

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2015 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on December 15, 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-- November 10, 2015

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2016 CDBG Program

Phase II Stagecoach Road Circulation & Drainage Improvements

Township Policy Limit of 3 minutes on Public Comment

Mayor Young opened the public hearing on the CDBG application.

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

Committeeman Raftery inquired about replacement of driveway aprons and the engineering costs associated with the project.

Resolution No. 2015-135

Resolution Approving the CDBG application for Phase 11 Stagecoach Road Circulation & Drainage Improvements

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery

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

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2015-14

Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-4 To Replace Shade Tree Commission With Shade Tree Advisory Board

Mayor Young explained the Committees reasons for change from a Commission to a Committee in addition to protecting residents.

The Township Administrator read the NJSA 40:64-5, Powers of a Commission onto the record.

The Solicitor stated concerns a Commission has with budgeting, spending Township's funds and implementing their own ordinances.

Mayor Young opened Ordinance No. 2015-14 to the public for comment.

Township Policy Limit of 3 minutes on Public Comment

Numerous residents and public expressed their opinions and views in opposition to passing this ordinance replacing the Commission with a Committee.

Other residents and public expressed their opinions and views in support of passing this ordinance replacing the Commission with a Committee.

The Committee asked questions about the ordinance and other Township Commissions.

The Solicitor stated the Township's liability isn't removed with a Commission or Committee and he has defended both and been successful in every case.

Motion: Tiver, Second: Rossell

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

Mayor Young stated the Township will be seeking members for the Shade Tree Committee and hoped to appoint members in February.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2015-126

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Budgetary Transfers.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

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

Resolution 2015-127

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Surety Bond as Recommended by the Township Engineer

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

Resolution 2015-128

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Providing for the Cancellation of Certain Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Appropriations Pursuant to NJS 40A:4-60

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

Consent of Resolutions No. 2015-129 through 2015-134

Resolution 2015-129

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

Resolution 2015-130

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Resolution 2015-131

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Resolution 2015-132

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Resolution 2015-134

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Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell

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

Young – Abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman Raftery inquired about the fatality accident on Pemberton Road and the other fatality accidents within Southampton and having the speed limit reduced.

Committeewoman Rossell and Committeeman Heston thanked the Mayor for organizing the Christmas Concert and the public for attending and participating in the toy drive. In addition Committeewoman Rossell informed the public of Linda Eckenhoff's resignation from the Environmental Commission and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

State Trooper from the Red Lion Barracks attended and updated and reported on the criminal statistics for Southampton Township.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Committee, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Committee will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Administrator or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Nancy King, New Road, discussed speeding problems on New Road. The Committee referred her to the State Trooper.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:10 PM

Resolution No. 2015-135, No Formal action will be taken.

Resolution Setting The Time, Date And Place Of An Executive Session Of The Township Committee For The Purposes Of Discussing Certain Confidential Matters From Which Meeting the Public Shall be Excluded, Attorney Clinic Privilege, Public Funds, Potential Litigation, and Contracts.

Motion: Tiver, Second: Rossell

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

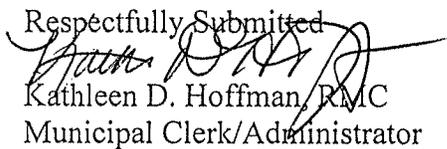
Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting after discussing public funds, potential litigation, personnel and contracts and related topics from which the public would be excluded under the law.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:55 PM

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell.

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

Respectfully Submitted



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator