



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 27, 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
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. Ogetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-262 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at table

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

Village President Collum
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Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
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6. Announcements

A. **Importance of continuing to follow the COVID-19 Emergency Precautions**

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 protocols put in place. Cases are still on the rise, so we must remain vigilant. 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. **SOMA Two Towns for All Ages Repair Cafe**

The annual Repair Café will be held on Saturday, October 16th at the Maplewood Senior Center parking lot located at 106 Burnett Avenue in Maplewood in South Orange from 1-4 pm.

One of SOMA Two Towns for All Ages' most popular community engagement events is our Repair Cafe. For this event, we recruit volunteer local repair experts to lend their talents and skills to fix items for residents that would have been thrown away. Not only does this event promote community connection, it also promotes sustainability helping residents keep beloved items versus tossing them out.



We ask that you register in advance by contacting Tracy Carroll at soma2towns@gmail.com. Please indicate what needs repair so that we can ensure that the correct repair person is available to help you and that the repair takes place as efficiently as possible.

C. **Newcomers Day**

Newcomers Day is back and scheduled on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm at the Skate House at Meadowland Park. Newcomers Day gives the opportunity for ALL South Orange residents to have the opportunity to meet their neighbors, explore and sign up for volunteer organizations and have the opportunity to speak with South Orange Village departments and elected officials. Tables will be set up around the Pond to ensure social distancing within our beautiful park. For more information, please visit our South Orange Village events page or email crc@southorange.org.

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.**

E. **Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement**

SOMA Two Towns and the NJ Taxation University will have a presentation on the Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement Program on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. The Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement Program reimburses homeowners, who are age 65 or older, or receiving Social Security disability benefits, and who paid property taxes on their principal residence in New Jersey directly or through mobile home park site fees, for property tax increases on their main home. Income eligibility has increased so more people are now eligible. Deadline Date to file is November 1, 2021.

F. **Community Care & Justice**

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 and First Responder Mental Health Awareness Training and more.

We have launched a survey to identify CC&J priorities and we need your eyes and ears and input!

What values should drive our program? Where do you see a need for social work? How can we empower our community members 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 the Community Care & Justice landing page on our Village website, and please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Thank you in advance for your commitment to CC&J.

G. **Mobility Action Committee**

South Orange Village is recruiting a chair, members, and volunteers for a new Mobility Action Committee – SO-MAC. SO-MAC will support South Orange in prioritizing and addressing community mobility concerns and will report their progress to the Village Health & Public Safety Committee. Activities will include ideating mobility solutions, identifying and applying for mobility grant funding, driving mobility safety events and communication campaigns, and more.

Those interested in serving as a SO-MAC member or to volunteer for mobility activities should complete a volunteer form on our Village website. For the chair position in particular, the Village is seeking those with strong leadership and recruitment skills, a professional background and/or deep interest in mobility matters, and project management proficiency. Chair applicants should anticipate a time commitment of approximately 7 to 10 hours per week; all applicants should indicate the amount of their weekly time that is available to work on SO-MAC activities.

H. **Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling**

A Presentation to the Maplewood/South Orange Community on Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling future by Zero Waste USA will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30pm.



To join the meeting, please use the following zoom link:
<https://www.twp.maplewood.nj.us/home/events/59916>

7. Presentation

- A. Storage Platform, LLC - Concept Plan
- B. Library Presentation
Jill Faherty, Library Director & Hildy Karp, Library Board President

8. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment.

9. Approval of Minutes

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Board's approval of the minutes for the following meeting:
 - Regular meeting held on September 13, 2021 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

10. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2021-263 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLIFF POMERANTZ AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- B. 2021-264 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON 45 THIRD STREET
- C. 2021-265 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 9 LENNOX TERRACE
- D. 2021-266 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- E. 2021-267 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #10 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INCREASE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LABOR, MATERIALS AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO INSTALL PLYWOOD SHEATHING AT LOCATIONS WHERE SHEATHING DOES NOT EXIST. INCLUDES ADDITIONAL LABOR AND DISPOSAL ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVAL OF MULTIPLE LAYERS OF EXISTING ROOF SYSTEM. WILL BE PERFORMED ON A TIME AND MATERIALS BASIS ON A NOT TO



EXCEED INCREASE OF \$73,650.95 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT

- F. 2021-268 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TORO SAND PRO 5040 MODEL #08745 THRU VENDOR STORR TRACTOR COMPANY UNDER THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BID #20-03, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,819.38
- G. 2021-269 RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- H. 2021-270 RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9.5 OF THE LACKAWANNA + VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING STORAGE PLATFORM TO PROCEED BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FOR SITE PLAN AND/OR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL
- I. 2021-271 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$700,000 BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY WATER BANK
- J. 2021-272 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- K. 2021-273 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2021 HYBRID FORD ESCAPES, SE MODEL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THRU ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #060618-EFM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000
- L. 2021-274 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2022 FORD F-350 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THRU ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #060618-EFM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000 PER MONTH FOR THE LEASING OF VEHICLES

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Board of Health



- A. Recess Meeting of Board of Trustees and Convene as the Board of Health.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call: Board Member Brown
Board Member Collum
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board Member Zuckerman
Board President Coalier

Board Members have been provided with the monthly report for September 2021 from John M. Festa, M.A., Health Officer.

Adjourn as the Board of Health to Reconvene as the Board of Trustees.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call: Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
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12. 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 September 27, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-275 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,376,630.53



ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. **Village President Report**
14. **Village Administrator Report**
 - Master Plan Update
15. **Village Counsel Report**
16. **Trustee Reports**
 - A. **Trustee Brown**
 - Recreation and Cultural Affairs Update
 - B. **Trustee Coalier**
 - Community Care & Justice
 - C. Trustee Haskins
 - D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
 - E. Trustee Jones
 - F. Trustee Zuckerman
17. **Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment
18. **New Business**
 - A. Changing the way we collect leaves!
19. **Adjournment**