

SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM

(In-Person/Hybrid Meeting)

South Orange Baird Community Center
5 Mead Street - 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Executive Session - 6:15 PM

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 6:15 pm:

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilwoman Canning - **Absent**
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilwoman Zollman
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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. Resolution to go into Executive Session



2026-163 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the July 13, 2026,
Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council

A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Redevelopment Agreements (Contract negotiation & Attorney/Client Privilege Matters)
- Personnel (Personnel Matter)
- Seton Hall University (Attorney/Client Privilege Matters)
- Shared Services (Attorney/Client Privilege Matters)
- Legal Matters (Attorney/Client Privilege Matters)

Councilmember Lewis-Chang moved to approve Resolution #2026-163 to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

Mayor Collum reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:15 pm:

ROLL CALL

Mayor Collum
Councilwoman Canning - **Absent**
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilwoman Zollman
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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6. **Announcements**

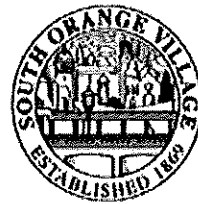
Mayor Collum read the following announcements:

A. **South Orange Farmers Market**

The South Orange Farmers Market returns for its 35th season, bringing fresh flavors and local favorites back to downtown. The market runs every Wednesday through October 28, from 1 to 6 PM, rain or shine, in the Sloan Street Parking Lot. Shop fresh produce, artisan breads, baked goods, juices, grab-and-go meals, and more from a mix of returning favorites and new vendors.

B. **Skate House Sessions Return to Meadowland Park**

Enjoy live acoustic music, a beer garden, and summer evenings by the pond during Skate House Sessions, held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Meadowland Park. The series features performances by



Trouble Ahead, Brand New Steadys, Sarah Hodd & The Drive Trio, and Eric and Alina. Wine and beer will be available for purchase for guests with a valid ID, and food will be available from The Baird Café. Presented by the Meadowland Park Conservancy and South Orange Village.

C. **South Orange Health Department**

The United Community Corporation (UCC), in partnership with the Township of Maplewood, offers the Community Food Access+ program, providing free groceries for individuals and families in need. Walk-ins are welcome at 129 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood, NJ. Food distribution hours are: Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pre-packaged food bags may include shelf-stable items, fresh produce, dairy products, and other essential groceries. Food distribution is based on household size and need. Visitors can also learn about additional services, including utility assistance, emergency support, employment and education programs, senior services and family resources. For more information about food donation or to schedule a donation drop-off, contact UCC at 973-642-0181, ext. 600.

7. Proclamations

A. Proclamation recognizing July 2026 as Parks & Recreation Month:

Councilwoman Jones read the proclamation recognizing July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month in South Orange Village and encourage all residents to visit our parks, participate in recreational programs, support the stewardship of our public spaces, and recognize the dedicated individuals who make these treasured community assets possible.

8. Public Comment

Mayor Collum opened the meeting for public comment; A resident of Randolph place expressed concerns regarding the faded yellow stripe no parking zone at the corner and vehicles are being ticketed due to the faded strip.

Mayor Collum directed Administrator Doran to follow up with Police Department and Department of Public Works to ensure adequate marking is provided.



9. Approval of Minutes

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

- Regular meeting held on June 22, 2026 (Councilmember Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Councilwoman Zollman moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 8th, seconded by Councilwoman Canning.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Abstain
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

10. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2026-18 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 90 AS IT RELATES TO THE POTENTIAL REVISION OF A STREET ADDRESS NUMBER

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

Councilmember Haskins moved to adopt Ordinance #2026-18 for second reading/final adoption, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2026-164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR



FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027-2029 (OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2029)

- B. 2026-165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY NJ STATE CONTRACT M4019 (GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT) TO MARSHALL MACHINERY INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA V SERIES MACHINE(GATOR) IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,117.81
- C. 2026-166 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 — FOR ZN CONSTRUCTION LLC, FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMERON RECREATION AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100.00 FOR CHAIN LINK GATE FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$2,100.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- D. 2026-167 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #4 — FOR ZN CONSTRUCTION LLC, FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMERON RECREATION AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,710.01 FOR ASPHALT PATHWAY REMOVAL FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$25,710.01 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- E. 2026-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #5 — FOR ZN CONSTRUCTION LLC, FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMERON RECREATION AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,461.55 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK REQUESTED BY PSEG TO REPLACE CONDUIT FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$3,461.55 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- F. 2026-169 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- G. 2026-170 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #14 — FOR GROVE CONTRACTING LLC, FOR RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,240.59 FOR POWER TO MOTORIZED SHADES IN A NET INCREASE OF \$32,240.59 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- H. 2026-171 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #15 — FOR GROVE CONTRACTING LLC, FOR RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,933.77 FOR PSEG VAULT SITE WORK AND MODIFICATIONS FOR LEMCO IN A NET INCREASE OF \$76,933.77 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- I. 2026-172 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY ESCNJ COOPERATIVE TO MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC FOR FIELD LIGHTING PACKAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,700.00
- J. 2026-173 RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027



- K. 2026-174 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING 270 IRVINGTON L.L.C. AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2102, LOTS 14-20 AND BLOCK 2107, LOT 1 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
- L. 2026-175 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR 8 SECOND STREET URBAN RENEWAL, LLC
- M. 2026-176 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 - LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT
- N. 2026-177 RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM WEST AS ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF THE SOUTH ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Resolutions of the Consent Agenda #2026-164 through #2026-177 with the exception of Resolutions #2026-174 and #2026-177 voted on separate action. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

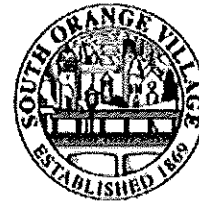
Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

The following Resolutions of the Consent Agenda were voted separately:

2026-174 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING 270 IRVINGTON L.L.C. AS REDEVELOPER FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2102, LOTS 14-20 AND BLOCK 2107, LOT 1 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Mayor Collum gave a brief overview of this redevelopment plan that is a community driven design and collaboration with the neighborhood residents. She described the Planning Board approved mixed use project with 20% affordable housing units,



commercial space and underground parking. The project was delayed following the passing of the original developer but is not moving forward with a new developer. The new developer plans to continue maintaining transparency with public updates, community meetings and regular project timeline as the construction moves ahead.

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt Resolution #2026-174, seconded by Councilmember Lewis-Chang.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

2026-177 RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM WEST AS ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF THE SOUTH ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Collum recognized Mr. West promotion praising his leadership and dedication during the challenging period for DPW following the sudden passing of former Director Joe Foligno.

Councilmember Haskins moved to adopt Resolution #2026-177, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

12. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2026-178 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE CENTER ALLIANCE D/B/A SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

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



Mayor Collum noted that South Orange Downtown presented its annual budget during the Village's budget presentations earlier this year. This resolution before the Council is a routine annual formality to formally adopt South Orange downtown operating budget.

Councilwoman Zollman moved to adopt the FY 2026 Operating Budget for South Orange Downtown Resolution #2026-178, seconded by Councilmember Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

13. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilwoman Canning, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated July 13, 2026. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2026-179 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 13, 2026 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,395,046.16

Councilwoman Jones moved to adopt the Bills List Resolution #2026-179, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg.

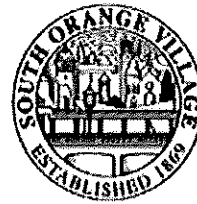
Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Canning	Absent
Councilmember Greenberg	Yes
Councilmember Haskins	Yes
Councilwoman Jones	Yes
Councilmember Lewis-Chang	Yes
Councilwoman Zollman	Yes

Motion carried.

14. Mayor Report

Mayor Collum thanked the residents, Village Staff and PSE&G for their efforts during the recent power outages, which affected more than 800



homes during the July heat wave and encouraged residents to remain prepared for future storms.

Mayor Collum along with Ms. Doran will be meeting with Seton Hall University tomorrow to continue discussing the partnership opportunities. Also, encouraged residents to participate in the many summer events and recreation programs available in South orange and Maplewood.

In response to a Council member question, Mayor Collum briefly explained the new state legislation that expands opportunities for solar energy, including balcony solar installations but does not address the Village's ongoing effort to recover energy tax receipts withheld by the State.

15. Village Administrator Report

Administrator Doran discussed the following:

- South Orange Commons at 41-45 W. Third Street will include 16 units designed for adults with intellectual and development disabilities and 10 units for income qualifying families. The development is on track to open on October 1st, and the application for anyone interested are on the website at www.southorange.org . Also, the applications are available to pick up at the Village Hall offices, library and the Baird Community Center.
- River Greenway Phase 2 project start date is August 17th
- River Greenway Phase 3 project located South Orange Avenue to 3rd Street easement areas have been identified and the Village Attorney will be working with Administration on negotiating those easements with the private property owners.
- Grove Park pre-construction meeting is scheduled for July 14th, afterward communication will go out to the community that will include closing the playground for a certain amount of time.
- The library is still on track for the construction completion of April/May 2027, according to the contractor.
- Safe Streets for All project is near completion. The plan is the present the final draft to Village Council for final adoption at either the August or September meeting. The goal is to adopt the bike plan by the end of the year in order to incorporate the designated bike routes into the road work.

16. Village Attorney Report – There was no report.

17. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilwoman Canning - **Absent**



B. Councilmember Greenberg

C. **Councilmember Haskins**

- Storm Response – Discussed the severe heat wave, power outages and damages throughout South Orange and the State since the last Council meeting. Councilmember Haskins discussed the following to do list for this fall that would help be a response to the climate and environmental changes:
- Community solar participation to help save energy cost
- Prohibiting gas powered leaf blowers
- Revising the tree protection ordinance
- Launching a composting pilot program
- Safe Streets for All initiatives including Bike Plan, Shuttle, New Jersey Transit improvements
- Developing a lighting plan to replace gas powered lamps
- Strengthening stormwater management

D. Councilwoman Jones thanked the staff at the Peter S. Connor Memorial Pool for hosting a successful Adult Swim event and reminded residents that the next Adult Swim is scheduled for August 14 and adults only.

In recognition of Parks and Recreation Month, Councilwoman Jones highlighted the historic significance of Cameron Field and its longstanding role in South Orange's recreational and baseball history.

Mayor Collum added that she and Councilwoman Jones attended a meeting that discussed partnering with the North Jersey Community Foundation to seek a northern New Jersey Heritage Trail designation which could attract federal funding to promote local history and support tourism and economic development.

E. **Councilmember Lewis-Chang**

- Health Matter Update – Recognized July as Minority Mental Health Month and encouraged residents to prioritize mental health seek support when needed. Also, the South Orange Community Garden is donating fresh produce every Saturday



to Our Lady of Sorrows and the Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry in Newark for residents in need.

F. **Councilwoman Zollman postponed the following updates to the next meeting:**

- South Orange Downtown Update
- SPACE Committee Update

18. **Public Comment**

Mayor Collum opened the meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.

19. **New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

However, Mayor Collum briefly address the recent removal of the flag of Israel, an American flag and an LGBTQ flag from the Oheb Shalom Temple here in South Orange, condemning the act as vandalism and emphasized that disagreements do not justify trespassing or damaging private property. The Police Department is investigating the incident with the case to be reviewed by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office to determine whether bias or hate crime charges are warranted. She extended apologies to Oheb Shalom and expressed confidence in the community's ability to come together.

20. **Next Regular Meeting Date**

A. Monday, July 27, 2026

21. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Councilwoman Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Greenberg. Mayor Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 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://southorangenetwpnj.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3320/media>

ATTEST:


Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk


SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Sheena C. Collum, Village Mayor

