

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2015 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on August 18, 2015 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Latham Tiver 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, and Deputy Mayor Latham Tiver. Mayor James F. Young, Sr. was not present.

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 & Executive Session– July 21, 2015

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

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

Special Meeting – August 3, 2015

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Heston

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

Communication

Kylie Kunz – Girl Scout Silver Award Project. Ms. Kunz attended the meeting to give her presentation to the Committee and present the Township with one of the bird houses that was built and request the approval of the placement of the bird house in the rear of the municipal building up in a tree 20-30 feet so the endangered migrant American Kestrel in the tree in the open middle of the Township park.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

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

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2015-10

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, To Amend & Supplement Ordinance 1982-1 Entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No 1977-2 Entitled An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Officials & Employees of the Township of Southampton in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, & Regulating the Manner of Paying the Same”

Public Hearing: Deputy Mayor Tiver opened Ordinance No. 2015-10 to the public for comment. No one wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

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

Ordinance No. 2015-11

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, To Amend & Supplement Construction Fees

Public Hearing: Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2015-10 to the public for comment. No one wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2015-98

Resolution Appointing Plumbing Subcode Official

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Heston

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

Resolution 2015-99

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Adopting Salaries in Accordance with the Township Salary Ordinance as Required

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

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

Resolution 2015-100

Resolution Accepting the 2014 Annual Report of Audit

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

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

Resolution 2015-101

Resolution Accepting the Corrective Action Plan Prepared by the CFO as Required

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

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

Resolution 2015-102

Resolution to Re-Authorize Sustainable Southampton

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

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

Resolution 2015-103

Resolution Renewing Certain Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the Licensing Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Motion: Rossell, Seconded: Raftery

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

Resolution 2015-104

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Easement & a Portion of Township Property Following a Minor Subdivision

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell with the request to hold the Alaimo invoices for further information prior to releasing check

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman Raftery read onto the record the letter received by the Committee from Ms. Davis.

Committeewoman Rossell reported on Southampton Day, Summer Concerts Series, STAR Golf outing, Sally Stretch Library activities, Creative Team activities. In addition she informed the public about the meeting in Howell Township in reference to the NJ American Water rate increase request to the BPU.

Committeeman Heston inquired about the traffic signal status at Route 206 & and Retreat. Ms. Hoffman stated she will follow up with NJDOT. In addition he commented about Southampton Day.

Deputy Mayor Tiver reported about Southampton Day and thanked everyone for their participation given the heat that day. He was in the dunk tank. When they would miss the bullseye they would come up and hit the bullseye switch. It was fun.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Deputy Mayor Tiver opened the meeting to the public.

Janice Kriener, 877 West Minister Drive inquired about the status of the NJDOT grant for the crosswalks in Leisuretown? Deputy Mayor Tiver stated the application was not approved.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Court, stated her opinion on the covenants in Leisuretown and recommended how the procedure process should be handled by the Township when the

request comes before the Planning Board and Township Committee. In addition she commented on Sections 8, 8A & 8B of the covenants.

Phyllis Fisher, 12 Pleasant Street, inquired about the status of the Safe Routes to School grant funding received and when the work would be completed. Ms. Hoffman informed Ms. Fisher the required report was submitted to the NJDOT for review and approval to precede in August and the Township is now waiting for the green light to proceed.

Residents came before the Committee to inform them of the States Plan by NJDEP and NJ State Forestry for the Wharton State Forest and their concern as tax payers of the State of NJ and how it affects the residents and Community. In addition the residents expressed their concerns from a public safety perspective for access and the lack of transparency of the Plan being implemented by the State. Pat Topham, New Road stated she agreed with the residents about the plan.

Carolyn Budd, 101 Dorchester, expressed her concerns on behalf of her husband about the lack of ADA access to the Old Town Hall in hopes the Committee would act on obtaining ADA access to the Historic building.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:53 PM

Resolution No. 2015-105, no formal action will be taken.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell.

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

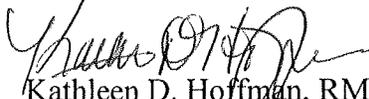
Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting after discussing potential litigation, personnel, land negotiations, contracts and related topics from which the public would be excluded under the law.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:16 PM

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk