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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021 - 10:00 AM
Virtual Webex Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins - ABSENT
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Ms. Doran, Deputy Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, 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. 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. **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.

President Collum gave a shout to Trustee Zuckerman on the raising of the Transgender Flag in the downtown area on Saturday and the PBA Local 12 and their partnership with the school district to supply turkeys supporting families in the South Orange and Maplewood Districts. There will be Menorah lighting on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:30 in Spiotta Park.

5. Public Comment

Village President open the meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.

6. 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 8, 2021 (All Trustees are eligible to vote)

Trustee Hilton moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

2021-303 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SERGEANT JOHN NIEDZINSKI AS THE HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

2021-304 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY



STATE CONTRACT # G-2004, FURNITURE, OFFICE, LOUNGE, & SYSTEM TO EXEMPLIS CORP C/O BFI, A81711, FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE AT THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,695.65

2021-305 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE 2022 MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

2021-306 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 401:4-58

2021-307 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT, ON NON-FAIR AND OPEN BASIS, BY AND BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND JAYME GANEY FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH ORANGE CARE & COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions 2021-303 through 2021-307, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

8. Village President Appointments

President Collum made the following new appointments to the South Orange Public Library Board and the South Orange Environmental Commission:

- A. 2021-VP11 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW HA AS A REGULAR MEMBER TRUSTEE TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
- B. 2021-VP12 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF EMILY BROWN AS A REGULAR MEMBER TRUSTEE TO THE SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
- C. 2021-VP13 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF WALTER CLARKE AS THE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



9. Board of Health

- A. Recess Meeting of Board of Trustees and Convene as the Board of Health.

Trustee Brown moved to recess the meeting of Board of Trustees and convene as the Board of Health, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman. All members were in favor.

Roll Call:

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

Board members have been provided with the monthly report for November 2021 from John M. Festa, M.A., Health Officer. Mr. Festa discussed his report, the recent uptick on covid cases and the process on complaints received from Seton Hall University.

President Collum mentioned that boosters are now available for the general public and vaccines are now available for children ages 5-11 years old. After children received their shots, they can receive ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery in South Orange. For more information on children vaccines, Mr. Festa suggested for parents to contact their pediatricians or visit the Essex County website.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Collum moved to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of Trustees, seconded by Mr. Brown. President Coalier adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:28 pm. All members were in favor.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

10. 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 22, 2021. The Board of Trustees has been provided



with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2021-308 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2021
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,991,979.09

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolution 2021-308, seconded by
Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Village President Report

President Collum deferred her report to the next meeting.

12. Village Administrator Report

There was no report.

13. Village Counsel Report

There was no report.

14. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown

B. **Trustee Coalier**

- Community Care & Justice – The grand finale of the Empowerment of the People with Until Freedom will be held at Seton Hall University in Schwartz Hall Room 113 at 6pm tonight. Many people have been competing for a \$5,000 Grant for social services proposals that will help solve issues that they are facing in their communities. This is a partnership with the City of Newark and the office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery. President Collum will be judge.



- C. Trustee Haskins
- D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
- E. Trustee Jones
- F. Trustee Zuckerman

15. Public Comment

Village President opens meeting for public comment:
There were no questions or comments from the public.

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2021-309 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the November 22,
2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session
 - Baird Community Center (Contract Negotiation)
 - Public Safety Radios (Contract Negotiation & Attorney/Client Privilege)

Trustee Hilton moved to approve Resolution 2021-309,
seconded by Trustee Brown. All Trustees were in favor and
none opposed.

18. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, President Collum adjourned the meeting
at approximately 10:35am, and announced the next regular scheduled
meeting is Monday, December 13, 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://southorangetwpnj.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=525&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:


Ojetta E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Sheena C. Collum, Village President

