

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2016 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular 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 Mayor James Young at 8:16 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: Stacy Moore, Esquire; Parker/McCay; Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC, Township Administrator/Clerk.

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,

ORDINANCES: First Reading and Publication

Ordinance 2016-1

An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Tiver seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution(s)

Resolution 2016-22

Transfer 2015 Appropriation Reserves

Committeeman Tiver made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Tiver seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery,

Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeewoman Rossell stated at the NJ League Conference she attended the NJ Sustainable luncheon where Southampton received the Silver Award. The plaque from NJ Sustainable was shown. Southampton is certified Silver level from 2015 to 2018

Deputy Mayor Tiver wished all a Happy New Year. And stated he wished to congratulate Committeeman Heston and Committeeman Raftery on their re-election to the Township Committee.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Stacy Moore, Esquire thanked the Committee for the re-appointment of Parker/McCay as Township Solicitor and looked forward to working together in 2016.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Doug Melegari, Burrs Mill Road, commented on two (2) emails sent by the Township Solicitor George Morris, Esquire. One of the emails involved immunity projection the Township has under a Shade Tree Commission. Stacy Moore, Esquire commented on the immunity protection the Township has under a Commission. This doesn't prevent a law suit. The other email referenced caution given to Committee members when making comments. In addition Mr. Melegari commented on grant opportunities that the Township missed out on. The Township Committee stated the request and information was not received in a sufficient time frame for the Committee to act on the request. He further commented on emails in reference to Ordinance No. 2015-14. Mr. Melegari stated the Committee should ponder his comments.

Robert Bell, Josh Lane, commented on the immunity protection under a Commission. He further stated the Township should project the Township against law suits and/or additional litigation. The Committee should do more to protect our roads. There are roads where additional street lighting should be installed. There have been several fatal accidents on our roads, in particular Buddtown Road and Route 206. Mayor Young stated Buddtown Road is a County Road and Route 206 is a State Highway.

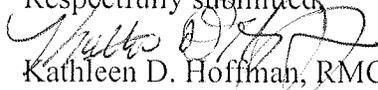
No one else from the public wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Tiver seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery,

Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk