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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

- 2. Roll Call**
- Village President Collum
 - Trustee Brown – ABSENT
 - 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

Village Clerk Davis read the following 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.

Trustee Coalier moved to approve Resolution 2202-036, seconded by Trustee Jones. All members were in favor and none opposed.

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
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6. Announcements

President Collum read the following 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:
Trustee Hilton read the proclamation that honored and expressed the sincerest appreciation to Ms. Moore for her impeccable leadership, dedication to the Public Library and its vision for the future. Ms. Moore thanked the board for this recognition and thanked everyone for all the support for the Library.
- B. Proclamation recognizing Development Disabilities Awareness Month - March 2022:
President Collum read the proclamation that recognized March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and encourages all residents to support those with developmental disabilities and their families in all aspects of community life.

8. **Presentation**

- A. 2022 Water Utility Budget Presentation:
Howard Levison Water Administration presented his 2022 Water Utility Budget. Mr. Levison discussed 2021 budget background, 2022 short term capital projects and 2022 operating budget.



9. Public Comment

Village President opened meeting for public comment;
There were no questions or comments from the public.

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)

Trustee Brown moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2022, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

11. Ordinances for First Reading

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

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-08 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

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



Trustee Haskins moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-09 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Trustee Jones moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-10 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinances 2022-08, 2022-09 and 2022-10 shall be at the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 beginning at 7:00 PM. On this date, the Board may take further action. The Village Clerk is directed to see that the Ordinances are published in the Official Newspaper and posted in an open place in the Municipal Offices. The motion was seconded by Trustee Coalier. All members were in favor and none opposed.

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: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-01 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes
Motion Carried	

- 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: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-02 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Coalier.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes
Motion Carried	

- 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: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-03 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Brown	Yes
Trustee Coalier	Yes
Trustee Haskin	Yes
Trustee Hilton	No
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Zuckerman	Yes
Motion Carried	

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

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-04 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 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: There were no questions or comments from the public.

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Ordinances 2022-05 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Haskins.

Roll Call Vote:

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

13. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

2022-037 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

2022-038 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT

2022-039 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AARON DUSSAIR FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF ART SCULPTURE IN CARTER PARK

2022-040 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SETON VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

2022-041 RESOLUTION – ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 21-0024

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

2022-043 RESOLUTION URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-330 WHICH RETORES ENGERGY TAX RECEIPTS

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolutions 2022-037 through 2022-043,



seconded by Trustee Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

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

14. Board of Health

- A. Recess meeting of Board of Trustees and convene as the Board of Health.

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

Roll Call:

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

The board members have been provided with the monthly report for February 2022 from John M. Festa, M.A., Health Officer. Mr. Festa discussed the number of covid cases and percentage of residents vaccinated. In response to board questions, Mr. Festa discussed the meaning of closing a covid case. President Coalier thanked Mr. Festa for all the work he has done with the covid cases. Ms. Collum encouraged the public to get their booster shots.

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. Haskins. All members were in favor. President Coalier adjourned the Board of Health at approximately 8:57 pm.



Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

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

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolution 2022-044, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

16. Village President Report

President Collum discussed the following:

- Redevelopment Updates – The Wells Fargo project at Sloan and 3rd Street is continuing to be heard at the Planning Board. The next meet is scheduled for March 7th.

Seton Hall University is proposing a dormitory at South Orange Avenue and Turrell Avenue which has come before the board in the past but was rejected. President Collum has a meeting scheduled with the Montrose Park Historic District second week in March to discuss some options. She will keep the Trustees posted.

- Affordable Housing Updates - For the Third Street project, a request has been made with the JESPY House for an additional Deed restriction for a one bedroom which will get us to full compliance with the third round.
Also, there is a property on Waverly Place that the Village maybe



able to potentially partner with a community development organization that has secured low income housing tax credits in order to provide 2 credits to the development for affordable housing. There will be more information in the future.

The Community Coalition on Race will be doing a massive unveiling relating to the Wealth Gap Equalizer Loan Program. The Village has committed to loan forgiveness up to \$3,500 for each new buyer that decides to invest in South Orange.

- Police Chief Interviews – Interviews have begun with the CPC and next will be the Board of Trustees then finally the Village Administrator and President Collum. She hopes to have an announcement of the new Chief next month.
- Fire Department Merger – Last week's union meeting had to be rescheduled to a later date. They are on schedule for the Joint Contract with Maplewood in March.
- Women's History Month – Tuesday, March 1st the ladies to the South Orange Board of Trustees and Maplewood elected officials and past officials for the reading of a proclamation. There will be a Day of Service lead by Trustee Hilton and the Environmental Commission and the Girl Scouts. On March 27th, all members of the community are invited to celebrate with all white group photos and watch a movie at the SOPAC Loft.

President Collum also discussed a joint 4th of July celebration with Maplewood and gathering volunteers to assist with the celebration. The Trustees were in agreement.

17. Village Administrator Report

There was no report.

18. Village Counsel Report

There was no report.

19. Trustee Reports

A. Trustee Brown - There was no report.

B. Trustee Coalier

- Community Care & Justice – Trustee Coalier shared the year-



end review with the Trustees and the Community Police Collaborative. CC&J are coming up on their 1 year anniversary on March 7th, a press release and final version of the year-end review will be posted to the Village website soon.

- C. Trustee Haskins - There was no report.
- D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton - There was no report.
- E. Trustee Jones discussed the last day of Black History Month that ended with two Podcast which can be found at South Orange Village Our Voices. The first podcast was Positively Influencing Children's Eating Habits and the second was an interview by Trustee Brown with Ahmad Russell, Founder of the Cipher Life on An Intimate Conversation. Trustee Jones thanked all those who participated in Black History Month.
- F. Trustee Zuckerman – There was no report.

20. Public Comment

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

21. New Business

Trustee Coalier discussed a Legislation Bill that would establish a Task Force for reparations. At the next meeting there will be a resolution to support this legislation.

22. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, President Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 pm, and announced the next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, March 14, 2022.

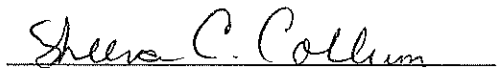
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