



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 2021 - 6:15 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton - Absent
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. 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. Ogetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-199 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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

- Recycling Contract (Contract Negotiation)
- Seton Hall PILOT (Contract Negotiation)
- Fire Department (Attorney/Client privilege)



- General Redevelopment (Attorney/Client privilege)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at table

Trustee Coalier moved to approve Resolution 2021-199, seconded by Trustee Jones. All members 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 - Absent
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
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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 Department

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.

Join us on Flood's Hill July 16, 17 and 18 for Juliet and Her Romeo, Shakespeare in Our Parks - an experimental adaptation of Romeo and Juliet. The cast is composed of young actors and seasoned professionals following the tradition of Elizabethan acting companies throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. For more information please visit the department's website.

South Orange Summer Nights Concert series returns! Every Wednesday in July on Flood's Hill at 7:30 PM. Join us for great music and food trucks. For the band line up please visit the department's website.

C. **Department of Public Works**

Saturday, July 17th is Container day at the Department of Public Works located at 300 Walton Avenue

Please remember:

The gate will open at 8am and **the line closes at 1:15pm**, no one will be able to join the line after that time.

Proof of residency is required and must be presented. NO commercial vehicles will be allowed.

The remaining Container days are *August 14th and September 18th*

D. **Water Department**

Important Notice from New Jersey American Water:

We recognize that many people are facing additional hardship due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, making it difficult to stay current on your water bills. To help, as of 7/12/2021 and going forward, we are offering payment plans to assist customers with bringing their past due balance current. **For more information or to enroll in a payment plan please contact the Customer Service Center at -1-855-722-7072. Call center representatives are available on weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Notice from Seton Hall University:

Seton Hall University will be performing their annual fire pump and fire hydrant capacity and flow tests, beginning on July 26th - July 30th (M-F) on campus. This is notice that there may be cases of low pressure or brown water during and following the testing in the area around the SHU campus. Please report any issues to Customer Service



at 1-855 722-7072.

E. **Water Department**

Notice that the Water Utility has begun their annual hydrant painting. The hydrants on the following Streets are the scheduled locations.

Street	Start at - Stop
Glenview Rd	South Orange Ave - Mountain Dr
South Orange Ave	Glenview Rd - Holland Rd
N Wyoming Ave	South Orange Ave - Luddington Rd
N Ridgewood Rd	South Orange Ave - Luddington Rd
W Tillou Rd	N Ridgewood Rd (entire length)
Walton Ave	Audley Str - South Orange Ave
Lenox Ave	South Orange Ave - Walton Ave
Wyoming Ave	South Orange Ave - Cedar Ln
Valley St	South Orange Ave - Hixon
W 3rd St	Walton Ave - Prospect
Irvington Ave	South Orange Ave - Seton Pl
Academy St	South Orange Ave - Sherman Pl
Prospect St	South Orange Ave - Sherman Pl
First St	Sloan St - Academy St
Sloan St	3rd St - First St

F. **Community Care & Justice Program**

South Orange is partnering with Essex County and Seton Hall University to create and launch a social work pilot called the Community Care & Justice Program. The CC&J mission: to engage community members in designing and traveling their own wellness journeys, with a particular focus on protecting and elevating our most vulnerable members and our youth. CC&J might include 911 Diversion, Restorative Practice Councils, dialogue on How To Be An Anti-Racist, Community & First Responder Mental Health Awareness Training and more.

We have launched a survey to identify community needs and we need your eyes and ears! What values should drive our program? Where do you see a need for social work? How can we empower the community to improve their mental health and wellness? How can we supplement Village law enforcement services to improve public safety in our community?



Please take some time to complete our CC&J survey, which you can access at <http://bit.ly/SOCCnJkinfo> and please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

G. **South Orange Village Digital Video System**

As has been shared and discussed in Village public meetings and on social media, South Orange elected officials, in collaboration with the South Orange Police Department (SOPD), Village administrative team, and the South Orange Community Policy Collaborative (CPC), are in the process of reviewing SOPD policy surrounding how the Village Digital Video System (DVS) is used in police operations. We have published some Frequently Asked Questions and answers on the SOPD web page at <https://www.southorange.org/838/Digital-Video-System>. We welcome and encourage your input as we continue our policy review – please take some time to review the FAQs posted on the SOPD web page, stay tuned for more information, and plan to join a virtual Village-wide discussion on this topic at 7:00p on July 21.

7. **Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment.

8. **Approval of Minutes**

A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Board's approval of the minutes for the following meetings:

- Regular meeting held on February 10, 2020 (Trustees Brown and Haskins are ineligible to vote)
- Regular meeting held on February 24, 2020 (Trustees Brown and Haskins are ineligible to vote)
- Regular meeting held on June 28, 2021 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

Trustee Coalier moved to approve the minutes held on February 10, 2020 and February 24, 2020, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Abstain
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Abstain
Trustee Hilton	Absent
Trustee Jones	Yes



Trustee Zuckerman Yes

Motion Carried.

Trustee Jones moved to approve the minutes held on June 28, 2021, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown Yes

Trustee Coalier Yes

Trustee Haskin Yes

Trustee Hilton Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Zuckerman Yes

Motion Carried.

9. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

2021-200 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

2021-201 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF MAILING FEES

2021-202 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87

2021-203 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-204 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTELEMENT OF A FEW GRIEVANCES WITH THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL NO. 12

2021-205 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-206 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RICHARD WOLOWICZ DOING BUSINESS AS RICHVIEW CONSULTING FOR ARBORICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500.00

2021-207 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POST POLAK TO PURSUE A DEED



OF EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER UTILITY
INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS AND UNDER THE GROUND OF 32 CREST
DRIVE

2021-208 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTINE MASON AS A MEMBER
OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2021-209 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME
EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Trustee Zuckerman moved to approve Resolutions 2021-200 through
2021-209, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

10. 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 July 12, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a
copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-210 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 12, 2021 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$2,240,210.35

Trustee Zuckerman moved to approve Resolution 2021-210,
seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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



Motion Carried.

11. Village President Report

President Collum stated the next Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for July 26th will be a joint meeting with the Township of Maplewood to discuss the Fire Department Merger. This will be an in person meeting held at SOPAC starting at 6pm with the regular board agenda and 7pm for the joint merger discussion.

12. Village Administrator Report

- Gaslight Newsletter – Mr. Loehner thanked Julie Doran Deputy Administrator on the putting out the new quarterly Gaslight Newsletter. The residents will be receiving the newsletter in this week and then on a quarterly basis.
- Recycling Bid – The Recycling Bid is out and the team along with some Trustees are looking at ways to improve the recycling center at DPW.

13. Village Counsel Report

There was no report

14. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown

B. **Trustee Coalier**

- Community Care & Justice - There was no additional update. See announcements

C. **Trustee Haskins**

Trustee Haskins would like the residents to participate in the following survey and Town Hall discussion:

- Municipal Solid Waste Recycling Consultant –
 - Survey
 - <https://tinyurl.com/RecyclingandWasteSurvey>
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/>
 - MSW/Recycling Town Hall
 - July 22@7:00pm



- <https://rethinking-recycling-town-hall.eventbrite.com>

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

E. **Trustee Jones**
Community Board

- Outreach to Neighborhoods – The Community Board will be reaching out to neighbors to collect emails in order to get out information for future events. So far, there have been 2 meetings and the next meeting is scheduled for October.

Seton Village Irvington Avenue Corridor

- Several New Businesses including a women's clothing store and a beauty salon.
- NPP Grant Submission for Irvington Avenue – Trustee Jones thanked Trustee Zuckerman and Julie Doran for their assistance in for the Neighborhood Preservation Program for Irvington Avenue. If awarded, the grant could potentially be \$125,000 per year for 5 years.
- Carter Park Status – There has been some issues with getting supplies due to Covid and working on getting the portal potty removed. They are hoping to finish the project soon.
- 270 Irvington Avenue – The site plan application is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Board on August 2nd

Community Relations Committee

- Reminder: Newcomers Day will be October 3rd and rain date October 10th
- Members Needed – If interested please email crc.org.

Citizen Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Trustee Jones is the new Chair to this committee, next meeting is this Wednesday at 8am. The committee is working on the following:

- Realigning
- Strategic Partnerships
- Engaging with the town

F. **Trustee Zuckerman**



- Cannabis Task Force – The first meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday and it will be a virtual meeting. Trustee Zuckerman gave of list of the representatives on the task force and items for discussion include type of license, regulation and restrictions.
- SOPAC Update – Trustee Zuckerman was excited to announce Cinema Lab is the new firm to run the movie theater. There are plans for independent movies and thanked former Village President Doug Newman who led the negotiation.

15. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment:

1. Ben Vitale discussed the police surveillance cameras. He recently sent a letter responded to the FAQ that was sent out by the police department. He looks forward to the discussion on July 21, 2021. He mentioned Maine recently passed a facial surveillance and thought it would be in scope with what this town.
2. Lloyd Aterman – New resident of South Orange and a retired physician concerned about the current health care. He would like the board to consider signing a resolution supporting Medicare for all as done in other towns including Maplewood. Trustee Coalier said she would to further discuss this issue with the Health & Public Safety Committee. President Collum said the board will have a response at the 2nd meeting in August.
3. Nicolas Kerr – Asked about updates on the Mural that was painted over in Seton Village and wanted to know if the Village or the SOPD on when the body cameras will be purchased and rolled out. President Collum explained this was an accident and the owner did not understand the significant of the mural but the property owner will be contributing to a new mural. She suggested he join the next Seton Village meeting schedule July 27th to provide feedback on the mural. In regards to the time line on the body cameras, at this time there is no date but please send an email to the clerk's office to be forward to the appropriate staff to better answer the question.

16. New Business

1. Moment of Silence for Dr. Valerie L. Shulman former member of the Trustees in the 1970's who passed away.



17. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jones moved to adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm, seconded by Trustee Hilton. President Collum announced the next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, July 26, 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=21&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE

Ojetta E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

Sheena C. Collum, Village President