



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 14, 2021 - 6:15 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

ROLL CALL

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6 and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey. 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. 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. Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-162 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session:

- Fire Department Merger (Attorney/Client Privilege Matters)
- Communications regarding non-specific appointments and protocols (Attorney-Client Matters)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at table.

Trustee Coalier moved to approve Resolution 2021-162, seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees were in favor and none opposed

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

ROLL CALL

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

6. **Announcements**

Village President Collum read the following announcements:

A. **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 inside of a public place, always maintain six feet of distance and wash your hands frequently. If you haven't gotten the vaccine yet, please do so. It is currently available for residents aged 12 and up. If we all do our part, we will see a return to normalcy soon

B. **Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

Get your recreation membership today! The recreation membership provides discounts on select programs, free tennis court reservations, access to the community pool and more. The recreation membership



can be purchased online at the department's website.

South Orange Baseball Camp registration is open for all South Orange and Maplewood residents. Camp registration is done on a weekly basis for 1-9 weeks with multi week discounts available. Please visit the department's website for additional information.

C. **Water Department**

This is an important notification that New Jersey American Water crews will begin routine flushing of the water distribution system in your area starting June 20th at 9:00pm through July 9 so as to ensure that you continue to receive high-quality water service. Flushing also allows us to test and maintain fire hydrants.

The flushing will start in the North West portion of the Village and will work to the South East.

When crews are working in your area, you may notice reduced pressure or discolored water. If your water is discolored, run the cold water taps only, at the lowest level of the house for about 3 to 5 minutes until the water runs clear. If discolored water occurs, please also refrain from doing laundry during that time. For more information, please go to www.southorange.org or call 1.855.722.7072. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding while we undertake this necessary maintenance of the water system.

D. **South Orange Public Library**

South Orange Public Library will be extending the service hours by 10 hours a week, eliminating midday closings for two hours each day. Library materials will continue to be returned in the book drops located by Scotland Road entrance and the parking lot entrance (not the Green Box).

Upcoming Events:

- Juneteenth include Turning Pages-a Virtual book talk on Monday June 14 @4pm; Juneteenth in Stories, Outdoors on Tuesday June 15 @3pm; and Envisioning Freedom - a Juneteenth celebration with Dr. Mia White, Outdoors and virtual on Thursday June 17 @ 6pm.
- Pride Month - Alex Gino (they/them), an award winning middle grade author will lead a discussion about LGBTQIA/P



activism and they write their books.

- Summer Reading 2021: Tails and Tales opening Day June 21st from 10-2 pm. VolunTEEN program will be back this summer

E. **Pride Month**

June is Pride Month and South Orange has teamed with Maplewood to present SOMA Pride 2021 - a month of activities and celebrations. From poetry readings, film screenings, and educational opportunities to family picnics and Drag Queen Bingo, SOMA organizations and community members have partnered to create a memorable month for all. Registration is required for some events. Visit southorange.org for a list of everything happening in SOMA during June and get ready for a fun-filled summer in our two towns.

F. **Juneteenth**

Maplewood and South Orange are joining forces once again, this time to celebrate and commemorate Juneteenth with an entire week of activities. A few highlights include a panel discussion among Black Mayors from Newark, East Orange, Union and Maplewood discussing the history and importance of Juneteenth. Moderated by South Orange's own Trustee Summer Jones, this virtual event requires registration and is happening on June 16 at 7:30pm. Events continue all week and culminate on Saturday the 19th with a day of special activities including a special reenactment at the Durand Hedden House in Maplewood and a very special celebration here on Floods Hill in South Orange that features free live music and special performances from 6 to 9:30 pm. Residents are welcome to bring their own picnic or enjoy BBQ and beverages purchased from the Gaslight Beer Garden onsite at the event. Visit southorange.org for a complete list of events and details.

7. **Proclamation**

A. Proclamation Commemorating June 2021 as Pride Month in the Township of South Orange Village:

Trustee Zuckerman read the proclamation which commemorated June 2021 as PRIDE MONTH in the Township of South Orange Village and encourage all citizens and residents to celebrate the valuable contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community who enrich the



diversity and vitality of our neighborhoods, institutions, government organizations, and businesses.

- B. Proclamation Honoring and Extending Congratulations to Keisha Miller on the occasion of being crowned the New Jersey Library Association "Librarian of the Year":
Trustee Hilton read the proclamation congratulating Keisha Miller for this tremendous recognition, with gratitude for her dedication to the citizens of South Orange and beyond, whom she impacts on a daily basis.

8. Promotion

- A. 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:

2021-163 Resolution promoting and appointing SallyReaves as a sergeant in the south orange department of public safety/police force.

Trustee Coalier moved to approve Resolution 2021-163, seconded by Trustee Jones.
Clarke.

Roll Call:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskins	Yes
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Promotion to Police Sergeant:

President Collum administered the Oath of Office to Sally Reaves. Ms. Reaves was promoted to Police Sergeant as recommended by Acting Chief Stephen Dolinac.



9. Presentation

- A. South Orange Seniors Advisory Committee Presents: South Orange Pedestrian Safety Audit
- Trustee Hilton liaison to the Senior Advisory Committee introduced Tonia Moore and Shirley Gordon Co-Chairs of the Senior Advisory Committee to discussion the AARP Community Walk Audit Worksheet. Ms. Moore introduced Lenore Berkman who did the audit several times. Ms. Moore discussed her findings on sidewalks around town that are in need of repair, overgrown shrubs and trees roots that have uplift the sidewalks. Trustee thanked the committee for their work on the audit and once the audit is complete it will be distributed to the appropriate department for review.

10. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment. There were no questions or comments from the public.

11. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Board's approval of the minutes for the following meetings:
- Regular meeting held on December 9, 2019 (Trustees Brown and Haskins are ineligible to vote)
 - Regular meeting held on December 30, 2019 (Trustees Brown and Haskins are ineligible to vote)
 - Regular meeting held on May 24, 2021 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

Trustee Hilton moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on December 9, 2019 and December 30, 2021, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call:

Trustee Brown	Abstain
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Abstain
Trustee Hilton	Yes



Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Zuckerman Yes
Motion Carried.

Trustee Zuckerman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on May 24, 2021, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call:

Trustee Brown Yes
Trustee Coalier Yes
Trustee Haskin Yes
Trustee Hilton Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Zuckerman Yes
Motion Carried.

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

2021-164 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HARVARD SERVICES GROUP TO PROVIDE DISINFECTING, CLEANING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE MUNICIPAL POOL DUE TO COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,204.54 MONTHLY

2021-165 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HARVARD SERVICES GROUP TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, RECREATION DEPARTMENT, DPW AND SKATE HOUSE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,193.16 MONTHLY

2021-166 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JILL FAHERTY AS DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE IN THE BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-169 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 - ESSEX COUNTY - COMMUNITY



CARE & JUSTICE PROGRAM

2021-170 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A VOTING MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY POLICE COLLABORATIVE

2021-171 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87 - SETON HALL UNIVERSITY - COMMUNITY CARE & JUSTICE PROGRAM

2021-172 RESOLUTION TO PLACE A CELEBRATION GARDEN IN GROVE PARK

Trustee Coalier moved to approve Resolutions 2021-164 through 021-172, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes
Motion Carried.	

13. Village President Appointment

President Collum made the following appointment:

2021-VP07 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF GREG SPREEMAN AS A CLASS A ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

14. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

- A. Trustee Collier moved to Recess Meeting of Board of Trustees and Convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Trustee Brown. All members were in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call:

Board Member Brown
Board Member Coalier
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones



Board Member Zuckerman
Board President Collum

2021-173 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES
FOR THE 2021-2022 LICENSE TERM

Trustee Coalier moved to approve Resolution 2021-173, seconded by
Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes
Trustee Hilton	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes

Motion Carried.

There being no discussion, Trustee Collier moved to adjourn as the
Alcohol Beverage Control Board to reconvene as the Board of
Trustees, seconded by Trustee Brown. All members were in favor and
none opposed.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

15. Approval of Bills

- A. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects
Committee presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer
dated June 14, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a
copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH June 14, 2021 IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,830,791.47

Trustee Hilton moved to approve Resolution 2021-174, seconded by
Trustee Zuckerman.

Roll Call:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes



Trustee Hilton Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Zuckerman Yes
Motion Carried.

16. Village President Report

There was no report for this meeting. President Collum will present her report at the next regular meeting.

17. Village Administrator Report

- Staffing – Mr. Loehner discussed the open positions for various departments. The open positions are posted on the Village's website and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.
- Summer Hours – The Municipal Offices, Recreation Department and Department of Public Works (DPW) will remain open late on Mondays until 7pm and the departments will close at 1pm on Fridays. These extended hours will allow residents to come in and do business. A DPW representative will be located in Village Hall on Monday evenings until 7pm.

18. Village Counsel Report

There was no report.

19. Trustee Reports

- A. Trustee Brown – No report.
- B. Trustee Coalier

- Community Care & Justice – Seton Hall Review Board has approved the survey which will be coming soon. Trustee Coalier mentioned the survey is unusually long due to the important information on community values, social services needs and existing assets in order to determine where improvements are needed.
- Police Department Camera Program – They are hoping to launch the program this coming Saturday along with the Community Police Collaborative launch of its outreach website.



C. Trustee Haskins

- Municipal Solid Waste / Recycling Consultant – They are collaborating with Maplewood and have retained a consultant to create a comprehensive plan for both communities on solid waste and recycling. Also, they are working on renovations to the DPW recycling facility.
- Environmental Commission:
 - Green Team
 - Tree Committee
 - Zero Waste Committee
 - River Corridor Steering Committee

Volunteers are needed for these committees and if any would like to join, please reach out to Trustee Haskins.

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

- Baird Center Construction Update – The abatement of asbestos has been completed. Trustee Hilton discussed the construction of the exterior and interior of the building. There will be more changes orders but still on track for completion in December 2022.
- Library Special Announcements – The Library Board has submitted the grant application under the construction bond act. It will be a \$13 million dollar projection for both buildings and a connector building which will make tremendous improvements if granted.

Trustee Coalier mentioned Columbia High School will be hosting a dramatic loss workshop for district parents on June 16 as it relates to the recent loss of Moussa Fofana.

E. Trustee Jones – No report.

F. Trustee Zuckerman – No Report

20. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment:

Mr. George Matias submitted questions via email regarding indoor dining restrictions, street light outages, unclean streets and overgrowth at Walgreens. President Collum explained the State has lifted certain restrictions but that is not a mandate for businesses to perform certain



services in a certain way. She thanked Mr. Matias for bringing the light outages to the board's attention and hopes in the next couple of months to regroup with volunteers to get the outages documented. As it relates to the overgrowth, code enforcement is the appropriate department to notify.

21. New Business

President Collum mentioned she forward a couple of Bills from the State to the Trustees and will address those at the next meeting.

22. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jones moved to adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 pm, seconded by Trustee Hilton. President Collum announced the next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, June 28, 2021.

***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=20&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Jeffrey E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village President