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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

To access information on how to use WebEx to join the meeting, please click on the following link: <https://www.southorange.org/800/WebEx-FAQs>

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
Ms. Doran, Deputy Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the official newspapers of the Village, posted on the Village's website and filed in the Office of the Village Clerk indicating that this meeting is being held virtually via Cisco WebEx video conferencing. 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.

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2022-036 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the February 28, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees



A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Water System Valuation Report
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

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Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
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6. 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 18 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. Please note, due to decreased necessity, the county has closed the Livingston Mall/former Sears vaccination center. The Essex Green/former Kmart location in West Orange and the Essex County College vaccination centers are closing on April



2nd.

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 March 15, 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**

2022 Memberships are available for purchase or renewal. The benefits of this membership include access to the community pool, free tennis court reservations and discounts on many South Orange Recreation Department programs. You can complete your purchase on the department's website or in person.

Summer Playground Camp registration is open! The program provides the children with a variety of planned activities, including games, sports, music, art & special events. For registration and additional information, please visit the department's website.

Spring break baseball and softball camp registration is now open. Get ready for the upcoming season by spending the day playing baseball and softball. This program works on various skills while maintaining a fun level of play. Sign up online today!

D. **South Orange Police Department**

The South Orange Police Department is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Civil Service Commission will be holding examinations for entry-level police officers. Successful completion of this test is required to apply and be considered for employment as a police officer in the Township of South Orange Village.

This is a preferential hiring process for residents of South Orange between the ages of 18 to 35. Applicants must meet certain requirements in order to be considered for employment including:



United States citizenship, graduation from a high school or approved equivalent, possession of a valid NJ driver's license, an in-depth background investigation, medical and psychological testing, drug screening, and successful completion of a Police Academy training course.

We encourage anyone interested in pursuing a highly rewarding career in a progressive and diverse public safety organization to consider applying for the exam via the Civil Service Commission website:

Job Announcement:

<https://info.csc.state.nj.us/Vats/WebAnno.aspx?FileNumber=33900>

2022 Law Enforcement Examination (LEE) Fact Sheet:

<https://info.csc.state.nj.us/Vats/PdfForms/2022Law.pdf>

Per Civil Service Commission rules, all applications for the entry level examination must be completed on the CSC website by 2/28/2022.

South Orange Police Department personnel are available to assist in answering general questions regarding the application process. Please contact us at 973 763 3000.

E. **PSE&G offers Expanded Energy Assistance Programs**

New Jersey's grace period on utility disconnections due to the COVID-19 pandemic ended on December 31, 2021. Customers at risk of utility service disconnection can enroll in a Deferred Payment Arrangement (DPA) and apply for payment assistance to avoid an interruption of their utility service. More customers are now eligible for energy assistance programs that have been expanded with increased income limits and PSE&G is now offering more flexible payment options and new deferred payment arrangements. See the PSE&G announcement on southorange.org for more information.

F. **Women's History Month**

March is Women's History Month and we invite everyone to join us as we once again partner with our sister community of Maplewood to honor the lives and achievements of women with a series of programs designed to honor the past, inform the present and inspire the future. Visit somawomen.org for a list of local events starting with a Women's History Month proclamation tomorrow night, March 1, at 7:30 via zoom during the Maplewood Township Committee meeting.



G. **Friends Home Delivery Service**

South Orange residents: the Friends will deliver library books and DVDs to your home during the pandemic, and will pick them up three weeks later. **Home delivery is provided to residents of South Orange for whom travel to the Library presents a specific hardship.** The Friends initiated this service in February 2021, and by popular demand, have extended it through June 2022. We're very pleased to provide home delivery to the South Orange Community!

To sign up - please Call the Library 973-762-0230 or go to the library website: sopl.org/friends-of-sopl/

7. **Proclamations**

- A. Proclamation honoring and extending congratulations to Tonia Moore on the occasion of her retirement as President of the Friends of South Orange Public Library
- B. Proclamation recognizing Development Disabilities Awareness Month - March 2022

8. **Presentation**

- A. 2022 Water Utility Budget Presentation

9. **Public Comment**

Village President opens meeting for public comment.

10. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Board's approval of the minutes for the following meeting:
 - Regular meeting held on February 14, 2022 (Trustee Coalier is ineligible to vote)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. **Ordinances for First Reading**

- A. 2022-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143, "FEES", BY AMENDING BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES



ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2022-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RE-AUTHORIZING A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2022-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143, "FEES", BY AMENDING RENTAL PROPERTY FEES

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Ordinances for Second Reading

- A. 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 143, CHAPTER 101 AND CHAPTER 96 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO ESTABLISH LICENSING FEES, LOCAL LICENSING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUCH REGULATIONS FOR LEGAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND OPERATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING;

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 185 TO REMOVE CANNABIS BUSINESSES FROM THE LIST OF PROHIBITED USES IN SECTION 185-164 AND TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AS PROVIDED HEREIN

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2022-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 316 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO CREATE A MUNICIPAL TAX RELATIVE TO CANNABIS SALES, BUSINESSES AND OPERATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING:



ROLL CALL VOTE:

- D. 2022-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 143, "FEES", TO ADD AND INCLUDE COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- E. 2022-05 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE VILLAGE LIBRARY FACILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$16,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2022-037 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS
- B. 2022-038 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT
- C. 2022-039 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AARON DUSSAIR FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF ART SCULPTURE IN CARTER PARK
- D. 2022-040 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SETON VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- E. 2022-041 RESOLUTION – ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 21-0024
- F. 2022-042 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARED FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



- G. 2022-043 RESOLUTION URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-330 WHICH
RETURNS ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS

14. 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 February 2022 from John M. Festa, M.A., Health Officer.

Adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of Trustees.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
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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 February 28, 2022. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2022-044 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,570,208.13

ROLL CALL VOTE:

16. Village President Report

- Redevelopment Updates
- Affordable Housing Updates
- Police Chief Interviews
- Fire Department Merger
- Women's History Month

17. Village Administrator Report

18. Village Counsel Report

19. Trustee Reports

- A. Trustee Brown
- B. **Trustee Coalier**
- Community Care & Justice
- C. Trustee Haskins
- 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