SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The organizational meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on January 4, 2016 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Township Clerk Kathleen Hoffman followed by a salute to the Flag of the United State of America.

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.

OATH OF OFFICE: Township Committee

Stacey Moore, Esq., administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ronald Heston.
Stacey Moore, Esq., administered the Oath of Office to Mr. William Raftery.

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Tiver, Committeeman Young were all present.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR:
Oath of Office
Resolution 2016-1
Resolution Designating and Appointing Mayor of the Township of Southampton

Nomination- James Young for Mayor made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeewoman Raftery. Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Mayor were closed.

Motion made by Heston, seconded by Raftery.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell and Committeeman Tiver all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young abstained.

Stacey Moore, Esquire administered the Oath of Office to James Young with the assistance of Mayor Young's granddaughter, Melanie Montgomery and her husband, Matt Montgomery and the Mayor's great grandson, Cooper Montgomery.

Township Clerk turned the meeting over to Mayor James Young.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR
Oath of Office
Resolution 2016-2
Resolution Designating and Appointing Deputy Mayor of the Township of Southampton

Nomination – Latham Tiver for Deputy Mayor made Committeeman Raftery, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Deputy Mayor were closed.

Motion made by Committeeman Raftery, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Tiver abstained.

Stacey Moore, Esquire administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Tiver.

Resolution 2016-3
Resolution Pertaining to Interest on Unpaid Taxes and Other Matters Pertaining to the Office of the Tax Collector

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-4
Resolution Pertaining to Cash Management Plan for Township of Southampton

Motion made by Committeeman Tiver, seconded by Committeeman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-5
Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Auditor of the Township of Southampton, Holman Frenia Allison, P.C

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeeman Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-6
Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Attorney of the Township of Southampton, Parker/McCay

Motion made by Committeeman Raftery, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-7
Resolution Concerning Appointment of Municipal Engineer of the Township of Southampton, Alaimo Group

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeeman Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-8
Resolution Pertaining to the 2016 Temporary Municipal Budget of the Township of Southampton

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-9
Resolution Providing for Annual Notice of Regular and Workshop Meetings of the Township of Southampton

Motion made by Committeeman Heston with the noted correction(s), seconded by Deputy Mayor Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-10
Resolution of the Township of Southampton Appointing Andrew Smith, Esquire as Municipal Prosecutor for the Southampton Township Municipal Court from January 1, 2016 to June 31, 2016.

Motion made by Committeewoman Rossell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-11
Resolution of the Township of Southampton Appointing Christian M. Towers, Esquire as Public Defender for the Southampton Township Municipal Court

Motion made by Committeeman Raftery, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-12

Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Making Certain Appointments for Professional Services for the Township of Southampton for the Year 2016 for Township Bond Counsel, Parker/McCay

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeeman Raftery.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-13
Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Designating Official Municipal Newspapers for Public Notices for the Township of Southampton

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Tiver, seconded by Committeeman Heston.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-14
Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Designating Certain Positions for the Township of Southampton

Motion made by Committeeman Raftery, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-15
Resolution of the Township Committee Authorizing the Tax Assessor to Maintain and File Corrections and Adjustments to the Tax Assessor's Records

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-16
Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant for the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Hardenbergh Insurance Company.

Motion made by Committeewoman Rossell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-17
Resolution of the Township of Southampton Giving Taxpayers an Opportunity to Make Partial Payments

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Committeewoman Rossell.

At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-18
Resolution of the Township of Southampton Appointing Alternate/Conflict Municipal Prosecutors for the Southampton Township Municipal Court, Dasti, Murphy, McGuckin, Ulaky, Koutsouris & Connors.

Motion made by Committeewoman Rossell, seconded by Committeeman Raftery.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-19
Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Special Project Engineer of the Township of Southampton, Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Tiver, seconded by Committeeman Raftery.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2016-20
Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Conflict Attorney of the Township of Southampton, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates.

Motion made by Committeewoman Rossell, seconded by Committeeman Raftery.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Planning Board
Mayor Young appointed Ronald Heston to the Planning Board as Class 3 and appointed Committeeman Raftery as his designee and Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell as Committeeman Raftery's designee when he is not able to attend the planning board meeting.
Mayor Young appointed Evie Doherty as Alternate #1 for the unexpired term.

STATEMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Committeeman Heston thanked the public for their support in seeking re-election.
Committeeman Raftery thanked Mayor Young for his years of service.
Mayor Young stated this is his 22nd year as Mayor and thanked his fellow Committee members and residents.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:
Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.
Doug Melegari, Burrs Mill Road, presented a 6th opinion to the Township Solicitor's statement about immunity when a municipality has a Shade Tree Commission versus

Shade Tree In addition he discussed emails he had received through the Township OPRA request he submitted and requested clarification from the solicitor on statements he spoke of at meetings and in emails. Further stated and clarified for the record the Central Record had miss quoted him in the newspaper.
Mayor Young and Stacey Moore, Esquire clarified the immunity coverage with a Commission versus a Committee.
Mr. Melegari expressed his concerns he felt the Township had missed out on for grant opportunities he proposed the Shade Tree Commission apply for that were forwarded to the Township on Thursday for the Tuesday meeting. The Committee informed him all requests for agenda items are required to be submitted to the Township by the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday meeting for the Committee to consider.
Mr. Melegari requested the Committee to ponder over his comments.

Robert Bell, Josh Lane, stated his concerns with not having a Commission and lawsuits. The Township should protect our roads and requested the Township look at roads within the Township that need additional street lighting and additional safety precautions the Township can take especially since Southampton has experienced so many fatal accidents last year.

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

Adjourn – 8:07 PM

Motion made by Committeeman Heston, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tiver.
At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC