

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2014 at 8 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on July 15, 2014 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Young at 8:00 PM and followed by a salute to the Flag of the United State of America.

A roll call confirmed those Committee members who were present, which included Committeeman Ronald Heston, Committeeman William Raftery, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, Deputy Mayor Latham Tiver, 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.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting	June 17, 2014
Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell	
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative.	
Executive Session	June 17, 2014
Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell	
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative	

Executive Session:

Resolution No. 2014-96A

Resolution Authorizing Executive Session to discuss legal ramification of grant programs and funding.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative.

Let the record reflect the Committee entered into executive session at 8:03 PM.

Let the record reflect the Committee returned from executive session after discussing the legal ramification of grant programs and funding at 8:13 PM

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2014-13

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton Appropriating \$87,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Purchase and/or Replace in the RLT Municipal Building the HVAC system, the Entrance Doors and the Computer Server.

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2014-13 to the public.
No one wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion to adopt: Rossell Seconded: Raftery
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

Ordinance 2014-14

Ordinance Amending Sewer Connection Fees

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2014-14 to the public.
LeAnn Ditmar, Mill Street, inquired about the above ordinance and what the new amount would be and how if at all this would affect her property since she is tied into the sewer system in the Village.
No one else wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Tiver
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

Ordinance No. 2014-15

Ordinance to Amend Chapter V, Licensing of Dogs of the Township of Southampton

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2014-15 to the public.
Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown, inquired about the above ordinance and was concerned for the dog owner if they are just moving in and the late fee charged after April. She further recommends a different type of tag. The mayor explained the licensing official would not charge someone who just moved in after April the late fee.
No one else wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Tiver
Committeeman Heston questioned if the ordinance should clarify the owner/tenant as being a certified farm. It was stated that would be a zoning officer/board issue.
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

Ordinance No. 2014-16

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, Section 4.3, Governing "Animals", Horses

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2014-16 to the public.
Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown, inquired about the above ordinance and was concerned for the homeowner of the property when renting who do not want to allow the tenant to board horses. The mayor explained that would be between the homeowner and the tenant

and should be covered in their lease. The Township doesn't get into that. Just like if the homeowner would permit dogs or cats when renting the property. No one else wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion to adopt: Tiver Seconded: Rossell
Committeeman Heston questioned if the ordinance should clarify the owner/tenant as being a certified farm. It was stated that would be a zoning officer/board issue.
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

Ordinance No. 2014-17
An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 1006, Lot 11

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2014-17 to the public.
Public Comment: Travis Richards, Mount Holly, stated he was the owner of the property and he was not happy. He further stated he is an attorney. He has owned the property since 2007 which he purchased for \$211,900. He has invested quite a bit of money in this property. He gave examples of what he has invested into the property such as the fees to appear before the zoning board only to be denied. Has converted the heating system, purchased new windows and other materials that cost him \$20,000 to \$30,000 not to mention his hours of time he has put into the property. He explained that he was asked in the spring if he would be interested in selling the property when he discussed coming before the zoning board and then being denied and appealing it to the Superior Court when the application is denied from the board. He stated he would need to get at least \$195,000 but would like to get more. Then George Morris called him and the Committee would offer \$180,000 not \$195,000 and instructed him not to talk to the Administrator to deal with him as the Township Attorney. An appraisal would have to be done and the property would have to be appraised for at least the \$180,000. They discussed who would get the appraiser, the Township. Two weeks later he received a copy of the appraisal. The comps used were from Burlington City and Southampton has nothing to do with Burlington City, there is no comparison in his opinion. In light of the assessed value of the property for 2012 being \$225,000 he felt he could negotiate in good faith. He could get an appraisal that would come closer to \$200,000 and then it would cost the Township \$200,000 to purchase and \$50,000 in attorney fees trying to acquire the property. Further Mr. Richards stated there is a conflict of interest with George Morris, Esquire representing the Township since his uncle works for Parker/McCay, his great uncle owns part of Parker/McCay and he worked for Parker/McCay and interned too. This would be a violation of the NJ Conflicts of Interest under the law. He will go and get another appraisal and spend more money. He will not stand by and let the Township take the property. If the Township wants to purchase the property for \$195,000 he will take it and not a dime less. Good day and hope to hear from you soon.
No one else from the public wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion to adopt: Raftery Seconded: Tiver
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

First Reading:

2014-82

A Resolution for the Township of Southampton to Support and Participate in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

2014-83

A Resolution Awarding Environmental Work in Advance of Acquisition

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

2014-84

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Heston

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

2014-85

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Heston

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

2014-87

Resolution Approving Liquor Licenses for 2014

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

2014-88

Resolution Authorizing Release of Funds from Municipal Environmental Joint Insurance Fund

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

2014-89

Resolution of Southampton Township for Final Approval of Farmland Application

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young commented on the Fireworks and how outstanding they were and there was no cost to the taxpayers for the fireworks. Reminded and informed the public about Holy Eucharist Church event on Thursday where Joe Laufer will be honored. On Saturday at the farm fair the 4H Club is having a kiss the pig contest fundraiser. The Mayor attended the Southampton 8th grade graduation held at Seneca High School and during the graduation the power went out and the ceremony went on with everyone having to speak through a bull horn. Reminded the public about the concerts held at the Township building every Wednesday at 7:15 PM. The concerts are funded by donations from various organizations and businesses. Also, on December 13 at the Southampton School the Township will be hosting a Christmas Concert. The concert is free to the public. The only thing we asked is that you bring an unwrapped toy for the Township toy drive.

Committeewoman Rossell informed the public of her activities for the month, attended the Southampton Township 8th grade graduation and Seneca High School Senior graduation, the Vincent triathlon, the library is having an art show on August 26, attended the Southampton Business Association and reminded the public about the STARS golf outing event and if anyone wants information they can see me. Take a look at the calendar on the Township for events too.

Committeeman Tiver informed the public that he attended the Southampton Day event planning meeting and reminded everyone the event will be on August 16 from 11 AM to 5 PM.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mayor Young asked the Engineer to inform the public about the status of the Holly Blvd. paving project. The Township Engineer, Frank Morris, stated the project is funded by a DOT grant. There are certain requires and standards the contractor has to meet to satisfy DOT. The Pinelands Waste Water doesn't want the contractor to use a vibrating compactor as it may damage the infrastructure and the Contractor needs to be sure it passes DOT so we are trying to mediate this situation.

The Safe Routes to School application has been submitted. The TAP grant has been submitted. Both of these are for improvements to the Vincentown Village sidewalks and streetscape. The 2013 Road project is going well and we are working on change orders for improvements to various locations such as Warrick Way and Buxton Circle.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Janine Hoey, Main Street, asked about how the residents would know about the work session for the Good Farm Improvements and offered suggestions to get the word out to

the public so they can have input. The Mayor stated the Township would take it under advisement and do their best. It will be advertised in the newspaper and on the Township website.

LeAnn Ditzman, Main Street, thanked the Township for all their assistance with the library and their attendance has increased.

Bill Kelly, Floyd Lane, inquired about the storm drain on the corner of Floyd and Falcon that is in need of repair. When the road maintenance department plows the roads they pile the snow on the top of the drain which causes the drain to fall apart since it is built with concrete blocks.

Mr. Kelly further inquired about ordinance 2014-19. Mr. Morris, Esquire stated the reason for the ordinance. Also, the licensing for junkyards are different than zoning and the amount of funding the Township receives each year for the two (2) junkyards in the Township doesn't warrant having the code on the books for new junkyards that may want to open in the Township. The junkyards in the township would be grandfather and the standards would be maintained but any new requests for junkyards would have to go before the Boards for approval.

No one else wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:15 PM

Resolution 2014-90B

Resolution Authorizing Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, personnel, contracts and acquisition of property.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative.

Let the record reflect that the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 PM

Mayor Young stated he would like to appoint Amanda Mitchell as second deputy to OEM to assist with Scott Mitchell, OEM and Joe Boyle, 1st deputy OEM.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 PM

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator