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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM

(In-Person/Hybrid Meeting)

South Orange Performing Arts Center

1 SOPAC Way - Main Stage

South Orange, New Jersey 07079

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-ABSENT

Mr. Rother, Village Counsel

Mr. Otis, Village Counsel

Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

Village Clerk David 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 in-person and through hybrid communication 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

2022-052 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the March 28, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session

- Fire Department (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Budget (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table.

Trustee Hilton moved to approve Resolution 2202-052, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman. All members were in favor and none opposed.

5. Reconvene into Open Session

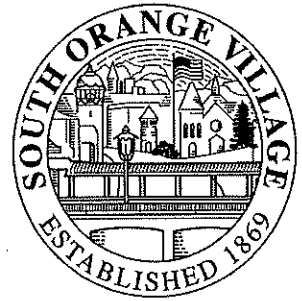
ROLL CALL Village President Collum
Trustee Brown
Trustee Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Trustee Zuckerman
Mr. Loehner, Village Administrator
Ms. Doran, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel-ABSENT
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

6. Announcements

Village 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. **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.

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.

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!

7. **Public Comment**

Village President opened the meeting for public comment:

There were some members of the public expressing concerns and not being in favor of the proposed Leaf Blower Ordinance and there were members of the public that expressed being in favor of the proposed Leaf Blower Ordinance. There was also a comment from the public of being in favor of the Village taking the next steps to move forward with the proposed Fire Department merger. In response to the public comments, Trustee Haskins



discussed the many input the Board received regarding the leaf blower ordinance and based on all the comments and suggestion believed that the proposed ordinance creates a good balance. President Collum appreciated all the public comments and explained that the board takes all comments into consideration.

8. Proclamations

- A. A Proclamation celebrating Arbor Day 2022
Trustee Haskins read the proclamation recognizing April 29th as Arbor day and urges all citizens to celebrate this day and to support effects to protect our trees, woodlands and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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 March 14, 2022 (Trustee Coalier and Trustee Haskins are ineligible to vote)

Trustee Hilton moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2022, seconded by Trustee Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

10. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2022-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO CREATE CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE TO CALM, LIMIT AND REGULATE THE USE OF LEAF BLOWERS

Trustee Haskins moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 for first reading, seconded by Trustee Hilton.



Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

- B. 2022-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FILE A PETITION WITH THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE ADOPTION OF A SPECIAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIAL CHARTER GOVERNING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-12 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.

Trustee Jones moved that the Public Hearing for Ordinances 2022-06 and 2022-12 shall be at the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, April 25, 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 Zuckerman. All members were in favor and none opposed.

11. Ordinance for Second Reading

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

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no questions or comments from the



public.

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-08 for second reading, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

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

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

Trustee Haskins moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-09 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.

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

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

Trustee Zuckerman moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-10 for second 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.

12. **Resolutions for Consent Agenda**

2022-053 RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES

2022-054 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN AND BROWN INSURANCE
AS THE RISK MANAGER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE
VILLAGE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

2022-055 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME,
SEASONAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

2022-056 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CY2022

2022-057 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE
DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS – COMMUNITY CARE &
JUSTICE PROGRAM REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A 40A:5-29

2022-058 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF AND AWARDED
CONTRACT TO FASTECH CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR PLANNING &
DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TENNIS COURT FACILITIES LOCATED AT
FARRELL FIELD IN AN AMOUNT OF \$24,680

2022-059 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #14 - FOR
FRANKOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INCREASE FOR SMALL
GYM PLASTER CEILING DEMOLITION OF \$12,398.00 TO THE ORIGINAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT

Trustee Coalier moved to adopt Resolutions 2022-053 through 2022-
059, seconded by Trustee Hilton.

Roll Call Vote:

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



The following Resolution was pulled for separate action:

2022-060 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP, FOR A REGIONAL SERVICE AGENCY OPERATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENTS

President Collum introduced Jordan Glatt of the New Jersey Shared Services Czar. Mr. Glatt along with his partner Mr. Nicholas Platt both has played a significant role in working with the Village on the fire department merger. Mr. Glatt commended the board for their time and effort into the fire department merger and believes that for both communities there will be a better fire service. He also discussed his work with shared services in communities throughout the State and Governor's Murphy's work on this project. President Collum discussed the details of the contract between Maplewood and South Orange and discussed some of the changes such as the structure of joint governance and Mr. Loehner to be the appropriate authority for this entity.

Trustee Coalier moved to adopt Resolutions 2022-060, 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.	

13. 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

President Coalier mentioned he board members had been provided with the monthly report for March 2022 from John M. Festa, M.A., Health Officer. In response to board questions, Mr. Festa discussed the long time issues of the Geese in the park and the recent uptick in covid cases. President Coalier mentioned the Health Fair is back and scheduled for September 10th.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Collum moved to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of Trustees, seconded by Ms. Jones. All members were in favor. President Coalier adjourned the Board of Health at approximately 9:26 pm.

Reconvened as Board of Trustees and all members are still present

14. 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 March 28, 2022. The Board of Trustees has been provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2022-061 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 28, 2022 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,109,492.13

Trustee Hilton moved to adopt Resolution 2022-061, 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.

15. Village President Report

President Collum deferred her report to the next meeting

16. Village Administrator Report

- FEMA Update – Mr. Loehner gave a brief update on the FEMA process. There was a recent meeting with the FEMA representatives regarding the mitigation. There has been repetitive loss at DPW and they are looking at ways to make changes for the DPW yard and other sites such as SOPAC which also experienced significant damage during the storm. The Village Engineer is currently working on surveying all the roads that need work and the board will see RFPs' in the coming weeks. Also, there will be a community meeting with the architect to discuss the time line for Italian Cultural Club renovations. Mr. Loehner is hopeful they will be able to utilize the club more by the end of the year.

17. Village Counsel Report

There was no report

18. Trustee Reports

- A. Trustee Brown – The Recreation Committee along with Trustee Hilton and Director Peter Travers are currently discussing the best way to use the proposed new space at the Baird.
- B. **Trustee Coalier**
 - Community Care & Justice – Trustee Coalier discussed the resolution that was on this agenda allowing CC&J to collect donations and they will be moving forward with fundraising. CC&J has launched social media groups and they can now be found on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. More information can be found the CC&J page of the Village's website.
- C. Trustee Haskins – There was no report.
- D. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton – The active older adult community is working hard with the Recreation department to plan more classes in the spring. The will be more information coming soon.



E. Trustee Jones along with Trustee Haskins will host a virtual Arts Committee meeting on April 6th at 7pm. Anyone that has an interest in arts and/or cultural events is encouraged to attend this meeting. This will be an information meeting as the plan is to relaunch this committee. The meeting information can be found on the Village's website.

F. Trustee Zuckerman – There was no report.

19. Public Comment

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

20. New Business

There was no new business.

21. Adjournment

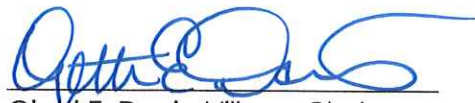
There being no further discussion, President Collum adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:45 pm, and announced the next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, April 11, 2022.

***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=260&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHORANGEVILLAGE


Ojerri E. Davis, Village Clerk


Sheena C. Collum, Village President