

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 15, 2016 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on March 15, 2016 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Young at 8:00 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.

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 Session – February 16, 2016  
Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver  
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young

COMMUNICATIONS:  
Ed Moore presented Penny Laufer, who accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, Joe Laufer; the annual Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library Community Service Recipient Award followed by numerous speakers who honored Joe Laufer's contribution to the Community.

Let the record reflect Mayor Young took a 10 minute recession and then returned to the regularly scheduled meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:  
Consent Resolution 2016-34 to 2016-39  
Resolution(s) of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts  
Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell  
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young - Ayes

Resolution 2016-40  
Resolution Releasing Maintenance Bond For Willow Lane Subdivision  
Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Rossell  
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Tiver, Young - Ayes

Resolution 2016-41

Resolution Providing Consent For WaWa, Inc.'s Application to the NJ DEP for a Treatment Works Approval

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Tiver

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

Appointments

Shade Tree Advisory Committee

Mayor Young nominated 3 members to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee with the consensus approval of the Committee.

The following were appointed to the Shade Tree Advisory Committee; Tim Gower, Bridget Haines, and Tim Novella.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young and the Township Committee updated the public on the various events scheduled to be taking place and thanked those who have contributed towards these events in addition to thanking Patty Kiernan from the Central Record for covering events and the Committee meetings since she will be moving on.

Further discussion took place with the Township Committee on the status and option for the Hampton Lakes Emergency Services financial situation and vehicles.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Vincetown United Methodist Church is requesting for the Municipal Building Parking Lot on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 8am to 2 pm for their yard.

Motion: Tiver, Seconded: Heston

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

Southampton Historical Society is requesting the approval for funding to continue the black iron fencing around the cemetery with an arbor entrance and a sign. They would also like to see the stones repaired, a center monument stone, or plaque and plantings. Some of the items would be done with volunteers and the Garden

After discussing the Mayor and Township Committee, the Mayor suggested funding the side along 121 Main Street property line and the Historic Society fund raise the additional funds for the other items.

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

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

Southampton Township Recreation Association is requesting the use of the Municipal Building basketball courts for the middle of June to the middle of July for a 4 to 6 week basketball summer program on Wednesday evenings.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young – Ayes, Tiver-abstained.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Frank Morris updated the Committee on the status of 69 Main Street project.

**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.

Evie Doherty, Leisuretwn, informed the Mayor and Township Committee of the March 1 meeting in Leisuretwn on the covenants and played a portion of recording of the meeting for the Committee to hear statements made by Leisuretwn Attorney that she believed after talking with the Mayor were inaccurate statements made by the attorney representing which those in attendance at the meeting may have lead the residents the Township has already discussed the covenant changes and agreed with the changes and the only items the Committee would be concerned with would be changes in the infrastructure and any changes in the 55 and older age restriction.

Ms. Doherty informed the Committee of a letter she received from the attorney addressing her concerns and correcting the matter. She is concerned because she is one resident and there were 200 residents in attendance and if the residents view the covenant changes the Township Committee is in agreement then the residents should agree to the changes. Therefore, she believes the Association should send out a robot call informing the residents of this and this letter should go out to all the residents before any ballots go not just a statement in the Trustees Corner as suggested by the association before the ballots are mailed.

Committeeman Heston thanked Ms. Doherty for bringing this to the Committee's attention.

John Minder, Leisuretwn clarified some of the statements made by Ms. Doherty. The attorney stated 2 times on the tape during the meeting after questioned by Ms. Doherty. He feels the Committee is being misled by Ms. Dougherty.

Ms. Dougherty, Leisuretwn, stated the recording speaks for itself. She is protecting the Committee and the Community.

Ed Mason, Burrs Mill Road, has lived and traveled Route 70 for 40 years and would like to know if there are any plans to repave Route 70. The section between Burrs Mill and the circle is in need of repaving it is causing damage to his vehicle and his wife's vehicle.

The Committee informed Mr. Mason this is a state highway and they would see what they could do to find out what the status of the repaving of Route 70 is.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:12 PM

Resolution 2016-42

For the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition, Contracts and Personnel.

Committeeman Tiver made a motion, 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.

Formal action will not be taken.

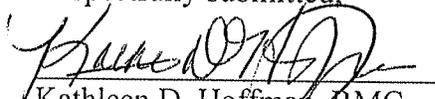
Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:50 PM after discussing land acquisition, contracts and personnel.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 PM

Motion: Heston, Second: Raftery

Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Tiver and Mayor Young, Sr. all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC  
Township Administrator/Clerk