

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 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, February 8, 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

2021-022 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the February 8, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

President Collum stated the board would be discussing the following:

- Water discussion (attorney/client privilege)
- Capital spend tracking against ordinances and bond funding (attorney/client privilege)
- Fielding resident questions(attorney/client privilege)
- Redevelopment updates (contract negotiation)
- Police Department & Fire Department Contracts (attorney/client privilege)

Trustee Schnall moved to approve Resolution 2021-022, seconded by Trustee Hilton. 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.

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.

Volunteers Calls for the Community Police Collaborative (CPC) Committee

The Community Police Collaborative (CPC) Committee advises South Orange Village elected officials on matters relating to Public Safety oversight. It also works to improve the relationship between the Police Department and South Orange residents and visitors. Its main areas of focus include raising awareness of and reducing bias; reducing frivolous calls to the police; working toward non-police responses to calls for service; making sure the values of the Community and the Police Department are aligned; and monitoring the Department's uses of force. The CPC has three permanent subcommittees and one ad hoc subcommittee addressing department community outreach, training, data & analytics, and code review, respectively. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, volunteer on at least one subcommittee, and commit to studying materials related to the work of the CPC as necessary.

Please click on the following link to submit an application:

<http://southorange.org/374/Volunteering>

Black History Month in South Orange is in full swing. Some notable events that are happening in the next two weeks are:

- On Wednesday, February 10th at 7 pm, check out our virtual panel
- Discussion on "The History of the Black Community in South Orange", which is a collaboration between the Village of South Orange, First Baptist Church, and Seton Hall University.
- We also will launch our art exhibit titled, "Strength in Creativity"
- Which has 15 artists and their submissions in Meadowland Park
- On Saturday, February 13th is the second run/walk for Erasing South Orange Borders presented by Erasing Essex's Borders.
- Wednesday, February 17th at 7 pm, we will be hosting a virtual

- Panel discussion on Sports & Social Justice.

As always, we have a weekly Monday podcast launch, Wednesday, children's book lists, and Storytime Saturdays. For a full list of events our events and community events, please go to <http://www.southorange.org/786/Black-History-Month>.

Additional Trustee Announcements:

Mr. Loehner asked for all residents to please move cars off the streets, citations will be issued on Tuesday, February 9th.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Black History Month Proclamation & Video – Trustee Jones read the proclamation and shared a video. She encouraged all residents to subscribe to the Podcast and listen to the different topics and discussion. The Podcast is called South Orange Village: Our Story and every Monday there is a new topic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hilton moved to approve the minutes of November 23, 2020, seconded by Trustee Clarke.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Schnall moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020, 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.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

2021-03 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure Project in and by the Township of south Orange Village, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$3,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the issuance of \$3,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Village to finance part of the cost thereof

Trustee Clarke moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 for first reading, 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.

2021-04 Ordinance Amending the Village Code, Chapter 340, "Traffic", by amending and restating section 340-4, "Snow Emergency No-Parking Areas", by including all Municipal public roads and deleting subsection 340-4C

Trustee Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 for first reading, seconded 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.

Trustee Clarke moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-03 and #2021-04 shall be at the Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that date, the Board may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that the Ordinance is published in the Official Newspaper and posted in an open place in the Municipal Offices. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schnall. All members were in favor and none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

2021-023 Resolution Accepting Proposal of and Awarding Contract to Harrington Services Demolition & Recycling for Asbestos Removal on an as needed basis for the Baird Center Renovation Project

2021-024 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between the Township of south Orange Village and the Township of Maplewood to share, when possible, Healthcare resources for the betterment of the Maplewood/South Orange Community

2021-25 Resolution Authorizing Agreement, on Non-Fair and Open Basis, by and between Township of South Orange Village and Dr. Tina Maschi for Services related to the South Orange Community Care & Justice Project

2021-26 Resolution Authorizing Agreement, on Non-Fair and Open Basis, by and between Township of South Orange Village and Megan O'Brien for Services related to the South Orange Community Care & Justice Project

2021-27 Resolution Authorizing Agreement, on Non-Fair and Open Basis, by and between Township of South Orange Village and Dana Rachlin for Services related to the South Orange Community Care & Justice Project

2021-28 Resolution Authorizing Agreement, on Non-Fair and Open Basis, by and between Township of South Orange Village and Michael Ricciardelli for Services related to the South Orange Community Care & Justice Project

Trustee Schnall moved to approved Resolutions #2021-023 through #2021-028 and Resolution, seconded 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.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Hartshorn Hilton, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer dated February 8, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-029 Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the period through February 8, 2021 in the total amount of \$1,514,143.48

Trustee Hilton moved to approve Resolution #2021-029, seconded by Trustee Coallier.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Loehner discussed the Civic Clerk roll out and the 2021 budget. Currently, working on the operation budget and will be meeting with the President Collum for further discussion. The plan is to introduce the budget in late February or early March.

VILLAGE COUNSEL REPORT

There was no report from the Village Counsel

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Clarke discussed the energy aggregation. They are moving toward a new contract to begin in April. Residents will be able to either opt up or opt out. There will be a virtual public meeting on February 18th at 6pm. For more information, visit the Village website. Trustee Clarke also discussed the following:

- Public Works and Utilities – Recycling and Solid Waste Subcommittee met to discuss the RFP with Maplewood. The DPW is working on upgrades and improvements to the recycling facility
- Transportation Committee – Still looking for a new chairperson
- Water Utility – Brief update on Crest Drive and planning to meet with neighbors to discuss the new design

Trustee Hilton discussed the following

- Library Announcement – As of February 21st, the Library will have Sunday hours. For more information, visit the South Orange Public Library website
- SOMA Tow towns for All ages, seniors – The Grotta Fund provides excellent services for the seniors but announced this will be the last year.

Trustee Jones discussed following:

- Spring Sports Registration – Registration season is now open; residents should visit the Recreation website page to sign up. Camp registration will be in a few weeks.
- Carter Park – The Village received a grant for \$150K, working with Peter Travers on the design and will have a resolution at the next meeting for the equipment
- Meadowland Park Conservancy – Hosting a selfie event on February 14th; residents can take pictures
- Planning for Women's History Month – Looking for volunteers for March Women's History Month; if interest email Trustee Jones at sjones@southorange.org
- Trustee Jones thanked the BOT, Peter Travers and the volunteers for their support and help with Carter Park.

Trustee Zuckerman discussed the following:

- Community Board Update – First meeting in April. They are looking for two members from each neighborhood

- Seton Village Committee – Discussed types of projects for the spring. Clean up project is proposed for May 8th and May 23rd.

Trustee Coallier discussed the new Community Care & Justice program. She discussed the need assessment and program design, police study already in progress and community outreach. At the SPACE committee meeting on Wednesday at 8am, she will go over the highlights of the program. Trustee Coallier requested the Community Care & Justice be a standing bullet for her reports.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Collum discussed Assembly Bills 1571 & 1576 and explained it could potentially be one of the worse things to happen in the community in terms of advancing the affordable housing obligations. She gave an overview on where it stands today, the impacts and asked Trustees for a show of hands to take action as soon as possible. By show of hands, the board was in favor of President Collum moving forward to take action against these bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Bugg-Levine thanked Trustee Jones for being an amazing leader on Black History Month Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

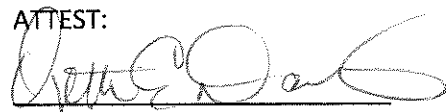
President Collum discussed a resolution from the South Orange Historic Preservation Commission recommending the designation of the property located at 167 and 201 North Ridgewood Road as a local landmark. Village Council advised the board that there would be a very bad legal battle. She acknowledge the developers has been working in good faith with the Village and working with a resident Bill MacIntosh an architect who has volunteered his time to come up with a way to help preserve the property. On the recommendation of Village Council, the board takes no action on the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission. President Collum mentioned there will be a meeting this coming Friday with the developer, members of the HPC and HPS, Trustee Jones and Trustee Zuckerman for further discussion on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jones moved to adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30pm, seconded by Trustee Coallier. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, January 25, 2021.

Approved Minutes: March 8, 2021

ATTEST:


Ojetti 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=16&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>