



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 25, 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

2021-287 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table.

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
Ms. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

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. **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.**



C. **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.

D. **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

E. **Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

Basketball registration for players grades 6-8 is open. The program runs from December 4 - February 25 on Saturdays at the South Orange Middle School Gym. For additional information, please visit



the department's website.

Indoor Field Hockey Registration coming soon for grades 6-8. The program will run from December 2nd - February 3rd on Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm. For additional details, please visit the department's website.

Seton Village Celebration

Join us on Friday evening, October 29 for a Seton Village Celebration.

We'll share all the good news about everything happening in Seton Village and enjoy some festive family fun with food from local restaurants and fall-themed crafts for the kids.

At dusk we'll show The Addams Family Movie. So bring your family, your neighbors, some lawn chairs and enjoy this family-friendly community celebration on the front lawn of the Father Vincent Monella Italian Cultural Center. Come for the news and stay for the celebration!

The Details:

Date: Friday, October 29 from 5:30PM - 8:30PM

South Orange Cornhole Classic

On Saturday, October 30th, come out to the Sloan Street lot to cheer on your friends and neighbors in the first South Orange Cornhole Classic. The brackets are complete with 32 teams competing and there's sure to be laughs and possibly heartbreak! The games start at 1pm and go until we have our winners. Costumes are optional but be sure to bring your A-game. Registration is \$20/team. Visit the department website for additional information.

The Details:

Date: Saturday, October 30th from 1PM-5PM (or end of play)

Free Halloween Family Movie

On Halloween Sunday, after you've enjoyed all of the fun at Spooky Spiotta, walk your little ghosts and goblins over to our partners at The Village of SOPAC for a free, family friendly screening of Goosebumps! The movie starts at 1:45pm which will give you lots of time to enjoy trick-or-treating after the film!

The Details:



Date: Sunday, October 31 from 1:45PM - 3:30PM

F. **2021 General Election**

The 2021 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, and the polls will be open from 6am to 8pm. Please check your sample ballot to locate your polling site or visit the Election page on the Village's website. The Village Clerk's office will be open on Election Day from 5:00am - 8:00pm. If you need assistance, please call (973) 378-7715 ext. 1.

The deadline for those wishing to request a Mail-In Ballot by mail is October 26, 2021. For those wishing to request a Mail-In Ballot in person have until 3pm on Monday, November 1, 2021, by going to the Essex County Clerk's Office, Essex County Hall of Records, Room 246, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Newark, NJ.

In-Person Early Voting is held from Saturday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 31st. Early voting hours are Monday through Saturday 10am to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm. No appointment necessary. Please visit the Village website for the list of locations in Essex County.

For voters who have requested a Vote by Mail Ballot, we now have 2 locations for the Safe and Secured Essex County Election Ballot Drop Box:

1. The Gazebo across from the South Orange Fire Station (56 Sloan Street).
2. Seton Hall University in front of Duffy Hall

7. **Presentation**

A. **Village Spotlight**

Community Relations Committee celebrates 25 years with the Community Coalition on Race

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 October 11, 2021 (Trustee Hilton is ineligible to vote)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

10. Ordinance for First Reading

- A. 2021-22 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Ordinances for Second Reading

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2021-288 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- B. 2021-289 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- C. 2021-290 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME COMMUNITY CARE & JUSTICE SOCIAL WORKER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- D. 2021-291 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A ZERO WASTE COMMUNITY, PURSUIT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIES ARTICULATED BY



ZERO WASTE ASSOCIATES AND THE CREATION OF A JOINT WORKING GROUP WITH MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND RELEASING A JOINT PUBLIC BID FOR COLLECTION AND PROCESSING SERVICES DESIGNED TO ADVANCE THE PRODUCTION OF ZERO WASTE

- E. 2021-292 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
- F. 2021-293 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. 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 October 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
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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14. Alcohol and Beverage Control Board

- A. Recess meeting of the Board of Trustees and convene as the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board

VOICE VOTE:

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

2021-294 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE
FOR EDEN CAFÉ & DINING LLC FOR THE 2021-2022 LICENSE TERM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Adjourn as the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board 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
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator



Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

15. 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 25, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-295 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2021
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,938,303.94

ROLL CALL VOTE:

16. Village President Report

17. Village Administrator Report

- Employee Vaccination Update
- 2020 Audit Report

18. Village Counsel Report

19. 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
- F. Trustee Zuckerman

20. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment

21. New Business

22. Adjournment