



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 13, 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

2021-310 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



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

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

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Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
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6. Special Presentation

- A. **The Honorable Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.**, representing New Jersey's 10th Congressional District will present an update of his actions in Congress to benefit the people of South Orange, including key provisions from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Build Back Better Act.

7. Announcements

- A. **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. If you haven't gotten the vaccine yet, please do so. The Pfizer vaccine is currently available to residents 5 years and up. The Moderna vaccine is currently available for residents aged 12 and up. A 3rd dose or a booster dose is recommended and available to certain ages and in certain circumstances. The NJ COVID-19 information center has issued a chart to explain and simplify these guidelines. You can find this on the southorange.org website's COVID-19 information page, call your



primary care doctor or call New Jersey's toll-free vaccination hotline at 1-855-568-0545.

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**

Registration for our second session of indoor baseball and softball clinics is now open. The clinics will be held at the SOMS Gymnasium on Mondays starting January 24th. The program will run for 8 weeks and is open to players ages 7-12. For additional information, please visit the department's website.

Indoor soccer clinic registration is now open. This program is available to players ages 7-12. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon. More information about the program can be found on the department's website.

The second session of Indoor Field Hockey Registration for grades 6-8 is open. The program will begin Feb 3rd on Thursdays from 6pm - 7pm. For additional details, please visit the department's website.

Spring Baseball registration is right around the corner. Registration for players ages 5-15 will begin January 1st. For more information, please visit the department's website or sombaseball.org

D. **TRAFFIC NOTICE for West South Orange Avenue**

Essex County has announced emergency bridge repairs on West South Orange Avenue, near 1 SOPAC Way, beginning on or about Monday December 13. Emergency repairs to the bridge spanning the east branch of Rahway River will take place. Traffic is expected to be impacted.

Construction crews and traffic directors will attempt to keep one lane open in both directions. However, the roadway will be subject



to partial or full closures as needed, with Third Street and Montrose Avenue utilized as detour routes.

The project is expected to take 6 weeks to complete. Thus, we ask commuters and residents to plan accordingly and use alternate routes.

E. **WINTER SNOW REMOVAL**

We want to remind the public of our snow-removal ordinance, the goal of which is to help ensure safe and accessible passage for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, particularly children walking to and from school.

The ordinance requires residents to clear snow from their sidewalks within 12 daylight hours following a snowfall and prohibits moving snow into the street. Ice must be removed; treated with a thawing substance; or thoroughly covered with sand, ashes or cinders. If there is a fire hydrant on your property, you are required to clear it by three feet on each side and with a clear path to the sidewalk.

Additionally, residents are asked to heed the following guidelines:

- Park vehicles in driveways during snowfall to allow curb-to-curb plowing. If you park on a street, you are expected to clear the area around your vehicle.
- On-Street permit parkers should move their car(s) to the Third Street garage to allow for street plowing.
- Delay driveway shoveling until after streets are cleaned. Avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street.
- Inform private contractors not to pile snow in roadways.
- Do not allow parked cars to protrude into the roadway or block the sidewalk.
- Shovel walkways and driveways in such a way that emergency services can access your home in the event of a fire, illness, or public-safety emergency.

8. Promotion

- A. Swearing-In Ceremony:
Village President Collum shall administer the Oath-of-Office to recently promoted Fire Personnel in the South Orange Fire Department pursuant to the Resolution on this evening's agenda,



appointing as such:

Promotion to Deputy Fire Chief

- David Klugel

9. Presentation

- A. Understanding Demographics of South Orange Committees

10. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment.

11. Approval of Minutes

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

- Regular meeting held on November 22, 2021 (Trustee Haskins is ineligible to vote)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2021-25 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 185-176 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PARKING REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR NEW BUSINESSES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Ordinance for Second 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

PUBLIC HEARING:



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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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"

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2021-311 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AN APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87
- B. 2021-312 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES
- C. 2021-313 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR BOND COUNSEL
- D. 2021-314 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR LABOR & EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL
- E. 2021-315 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR LITIGATION COUNSEL
- F. 2021-316 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR REDEVELOPMENT/LAND USE COUNSEL
- G. 2021-317 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR TAX APPEAL COUNSEL
- H. 2021-318 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL
- I. 2021-319 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AN APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87



- J. 2021-320 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #11 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INCREASE TO REMOVE UNSUITABLE SOILS AT THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE NEW ADDITION NOT TO EXCEED INCREASE OF \$7,852.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- K. 2021-321 RESOLUTION AWARDED A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO RAMAS CLIMATE & REFRIGERATION, LLC FOR HVAC REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR
- L. 2021-322 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO SAL ELECTRIC CO.
- M. 2021-323 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING SERVICES TO THOMAS O'NEILL PLUMBING
- N. 2021-324 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR A SPECIAL PEST CONTROL CLEAN-UP OF AT 17 SOUTH KINGMAN ROAD FOR 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250.00
- O. 2021-325 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL AND TASK ORDER 2021-06 OF HDR, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ENGINEER, SUPPORT AND PROJECT MANAGE THE DECOMMISSIONING OF WELL#17, THE DEMOLITION OF ASSOCIATED TREATMENT FACILITIES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD AND THE REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY PIPING CONNECTED TO WELL#17 DISCHARGE PIPING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,561.
- P. 2021-326 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #12 - FOR FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INCREASE TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO HOTBOX OF \$12,822.21.00 TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT
- Q. 2021-327 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- R. 2021-238 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- S. 2021-329 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RENTAL REHABILITATION MANUAL
- T. 2021-330 RESOLUTION PROMOTING AND PROVISIONALLY APPOINTING DAVID KLUGEL AS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF IN THE SOUTH ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE FORCE



- U. 2021-331 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF CONSENT TO TWA-1 PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION FOR THE LACKAWANNA PLACE AND VALLEY ST DEVELOPMENT BY STORAGE PLATFORM, LLC
- V. 2021-332 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE COUNSEL TO ACCEPT THE VALUATION OF 45 WEST THIRD STREET BY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT
- W. 2021-333 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY AND MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMAN FOR LEGAL SERVICES
- X. 2021-334 RESOLUTION REGARDING DETECTION OF RADIO COVERAGE ISSUES AND NOTICE TO OWNERS OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

ROLL CALL VOTE:

15. Village President Appointments

- A. 2021-VP14 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OLIVIA LEWIS-CHANG AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
- B. 2021-VP15 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE MASON AS A CLASS IV ALTERNATE #1 MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PLANNING BOARD

16. 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



December 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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17. 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 December 13, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-335 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 13, 2021
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,771,398.67

ROLL CALL VOTE:

18. Village President Report

19. Village Administrator Report

20. Village Counsel Report

21. Trustee Reports

- A. Trustee Brown
B. **Trustee Coalier**



- Community Care & Justice

C. **Trustee Haskins**
Environmental Commission

- Green Team
- Zero Waste Committee
- Shade Tree Committee
- River Greenway Committee

D. **Trustee Hartshorn Hilton**

- Library Update

E. **Trustee Jones**

- Arts Advisory
- Volunteer Management

F. **Trustee Zuckerman**

22. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment

23. New Business

24. Adjournment