

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2015 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on May 19, 2015 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.

Professionals: George Morris, Esquire, Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC

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– April 21, 2015

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

Special Meeting & Executive Session – May 5, 2015

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

Introduction of 2015 Budget

2015-71

Resolution of Approval of the Intro of the 2015 Municipal Budget Providing for a Public Hearing on the Budget on June 16, 2015

Committeeman Heston commented on the Budget process being a difficult year. The Committee after working together is introducing the 2015 Budget with a 2.5 cents increase.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

ORDINANCES

First Reading

2015-07

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore, Providing For Various Capital Projects Totaling \$247,100.00 and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriations

Balances for the Demo/Cleanup/Grade/Paving 69 Main Street and Road Paving Change Order and Filing System for Municipal Court

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Tiver

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

2015-08

An Ordinance Amending Sewer Fees

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2015-72

Resolution Authorizing 2015 Municipal Budget to be Read By Title Only

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

Resolution 2015-73

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Change Order for HVAC

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

Consent of Resolutions No. 2015-74 & 2015-75

Resolution 2015-74

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

Resolution 2015-75

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

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young stated the 136th annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday at May 25th at 10:00 AM come rain or shine. He further stated he was approached by residents to add some names of War Veterans to the monument. This should be a task that a Committee should research and investigate who should go on the monument. Mayor Young stated he would appoint Frank Hicks, Rodney Goettelmann and Harry Thompson to the Committee.

Committeewoman Rossell thanked the Southampton Township Business for their annual Open House meeting held at the Winery in Shamong. The Boy Scouts Car Show was a success and the weather cooperated.

Committeeman Tiver stated he had hoped to see everyone at the Memorial Day Parade. He further informed everyone there would be a Southampton Day again this year and the Southampton Day Planning Committee would be meeting on June 3 at 7:00 PM.

Committeeman Heston inquired about the status of the turn arrow traffic signal at Retreat & Route 206. The State of NJ will look at it. He further commented on the flooding problem on the Mitchell's property on Big Hill Road and requested public works look at the problem to see if a pipe could be run to the basins.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Kathleen Hoffman requested a Resolution to Refund a duplicate tax payment made by the mortgage company and the property owner during a refinance of the property be considered by the Committee.

Resolution No. 2015-76 – Resolution to Refund Property Tax Overpayments

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Tiver

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

In addition the Committee was given a letter from NJ State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in reference to the sale of wine from Sharrott Estate Winery at Red Top Farm Market and if there were any comments the Division would like the Committee to provide them within 14 days from the date of the letter, May 11, 2015.

Ms. Hoffman further discussed the possibility of a shared service agreement for trash pickup with Pemberton Borough. The Committee requested Chuck Oatman, Public Works Supervisor prepared a cost analysis for the next meeting for the Committee to review and discuss.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Frank Morris informed the Committee about the bids received for Stagecoach Road in Hampton Lakes. The funds for the project come from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$65,000.00. The base bids ranged from \$77,125 to \$108,700 and there were eight (8) bids received. The Committee discussed the additional funds needed to award the project or toning the bid down to \$65,000 and after much discussion determined they would appropriate the additional funds and award the project to the low bidder in the amount of \$77,125.

Resolution No. 2015-77, Awarding a Contract for Stagecoach Road Sidewalk Improvements.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

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

In addition, Mr. Morris stated he volunteered his time since he was an Eagle Scout and meet with the Girl Scouts and Public Works to discuss and design the Rain Garden in the rear of the Township. It will be placed on Buddtown Road.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Pat Topham, New Road, thanked the Township for updating the website. She further stated her concerns about the pile of tires at the Allied property on New Road. The Committee stated the code enforcement officer; the OEM Coordinator and the fire departments would go out and inspect the property.

Pat Schaefer, Westminster Drive, inquired about the Winery License. The Township Solicitor explained the license and process.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:29 PM

Resolution 2015-78

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

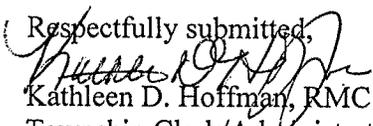
For the purpose of discussing Attorney Client Privilege, Litigation, Contracts, and Land Acquisition.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC

Township Clerk/Administrator