, Historic Preservation

Element and the Quality of life in the Village. Community engagement is encouraged and feedback is due on February 1st. Meetings will be recorded and posted on the South Orange Master Plan website.

Redevelopment Updates – Hub Reality and Meridia 4th and Valley are under construction. There is an approved Redevelopment Plan for Irvington Avenue. The former Wells Fargo is at plan phase and the Storage Facility on Lackawanna is at redevelopment plan phase. Currently, they are reviewing the concept of a Village Green and public plaza on Lot 9 on Sloan Street. The student housing is back on, the developer has engaged in conversations with Seton Hall University. There will be a rehab manual available for residents soon on Affordable Housing and the Third Street fully affordable housing is on-going.

Covid-19 Vaccine Guidance Updates - Encourage residents to sign up for alerts at <https://www.southorange.org/610/SO-Alerts> to receive updates via text and email. Also, there is an updated guidance document which describes the different category to receive the vaccine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Mr. Loehner explained there will be a public hearing on the proposal that was submitted at the next meeting. The grant would be used for ADA compliance for the bathrooms and front door at the library.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jones moved to adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:55pm, seconded by Trustee Clarke. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, January 25, 2021.

Approved Minutes:

ATTEST:


Ojetta E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE


Sheena C. Collum, Village President

***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.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=14&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>