

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2015 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on October 20, 2015 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Young Sr. 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 & Executive Session– September 15, 2015

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Raftery

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

Communication

Bonnie Ridolfino, Director of the Public Entity Division from Hardenbergh Insurance Group presented the Township Committee on the annual status of Southampton Township's safety and wellness program and the core elements that help reduce, transfer or avoid the Township's liability. The Risk Management focus Cyber topic was discussed. The Township's focus is to take A.I.M., Assess, Invest and Manage by training and reminding employees to use caution, maintain current antivirus software and develop policies addressing mobile devices. The Township's insurance coverage through the JIF membership was discussed.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2015-12

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, By Which The Township Becomes A Member of the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2015-12 to the public. No one from the public wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

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

Ordinance No. 2015-13

An Ordinance of the Township of Southamptn, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore provided for Various Capital Projects Totaling \$915,569.28 and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for the Relocation/Demolition/Construction of the Public Works Facility Block 1502, Lot 1.01; 16 Buddtown Road, Southamptn, NJ

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2015-13 to the public.

Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown, inquired about the funding and the interest rate on the funds.

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

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2015-116

Resolution of the Township of Southamptn Authorizing Submission of NJDOT Grant for Sherwood Place Road Repaving & Stagecoach Road Project.

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Raftery

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

Resolution 2015-117

Resolution of the Township of Southamptn Authorizing Submission of NJDOT Grant for Leisuretown Pedestrian Accessibility Project.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Heston

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

Resolution 2015-118

Resolution of the Township of Southamptn Requesting Approval of Director of Local Government Services to Dedicate By Rider For the Purposes of Funds Received for the Martinez Family

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

Resolution 2015-119

Resolution of the Township of Southamptn Awarding a Contract to Command Co., Inc., for 69 Main Street & Vincentown Village Park

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

The Committee received the Best Practices for 2015. The Township will not lose State Aid funding this year. The questions that received no answers should be reviewed to determine possible ways for improvement. Each year the State comes out with the Best

Practices and the questions change yearly. The more no answers leave the Township open to losing State Aid.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeewoman Rossell discussed the Pen Pal program available through the Southampton Township School available for those who may be interested in participating. In addition Ms. Rossell reminded the public to vote on November 3, 2015 and reported her participation in community activities for the month. Also, stated the various events and activities being held throughout the Township.

Committeeman Heston stated he would request the State of New Jersey put the cost share of the Township for changing the traffic signal at Route 206 and Retreat and Main Street to a left hand turn arrow. In addition, Mr. Heston discussed portable speed humps for the Township to reduce speeding.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Ms. Hoffman discussed the letter of request from the Mason's for the use of Old Town Hall for upcoming events. The Committee approved the request with the condition the Mason's work with the Creative Team schedule of events and times. Committeeman Tiver made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. Roll Call: Committeeman Heston abstained. Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young, Sr all voted in the affirmative. Ms. Hoffman discussed the costs for changing the Buddtown Public Works yard to sewer hookup versus a new septic system.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown asked Committeewoman Rossell several direct questions involving Leisuretown. Ms. Dougherty inquired about the Leisuretown report she presented to the Township and who gave the report to Leisuretown attorney.

Barbara McNamee, Buxton Court, thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their information and assistance with Leisuretown.

Linda McCardell, Mill Street, as member of the newly formed Vincetown Garden Club informed the Committee of their activities and goals for the future.

Larry O'Rourke, Leisuretown, citizen and member of Leisuretown finance committee inquired about jurisdiction for Leisuretown By -Laws and Covenants.

Doug Melegari, Burrs Mill Road, Shade Tree Commission Chairman, inquired about the requests submitted last week for the meeting and agenda. In addition he read onto the record the top 10 reasons we need trees.

Phyllis Fisher, Pleasant Street, stated the Vincentown Village doesn't need another park at 69 Main Street. The activities that take place in the Village at the school and the Race Street Park there is enough undesired activities happening and the last thing needed is another park.

In addition she commented on the unsafe section of Church Street in the Village along the edge of the road where a guardrail is needed.

She further stated she liked the portable speed humps idea presented by Committeeman Heston.

Gail Griffith, Leisuretown, asked the proper procedure for Leisuretown to change the By-Laws and Covenants and the impact to properties and the Community. She presented the Committee with articles on the effect of rental properties. She requested the Committee keep this in mind when presented with requests from Leisuretown Association to change them for the increase in the number of rentals.

Evie Dougherty, Leisuretown, stated she request the Committee consider the impact to the Community when asked to consider changes to Leisuretown and stated the residents have a right to petition.

Doug McCray, Mayfair Road, seconded Committeeman Heston on the speed humps. He further requested prior requests for a portable speed sign be considered. In addition with the portable speed humps there are portable flashing lights that could be considered.

Doug Melegari, Burrs Mill Road, stated he had requested information about the Neighborwoods Gathering be posted on social media. He respectfully requested the Committee to consider and vote on the resolutions and information sent last week that did not appear on the agenda as they are critical to the residents. Committee was concerned about approving something without knowing more detail prior.

No one else from the public the public portion was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:15 PM

Resolution No. 2015-120, no formal action is expected to be taken.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell.

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

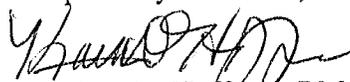
Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting after discussing potential litigation, personnel, land negotiations, contracts and related topics from which the public would be excluded under the law.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 PM

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC