

February 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on February 21, 2012 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James F. Young, Sr., at 8:00 p.m. and followed by a salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

A roll call confirmed those Committee members who were present, which included: Committeeman C. Edman Budd, Committeeman Joseph Laufer, Committeeman James Minster, Deputy Mayor Robert Moore and Mayor James F. Young, Sr.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator read the following statement: Public Notice of the meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Township in the following manner: Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board in the municipal building. Filing a copy of the agenda with the Central Record and the Burlington County Times. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting – January 17, 2012

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

Executive Session – January 17, 2012

Motion: Committeeman Laufer                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing**

**Ordinance 2012-1**

An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank [N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14]

Mayor Young opened Public Hearing

Public Comments: None

Mayor Young closed Public Hearing

Motion to Adopt: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Ordinance 2012-2**

An Ordinance Amending Sewer Connection Fees

Mayor Young opened Public Hearing

Public Comments: None

Mayor Young closed Public Hearing

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Moore

Seconded: Committeeman Minster

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**ORDINANCES: First Reading and Publication**

See below, following Executive Session

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2012-27**

Resolution for Municipal Enlistment in the Military Initiative

Motion: Deputy Mayor Moore

Seconded: Committeeman Budd

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-28**

Authorizing Execution of Closeout Paperwork for Holly Boulevard Reconstruction Phase 1

Motion: Committeeman Budd

Seconded: Committeeman Laufer

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-29**

Authorizing Application for a 2012 Green Communities Grant-Community Forestry Management Plan

Motion: Committeeman Laufer

Seconded: Committeeman Minster

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-30**

Amending the Employee Manual

Motion: Deputy Mayor Moore

Seconded: Committeeman Laufer

Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-31**

Resolution Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Participate in the Program for Aerial Application of Larvicides for Mosquito Control over the Township in 2012

Motion: Deputy Mayor Moore                      Seconded: Committeeman Budd  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-32**

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments I the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts (Overpayment Block 1303 Lot 16)

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-33**

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments I the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts (Overpayment Block 2401.01 Lot 16)

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-34**

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments I the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts (Senior Citizen Deduction Block 2702.65 Lot 11 and Block 2702.37 Lot 104) (Veteran Deduction Block 2702.65 Lot 11)

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**PRESENTATION:**

Members of Girl Scout Troop 21128 presented the Committee two bat houses as part of a project that is intended to earn the troop a Bronze Award. The bat houses will be placed on Eagle Walk and at the baseball fields on Red Lion Road.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Young reported that Boy Scout Troop 31 has requested use of the municipal building and grounds for a car show Saturday, May 12 with a rain date of Saturday, May 19.

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**VOUCHERS:** Mayor Young called for a motion to approve the voucher list

Motion: Deputy Mayor Moore                      Seconded: Committeeman Budd  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman  
Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

Mayor Young reported that the Township has received two bids for mold remediation at the Old Telephone Building and another bid is expected by Friday. The Mayor asked the Committee to authorize an award of contract by Mr. McFadden if the bids are under the bid threshold.

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman  
Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

Committeeman Minster recommended caution by drivers especially in Leisuretowne regarding speeding and pedestrian walking on the streets.

Committeeman Budd asked for an explanation of the requirements for putting up stop signs. George Morris gave the explanation that signs require an engineer's study if they had not been approved in the original application approvals covered under land use rules. Mayor Young recommended that signs already up should be kept in a good state of repair. Frank Morris added that any changes of signs comply with the new DOT standards. Committeeman Budd also asked if there was any progress in having the island downstream from the Race Street dam removed. Mayor Young asked Mr. McFadden to send another letter to the County asking for their assistance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Young opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

Ron Heston, 162 Big Hill Road, asked the Committee for approval for the Mason's Central Lodge #44 to use the Old Town Hall for a hoagie sale Friday, March 30 from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday, March 31 from 7am to 1pm.

Motion: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Laufer  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman  
Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

Bob Ritter, 107 Ridge Road, as President of the Historical Society reminded the Committee of the work still to be done to remediate the mold and restore the old telephone building. Mr. Ritter also reminded the Committee that a tour of third graders is scheduled for May. Mayor Young asked Mr. McFadden to contact Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Tabernacle to find out if Neil Brown could do the repair work on the old telephone building at no cost to the Township.

Don Hetzel, 2 Wooton Drive, described a safe streets project on which he is working in Leisuretowne. Mr. Hetzel is specifically interested in signs that will show the speed of vehicles. Mr. Hetzel described excess speed as a serious concern that he hopes active speed signs may positively address.

There being no additional comments, Mayor Young closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Resolution 2012-35**

Authorizing Executive Session to discuss an update on tax appeals and possible land acquisition

Motion to approve: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Laufer  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 8:56 having discussed a tax appeal filed by Dan Fischer and appeals on Willow Lane properties. George Morris asked for consideration of the following Ordinance and approval of the following Resolution.

**ORDINANCES: First Reading and Publication**

**Ordinance 2012-3**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 1102, Lot 24

Motion to approve: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Minster  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**Resolution 2012-36**

Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Execute an Agreement of Sale for Block 1102, Lot 24

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Moore                      Seconded: Committeeman Laufer  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to approve: Committeeman Budd                      Seconded: Committeeman Laufer  
Roll call vote: Committeeman Budd yes, Committeeman Laufer yes, Committeeman Minster yes, Deputy Mayor Moore yes, Mayor Young yes

Respectfully Submitted

Michael E. McFadden, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator