



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 11, 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. Ogetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-276 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

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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. **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.**

D. **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.

E. **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 identifying 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.

F. **Late Night Voter Registration - 2021 General Election**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 is the last day to register for the 2021 General Election, which will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The Village Clerk's Office will remain open until 9:00 PM to allow Village and County residents the opportunity to register to vote. In addition, residents wishing to "Vote By Mail" may get applications either from the Village Clerk's Office or the Essex County Clerk's Office at the Essex County Hall of Records. The last day to apply by mail for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot is October 26, 2021. For more information, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at (973) 378-7715 ext. 1 or visit the Election page on the Village website at: www.southorange.org.

G. **The South Orange Recycling Facility has Reopened**

The Public Works facility reopened this past Saturday and resumed collection of recyclable materials and yard debris. Please note:

- No commercial vehicles, Ida storm-related debris, household bulk items, or construction debris can be accepted.
- Mulch and humus are not available at this time.
- DPW will continue to circulate throughout South Orange picking up yard debris left at the curb
- Facility hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30am-4pm and Saturdays from 8am-12pm (Noon)



Please visit the DPW Recycling Page for details:
southorange.org/489/Recycling

H. **Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

The Department of South Orange Recreation and Cultural Affairs is hosting a Cornhole Tournament on October 30th at 1 PM, in the Sloan Street Lot. Advance registration is required and spots are limited. If you would like to participate, please visit the department's website. Costumes are optional.

Watershed Literary Events, a spoken-word series sponsored by the Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs in South Orange, will host its third virtual reading of the year on Sunday, October 17, at 2 pm. The reading will feature two editors who are also poets—Deborah Garrison and Rogan Kelly. The event is free and open to the public and can be accessed through Zoom. For additional information, please visit the department's website.

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 meeting:

- Regular meeting held on September 27, 2021 (Trustee Coalier is ineligible to vote)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

9. **Ordinance for First Reading**

A. 2021-21 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY CARE AND JUSTICE SOCIAL WORKER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

10. **Ordinances for Second 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

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 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

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2021-277 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



- B. 2021-278 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF SHI FOR CABLING FOR CAMERAS AT SOPAC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,350.39
- C. 2021-279 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME, SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2021-280 RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY FOR A PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- E. 2021-281 RESOLUTION TO PLACE A CELEBRATION GARDEN IN GROVE PARK
- F. 2021-282 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 8 TILLOU ROAD WEST
- G. 2021-283 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT, ON NON-FAIR AND OPEN BASIS, BY AND BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND MICHAEL RICCIARDELLI FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH ORANGE CARE & COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT
- H. 2021-284 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND EVAN COLLIER FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH ORANGE CARE & COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT
- I. 2021-285 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION AND USE OF \$100,000.00 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN SUPPORT OF AND FOR USE IN THE WEALTH GAP EQUALIZER LOAN PROGRAM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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 October 11, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-286 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2021 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,964,491.74



ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Village President Report

- Master Plan presentation to the Planning Board 10/26, 7pm. Public comments and questions on the Master Plan in November, Date TBA.

14. Village Administrator Report

- The Gaslight Fall Edition

15. Village Counsel Report

16. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown

B. **Trustee Coalier**

- Community Care & Justice

C. **Trustee Haskins**
Environmental Commission / Green Team

- Municipal Solid Waste / Recycling
- Trees
- Leaves
- Stormwater

D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton

E. **Trustee Jones**

- Newcomers Day, Thank You!
- NPP Grant
- Kiosks

F. **Trustee Zuckerman**

- Cannabis Town Hall, Thursday October 21, 7pm via WebEx

17. Public Comment



Village President opens meeting for public comment

18. New Business

19. Adjournment