

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Work Session Meeting
May 6, 2014 at 8 p.m.

The Work Session meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on May 6, 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, 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.

Swearing in of Fire Police

Richard A. Dries, Jr.

Kevin Miller

Tabled until May 20, 2014

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Hampton Lakes Fire Department request for Fire Truck

Chief Rathjen, HLFDD discussed the request as attached for a new vehicle. Chief D'Amico, Vincent FD was present as requested. Both Chiefs and the Committee discuss the needs of both companies and the Township. The Committee discussed both companies and their needs. Both respond for the entire Township and the Committee wants to make sure what is needed and necessary for the public safety of the Community is what both companies have. The Committee requested both Departments supply an inventory of their equipment. Chief D'Amico gave the history of rotation of the departments for trucks.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

Ordinance No. 2014-10

An Ordinance to Amend Certain Fees of the Township of Southampton

Motion: Raftery Second: Tiver

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

Budget

Public Hearing

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public hearing on budget as advertised.

Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown, stated there is one line item that stood out to her as excessive and it is the line item for legal. The Committee should consider an in house attorney to save money.

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

Resolution 2014-58

Resolution to Amend the Approved Budget of the Township of Southampton County of Burlington

Motion: Heston Second: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2014-59

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records & Accounts

Motion: Raftery Second: Tiver

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

Resolution 2014-60

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Preparation of Estimated Tax Bills

Motion: Heston Second: Tiver

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

Resolution 2014-61

Participation in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program

Motion: Raftery Second: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

Resolution 2014-62

Endorsing Southampton Township, Burlington County's Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application

Motion: Tiver Second: Raftery

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston Second: Tiver
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young announced Arbor Day celebration at the Southampton school #1.
The Boy Scout Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, weather permitting.
The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 26 rain or shine.

Committeeman Raftery stated he attended the Business Association meeting on Wednesday. Southampton, Shamong and Tabernacle were represented. It was made clear that Southampton is open for business.

Committeewoman Rossell stated Arbor Day children and Leisuretown residents are given tree saplings. The Library is celebrating 90 years on June 11 & 12. Public Works worked on a lot of improvements at the library this past winter. Marsha, the Director asked if she would join the board of trustees. The Environmental Advisory Commission meets on July 12. Leisuretown and the Mayor and she met. They meet four (4) times a year to discuss issues. The Creative Team is hosting a rain barrel class at old town hall. The Southampton Business Association will meet May 28 at 6:30 PM. Shade Tree Commission meets May 8 at 7:00 PM. The calendar on the website is being updated with events and meetings. Happy Mother's Day to everyone was wished by Committeewoman Rossell.

Committeeman Tiver thanked the Administrator for the improvements to the drainage at the ball fields and the parking lot improvements along with the batting cages.

Committeeman Heston stated the entire Committee was present at the Arbor Day celebration and he was honored to have his photo taken with Committeewoman Rossell and Smokey the Bear.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Morris, P.E. briefed the Committee on Meadowyck, the stripping and crosswalks and Finchley Court in Leisuretown and the Holly Blvd paving project.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown, inquired about the speed trailer in Leisuretown and if the Township would be purchasing one. She asked about obtaining statistics on accidents and speeding in Leisuretown. She asked the State Police and was told they don't break them down. Speeding is a Township problem not just Leisuretown problem. Mayor Young stated the speed trailer doesn't record data. The Association doesn't own. Ms. Dougherty stated the Leisuretown Security Committee discussed a speed sign that would deter. The yard sales are the worse.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution 2014-63

Resolution Authorizing Executive Session to discuss attorney client privilege, contracts, personnel. No formal action will be taken.

Motion: Rossell Second: Raftery

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:12 PM

Motion to adopt: Heston

Seconded: Tiver

Roll call vote: Committeeman Ronald Heston, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, Deputy Mayor Latham Tiver, and Mayor James F. Young, Sr.

Respectfully,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township