



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021 - 7:15 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

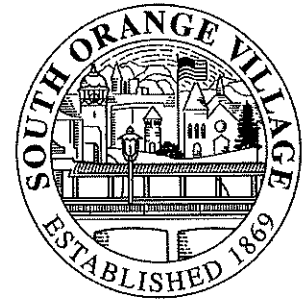
Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

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. Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-237 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Recycling Contract (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- General Redevelopment (Attorney /Client Privilege Matter)
- Hurricane Ida (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Personnel Matters (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)

Trustee Hilton moved to approve Resolution 2021-237, 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
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6. **Announcements**

President Collum read the following 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. **Department of Public Works**

The regularly scheduled South Orange Container Day on Saturday September 18th has been Relocated to Waterlands Park on 3rd Street from 8am to 1:30pm. South Orange residents may drop off large bulk



household items at this event, excluding electronics, hazardous waste, and construction materials.

C. **SOMA Two Towns for All Ages Repair Cafe**

The annual Repair Café will be held on Saturday, October 16 by the Skatehouse at the Duck Pond in South Orange from 1-4 pm.

The Repair Café, run by Soma 2 Towns for All Ages is a community gathering where people bring beloved broken items for repair, free of charge, by skilled volunteers who might also be your neighbors. The goal is to keep useful things useful and out of the landfill/incinerator.

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.

D. **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.

E. **Suicide Prevention Month**

September is Suicide Prevention Month and the South Orange Community Care & Justice Initiative is hosting 2 workshops:

1) Thursday, 9/16 at 7pm: Anxiety Management for Ever changing Normalcy - for youth 13 to 18 years old (parental/guardian registration required)

2) Tuesday, 9/21 at 7:30p: Talk Saves Lives; A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention - for adults.

For details and to register, please visit:

<https://www.southorange.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2128>

F. **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.**

7. Proclamation

- A. September 2021 Village of the Month - Pam Bachorz
Trustee Brown read the proclamation honoring and commending Ms. Bachorz as Village of the Month for all the work and wonderful contributions she made in the Township of South Orange. Ms. Bachorz was honored and thanked the board for the recognition.

8. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment.
Michael Parlapiano expressed his concerns regarding recycling. He felt the Village should reject the single stream collection system and as an alternative issue an RFP for dual stream collection and a creating a location in town for residents can bring their recycling. He hopes another year does not slip by without substantial improvements to the recycling.

9. Approval of Minutes

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

Trustee Hilton moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 9, 2021 seconded by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee Coalier moved to approve the minutes of the special meetings held on August 17, 2021 and August 27, 2021, seconded by Trustee Jones.



Roll Call Vote:

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

10. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2021-18 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION OF VALLEY STREET SOUTH ORANGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR A STORAGE PROJECT WITH RESPECT TO A PORTION OF VILLAGE LOCATED ON BLOCK 2302, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 13 AND 14 AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FROM STORAGE PLATFORM, LLC TO VALLEY STREET SOUTH ORANGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-18 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- B. 2021-19 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE IDA IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,750,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-19 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Brown.



Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

- C. 2021-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING VILLAGE CODE SECTION 143 TO WAIVE FEES UNDER SECTION 143-8 AND SECTION 143-33 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR TREE REMOVAL RELATED TO DAMAGE FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA PROVIDED THE PROPERTY OWNER, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE, PLACES THE TOWNSHIP ON NOTICE AS PROVIDED HEREIN OF ITS INTENT TO SEEK SUCH WAIVER AND COMPLETES THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021

Trustee Jones moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-20 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Trustee Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-18, Ordinance 2021-19 and Ordinance 2021-20 shall be at the Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM. On that dates, the Board may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that the Ordinances are published in the Official Newspaper and posted in an open place in the Municipal Offices. The motion was seconded by Trustee Coalier. All members were in favor and none opposed.



11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

2021-238 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT **(RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

2021-239 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT OF CGP&H LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLAGE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING

2021-241 RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASE ORDERS TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS TO VENDORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH EMERGENCY OCCURENCES THAT OCCURRED REGARDING HURRICANE IDA IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-242 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-243 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL AND TASK ORDER 2021-04 OF HDR, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ENGINEER, SUPPORT AND PROJECT MANAGE THE CREST DRIVE TANK REPLACEMENT AND VARIOUS CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$422,540.00

2021-244 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2020 INTERNATIONAL MODEL HV507 CAB & CHASSIS, ALUMINUM DUMP BODY AND WAUSAU MODEL HSS3610 PLOW/MODEL 225C HITCH 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 \$320,396.00

2021-245 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2022 DODGE DURANGO V 6 PURSUIT ALL WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THRU ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #060618-EFM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,187.00

2021-246 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2022 DODGE DURANGO V 8 PURSUIT ALL WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THRU ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT #060618-EFM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$66,883.00



2021-247 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2022 RAM 3500 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 \$52,805.00

2021-248 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING A PATROL OFFICER IN THE SOUTH ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE FORCE

2021-249 RESOLUTION PROMOTING ANDREW MUNNS TO THE POSITION OF CLERK 2, STEP 7, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

2021-250 RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2021 SALARY FOR THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

2021-251 RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2021 SALARY FOR THE IT TECHNICIAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2021-252 RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2021 SALARY FOR THE ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2021-253 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT AND HIRING OF RYAN PAGANO AS THE FULL-TIME RECREATION LEADER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2021-254 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY AND DR. JUAN A. RIOS, JR. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH ORANGE CARE & COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT

2021-255 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUSTIN BALIK AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2021-256 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA AND RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM AS AN IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL TOOL TO ADDRESS IT

2021-257 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EXTRA DUTY SOLUTIONS TO ADMINISTER EXTRA DUTY PROGRAM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021-258 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY



APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-49 TO FUND VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE IDA AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY NOTES TO FUND SUCH EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

2021-259 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-49 TO FUND A DOWN PAYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE IDA

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt resolutions 2021-239 and 2021-241 through 2021-259, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution for Separate Action

2021-240 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-228 AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION AND THE TAKING OF POSSESSION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT LOT 21 IN BLOCK 2103, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 133 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FROM the FATHER VINCENT MONELLA CENTER OF ITALIAN CULTURE OF SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Trustee Coalier moved to adopt resolutions 2021-240, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes
Motion carried	



12. Alcohol and Beverage Control Board

- A. Trustee Hilton moved to recess the meeting of Board of Trustees and convene as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, seconded by Trustee Haskins. All members were in favor.

Roll Call:

Board Member Brown
Board Member Coalier
Board Member Haskins
Board Member Hartshorn Hilton
Board Member Jones
Board Member Zuckerman
Board President Collum

2021-260 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-197
WITHDRAWING THE RENEWAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE OF EDEN CAFÉ
& DINING UNTIL AUTHORIZATION FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF ALCHOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL PERMITTING LOCAL
APPROVAL

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolution 2021-260, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

There being no further discussion, Trustee Coalier moved to adjourn as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to reconvene as the Board of Trustees, seconded by Trustee Haskins. All members were in favor.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present



13. 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 13, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-261 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,594,656.29

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt the Bill List Resolution 2021-261, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

14. Village President Report

President Collum discussed the following:

- All applications for the Third Street Affordable Housing project has been submitted to the New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Financing Agency
- The Irvington Avenue project site plan is currently before the Planning Board. Trustee Jones and Trustee Zuckerman did a great job getting the Seton Village Community involved. The next Planning Board meeting is October 4th and President Collum encourages the residents to engage in the meeting.
- Second Edition of the Gaslight Newsletter will go out soon. Ms. Doran has done a great job on the layout and they have received a lot of positive feedback.
- President Collum thanked everyone for participating in the 911 Ceremony. The beautiful ceremony was hosted by the South Orange Public Library.
- The Master Plan is heading to the Planning Board in October. The plan will be posted on the somasterplan.com for public view prior to the Planning Board meeting.
- Congratulation to the students, teachers and parents for back to



school and hoping to have a safe and healthy year to all of our students.

- President Collum discussed the Village Covid mandate for all employees and expressed her sadness that the mandate is not coming from the State. However, she and the Board of Trustees expect the public to extend the same courtesy to the Village Staff and consider the health of the employees by using online forms if you are not vaccinated.

15. Village Administrator Report

- Hurricane Ida – Mr. Loehner thanked all the Village staff for going above and beyond to getting things back to normal and help residents during this tough time. There is still a lot of work to be done but he appreciates everyone's efforts.
- Summer Hours - The summer hours ended Labor Day and was very successful. Appreciate all the residents that came in during our late Monday nights. A memo will go out with more details and whether or not to continue these hours in the future.
- Employee COVID Policy has been put in place. All Village employees are required to be vaccinated or tested weekly.
- South Orange Alert System Update – Civicplus changed the vendor on the back end. It does not have a huge effect but If you are interested in updating your information, please visited the website and you will find information on how to download use the mobile app called mobile alerts.

Mr. Loehner also discussed a proposal to create a streetscape that can you used in the downtown potentially throughout the neighborhoods.

President Collum discussed the status on the proposed upgrades to the radios. There is a State contract that was awarded to Motorola to create new sites and towers and she asked if they would look at Seton Hall's tower. President Collum will check on the status with the State's Information Technology team and provide and update at the next meeting.

16. Village Counsel Report

There was no report



17. **Trustee Reports**

A. **Trustee Brown**

B. **Trustee Coalier**

- Tropical Storm Ida Response – Trustee Coalier mentioned in the last Health & Public Safety meeting they discussed in details all the heroic moments that of all the first responders demonstrated in some very dangerous situations that came with storm Ida. There is a blog run by the Community Police Collaborative at outreachcpc.org, which talks about police matters and some of the heroic moments of the first responders.
- Community Care & Justice Program – Survey is still open and looking to get more responses. The survey link can be found on the Village website of the Community Care & Justice launch page. Residents may begin to see door knob tags and the CC&J team around town giving more information on the program.
- Police Digital Video System Update – There was a Village Town Hall to see what the residents are looking for in a Police Digital Video system. They received great feedback. The police have been asked to take a hard look at their policy to see how it is deployed and take into account the community feedback. There will be an updated proposal of the Police policy coming soon.

C. **Trustee Haskins**

Trustee Haskins thanked Mike Candarella Director of DPW and his staff for their hard work during Hurricane Ida. The DPW facility is completely under water and asked for patience as the work on getting the facility back up and running.

- Recycling/Municipal Solid Waste – On October 5th, there will be a collaborative meeting hosted by Maplewood. The results of the Zero Waste Consultant will be presented to the public.
- Trees – There is an exciting plan to plant 110 street trees this fall the 2nd week of November. Trees plantings by Lisa Simms and her NJ Tree Foundation Crew.
- Community Garden had a great successful year with harvesting over 100 pounds of produce donated to food



pantries. Unfortunately, Hurricane Ida destroyed the garden and they are trying to salvage but donation are done for this year for food pantries. Hoping to be back up and running soon.

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

E. **Trustee Jones**

- Arts Advisory Committee – Received applications for Arts Committee and they are planning to reform and try to get Arts back into the community. There will be an information session towards the end of September or early October.
- Carter Park – Completeness is moving slower than anticipated. They are waiting on a few more items to get done such as landscaping, fencing, trash cans and hoping to an official opening in October.
- Seton Village Mural Replacement – Owner is providing funding for the mural that was accidentally removing. They are currently working to replace the mural, more information to come.
- Irvington Avenue Streetscape Project – The project is almost complete. The crosswalks are done and it looks great.
- Downtown Dance Party on September 24th 5pm – 7pm and move night on September 26th 7pm – 10pm featuring In The Heights. Additional information can be found on the Village Calendar.

F. **Trustee Zuckerman**

- SOPAC encounter significant damage to the lobby and auditorium due to Hurricane Ida. The theater is closed for the rest of the month and all shows have been rescheduled to 2022. The movie theater is still up and running. SOPAC is hosting an in person Gala on November 6th. Trustee Zuckerman encourages everyone to participate as SOPACC really needs the support.
- Cannabis Task Force Update – The Task Force has been meeting regularly throughout the summer making progress and lots of great ideas. The next meeting is later this month. They are looking to have a virtual town hall sometime in



October.

18. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment:

Julie McCourt 73 Hixon Place, thanked the Board of Trustees, Village Administrations and all the staff for responding so quickly during Hurricane Ida and the subsequent clean up. She also thanked the board for their advocacy in getting Essex County included in FEMA. Ms. McCourt thanked everyone for the Town Hall on Recycling with Zero Waste, was pleased to share her thoughts. As it relates to recycling, she discussed what she is willing to do such as separating the recycling, placing bins at the curb and volunteering. She discussed what she would not do as it pertains to recycling such as pay more taxes, pay to a company that does not actually recycle or any type of collection containers.

Nancy Tipnis commented via chat – Expressed her concerns regarding recycling and doing away with home pickup. She felt they should not repair DPW but instead restore the flood plains and asked if they could be looked into sharing with Maplewood and West Orange.

19. New Business

A. Giordano Recycling Contract

Trustee Haskins discussed the ongoing collaboration with Maplewood and the plans for 2023. There is a joint meeting scheduled for October 5th hosted by Maplewood and the public will get more information. The Zero Waste Consultant has advised and recommended to renew Giordano for 2022 and focus on 2023 giving contractors time to respond to the big changes the RFP is asking for and they will be looking for a longer term contract from a single contractor. President Collum stated the committee has done a great job and they are hoping to create a longer term contract to fit our needs. She invites everyone to join the October 5th joint meeting with Maplewood. The Zero Waste Consultant has made the recommendation and the Village will be renewing the Giordano contract already in place with the option for 2022.

20. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Trustee Jones moved to adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:40 pm. President Collum announced the next



regular scheduled meeting is Monday, September 27, 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://southorangenetwpnj.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=388&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojeri E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village President