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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 8, 2021 - 7:00 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

2021-296 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the November 8, 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 table.

5. **Reconvene into Open Session**

ROLL CALL

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Trustee Jones
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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. **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 you avoid shutoffs scheduled to begin January 2022, 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. **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.

Registration for indoor baseball and softball clinics is now open. The clinics will be held at the SOMS Gymnasium on Mondays starting November 29th. The program will run for 8 weeks and is open to players ages 7-12. For additional information please visit the department's website.

Registration for a new strength and conditioning program is open. This new clinic will focus on improving the player's speed, strength and agility for all sports. The clinic will be held at the SOMS Gymnasium on Tuesdays starting November 30th and is open to athletes ages 7-12. Please visit the department's website for additional information.

D. **Commuter Jitney Re-Launch**

The Village of South Orange and SOPA is pleased to announce the re-start of the commuter jitney service. A new schedule will begin running on Monday, November 15, 2021. Due to a number of factors, the service has been revised from four to two primary routes. One covering Newstead/Wyoming and one covering Montague/Ward/Tuxedo Park/Montrose. The Newstead route will include all of the previous stops in Newstead plus additional stops along North Wyoming Ave down to Franklin and Melrose. The Tuxedo Park route will begin on Montague Place to Ward to include some of the former Irvington Ave area before proceeding to Tuxedo Park and Montrose. New stops are being introduced in Tuxedo Park. Please review the new schedule carefully.

Fees: A valid 2020 pass will be honored from November 15, 2021 thru August 30, 2022. This covers the 9.5 months of unused use in 2020.



Show the driver your valid 2020 pass or receipt. Beginning September 1, 2022 a pro-rated pass will be available for \$100 for the balance of the year. Call the office for purchase information. New Riders: November 15 thru December 31, 2021 pay as you go \$2.00 each way. Exact amount - no change given. January 1, 2022 purchase an annual pass for \$300. Call the office for purchase information.

COVID 19: Masks required. Buses sanitized daily. Social distancing optional. Any questions please email: nrodriguez@southorange.org or call (973) 378-7715 x203

7. Presentation

- A. Presentation by the Shade Tree Committee

8. Villager of the Month

- A. November 2021 Villager of the Month - William Dahn

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 25, 2021 (Trustee Coallier is ineligible to vote)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

10. Ordinances 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:

- B. 2021-23 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, SECTION 340-10 WITH RESPECT TO PROHIBITED PARKING ON VALLEY STREET AND SECTION 340-22 WITH



RESPECT TO LOADING ZONE ON VALLEY STREET

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2021-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE ADOPTING AN "ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY"

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2021-297 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ALEXANDER ELIAS ARCHITECTURE, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURE SERVICES AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 133 FAIRVIEW AVENUE
- B. 2021-298 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME NPP COORDINATOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2021-299 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE PREMIUMS FOR CERTIFICATE # 17-0035
- D. 2021-300 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENT CREDIT FOR 81 KENMORE AVENUE
- E. 2021-301 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Village President Appointment

- A. 2021-VP10 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIE MCCOURT AS A CLASS B ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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 November 8, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.



2021-302 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 2021
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,181,520.50

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. **Village President Report**
15. **Village Administrator Report**
 - 2021 Best Practices Inventory
16. **Village Counsel Report**
17. **Trustee Reports**
 - A. Trustee Brown
 - B. **Trustee Coalier**
 - Community Care & Justice
 - C. Trustee Haskins
 - D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
 - E. Trustee Jones
 - F. **Trustee Zuckerman**
 - Cannabis Update
18. **Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment
19. **New Business**
20. **Adjournment**