

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Workshop Meeting
March 4, 2014 at 8 p.m.**

The special meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on March 4, 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.

ORDINANCES: First Reading and Publication:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05

AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 12-10 GOVERNING
“DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES RESOLUTIONS”

Motion to approve 2014-05: Deputy Mayor Tiver; Seconded: Committeewoman Rossell
Roll call vote: Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions

Resolution 2014-39

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Re-Advertising of Lease of Municipal Billboard

Solicitor George Morris explained that the proposal received was disqualified as it was not responsive to the proposal. The terms of the billboard will be changed prior to the advertising of the new bid.

Motion: Heston Seconded: Tiver

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

Resolution 2014-40

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$90,000 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES

Motion: Rossell Seconded: Heston

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

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

NOISE ORDINANCE

The Committee discussed the current noise ordinance for the Township and the sample ordinances received. The Committee discussed the noise meter machine and certification. The Mayor stated he had sent letters to the DEP asking for assistance with noise level complaints received and asked if a representative from DEP Air Quality would come to discuss the meter.

Committeeman Heston stated given the current noise ordinance a complaint could be filed. The Zoning Board could enforce the noise with the current ordinance. Further the County Board of Health has a meter.

Mayor Young stated an ordinance is only good if it can be enforced. The Committee discussed enforcement. The cost of the meter and the certification and training process was discussed.

After much discussion the Committee stated the current ordinance does appear there could be some changes made. No one hails a cab. No action would be taken at this time. Hopefully a representative would be able to attend the Township Committee meeting on March 18 to educate the residents and Committee on the use of the meter and level readings.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeewoman Rossell updated the Committee on the business association meeting, Shade Tree and EAC meeting.

Deputy Mayor Tiver welcomed Bill Raftery to the Committee.

Committeeman Heston concurred with Ms. Rossell on the report of the Shade Tree meeting.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Hoffman stated the Township Solicitor has prepared a no parking during snow storms for the Committee to consider at the March 18 meeting for first reading. The last snow storms when vehicles are parked on the streets it makes it difficult for the plows to remove snow from curb to curb. Also, there have been several accidents this year involving the public works vehicles and parked cars on the street. This would reduce these types of accidents. Residents would receive warnings.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston Seconded: Tiver

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. No one wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:25 PM

Resolution No. 2014-41 closed session to discuss land acquisition and litigation.

No formal action will be taken.

Motion: Heston Seconded Tiver

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

Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regular meeting at 9:15 PM after discussing Land Acquisition and litigation in reference to Leisuretown.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:18 PM

Motion: Heston Seconded: Rossell

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk