

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2014 at 8 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on August 19, 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	July 15, 2014
Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver	
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative.	
Executive Session	July 15, 2014
Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell	
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young voted in the affirmative.	

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2014-18

An Ordinance Regulating the Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Properties

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Rossell

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

Ordinance No. 2014-19

An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 4.4 of the Township Code Concerning Junk Yard Licensing and Amending Chapter 12.3-7 of the Township Code to Clarify Standards for Junk Yards in the Industrial Zone

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Pat Topham, New Road, inquired about the reference to Allied in the ordinance. The solicitor explained Allied is grandfathered but this ordinance addresses some housekeeping issues for the Township.

No one from the public 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 No. 2014-20

An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code to Clarify Board Professional Review Responsibilities for Pending Applications

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

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

Motion to adopt: Tiver Seconded: Heston

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

Ordinance No. 2014-21

An Ordinance Granting Consent and Permission to South Jersey Gas Company to Furnish Natural Gas for Light, Heat & Power in the Township of Southampton

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Denise Proctor, Oxford Circle, expressed her concerns and frustrations about the costs of propane and would like to see Natural Gas in the Grand development. She has been trying for years to get gas in her development.

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

Motion to adopt: Tiver Seconded: Raftery

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

First Reading

Ordinance No. 2014-22

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-4.16 of the Land Development Code to Permit the Construction of Barns Within the Front Yard Setback

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Tiver

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

Ordinance No. 2014-23

An Ordinance Clarifying Temporary Sign Standards at Section 12-5.15(c)(7) of the General Code

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Rossell

Committeeman Raftery asked what the current sign ordinance was and how this came about.

It was explained the way the ordinance is written local farmers can't put signs up to advertise their blueberry picking, Christmas tree farms, corn field mazes, etc. and this would permit the local businesses to do so.

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

Resolutions

2014-91

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Authorizing A Contract for Certified Animal Control Services.

Motion to adopt: Rossell Seconded: Tiver

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

2014-92

A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Change Order for 2013 Local Road Program No. 3

Motion to adopt: Rossell Seconded: Raftery

Committeeman Heston asked what the changes where.

Township Engineer explained the changes.

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

2014-93

A Resolution for the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Appointing a Tax Collector

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Tiver

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

2014-94

A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Motion to adopt: Tiver Seconded: Heston

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

2014-95

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Preliminary Approval for A Property That Requires No Municipal Cost Share

Motion to adopt: Tiver Seconded: Rossell

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

2014-96

Resolution of the Township of Southampton approving the 2013 Annual Report of Audit

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Rossell

Committeeman Heston thanked the staff for an outstanding job.

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

2014-97

Resolution Authorizing Refund of Certain Monies

Motion to adopt: Heston Seconded: Raftery

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion to adopt: Tiver Seconded: Raftery

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young stated Southampton Day was well attended and the Southampton Day Committee would be submitting a report.

In addition the Mayor stated there are two (2) more upcoming summer concerts. Reminded the public there will be a Christmas Concert on December 13 at 7:00 PM held at the Southampton School #3.

Committeewoman Rossell informed the public of her monthly activities such as Southampton Day, the requisition of Joe Laufer as volunteer of the year. And the activities and events that are yet to come such as the classes scheduled at Old Town Hall and the Library. Thanked public works for their work on the streets in Leisuretown.

Committeeman Tiver informed the public of the work that went into Southampton Day and thanked the Southampton Day Committee for all their hard work. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to be on the event committee next year please let him know.

Committeeman Heston stated if the public missed Southampton Day they could go to the website and look at the photos taken.

Further he explained the single stream recycling program that would start September 1 with the first pick up for Southampton beginning on September 2.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Hampton Lakes Fire Company is requesting the use of the outside of the Township building for a car wash benefiting the Hampton Lakes Explorers Post 172 on Saturday, September 27 with a rain date of Sunday, September 28 starting at 9:00 am. Motion to approve Tiver, seconded by Raftery. All were in favor.

Order of the Eastern Star of NJ is requesting the use of the Township parking lot on November 16, 2014 from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm to park their vehicles for a bus trip to New York City. Motion to approve Tiver, seconded by Rossell. All were in favor.

Jack Allen Memorial is requesting to host a fun fly to benefit the Jack Allen Memorial Early Country Living Museum on September 26, 27 & 28 to be held at their airstrip on 231 Landing Street from 8:00 am to 12:00 am each day. Motion to approve Tiver, seconded by Heston. All were in favor.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Retreat is requesting Philos Bridge Road at the intersection of Ridge Road be closed and detour signs directing cars to go south on Retreat Road for their annual meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 starting at 5:00 pm. Motion to approve Tiver, seconded by Raftery. All were in favor with the exception of Heston who abstained.

The 2014 Bond Sale held on July 28, 2014 for the purchase of \$4,069,260.00 principal amount were received and accepted by Passaic Valley Water, with a gross payable interest rate of .797%.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Township Engineer updated the Committee on the status of the Holly Blvd paving project.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Denise Protector, Oxford Court, comment on the need for a jug handle for the entrance to the Grand development off of Route 70 onto High Glen. Mayor Young stated the Township Engineer would reach out to NJDOT.

Speeding complaints and problems from the residents in Leisuretown were discussed. Residents would like to see speed humps. The Township Engineer explained the disadvantages of speed humps. The Mayor stated the State Police would be notified.

Catherine Wisheart, New Road, stated she would like to see Joe Laufer recognized on Columbus Day.

Phyllis Fisher, 12 Pleasant Street, would like to see speed humps on Pleasant Street to reduce speeding from the school traffic.

Pat Topham, New Road, informed the Committee of truck traffic on New Road that is continuing. The trucks that are on the road have tape or are painted over the company's name making it impossible for the residents to determine whether or not they are making a local delivery or have a purpose to be on New Road since New Road is a no trucks over 4 tons restricted road.

Bill Kelly, Falcon Drive, inquired about the storm drain and the ground sinking. The Township engineer would go look at the storm drain.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:45 PM.

Resolution 2014-98 Authoring Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, shared services, contracts, COAH and acquisition of property.

Motion: Tiver, seconded by Heston. All were in favor.
Resolution Authorizing Executive Session

Let the record reflect the committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:22 PM

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

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

Respectfully,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk