

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2016 AT 8:00 P.M.

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on May 17, 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, 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: Emergency Meeting – March 22, 2016
Motion: Heston, Seconded: Raftery
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

Budget Work Session – April 7, 2016
Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell
Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

Mayor Young stated the Township received a letter of resignation from Deputy Mayor Latham Tiver. Mr. Tiver has accepted a position with the County Board of Chosen Freeholders. At this time Mayor Young would like to recognize Freeholder Tiver who is present at tonight's Committee meeting. Mayor Young would like to thank Freeholder Tiver for his service to the Township and looks forward to his continued service to the County as a Freeholder.

Mayor Young stated with the resignation the Committee is short one person and the Deputy Mayor position is vacant. Mayor Young asked the Committee for a motion on appointing a Deputy Mayor and/or their input. Committee Raftery stated he felt it would be in the best interest of the Township and out of fairness to the incoming Committeeperson to wait to fill the position of Deputy Mayor until the Township Committee has all members present. Committeewoman Rossell agreed with Committeeman Raftery.

RESOLUTIONS:
Resolution 2016-58

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Preparation of Estimated Tax Bills

Motion: Rossell, Seconded: Raftery

Roll Call: Raftery, Rossell, Young voted in the affirmative; Heston absented.

Resolution 2016-59

Resolution Authorizing the Payment of a Compensation Agreement with an Employee for Value of Accumulated Sick and Vacation Time upon Retirement

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

Resolution 2016-60

Designating a 3rd Official Newspaper

Motion: Raftery, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2016 Budget

Committeeman Heston stated the budget increase was 2.1 cents to the residents. Mayor Young opened the 2016 budget to the public for comment. No one from the public wishing to be heard the public hearing on the adoption of the 2016 budget was closed.

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Township Committee congratulated and thanked Freeholder Tiver for his recent appointment to the Freeholders Board and his years of service as a Township Committeeman.

Committeewoman reported on the various activities taking place and to come. In addition she stated the various meetings she attended this past month.

Committeeman Heston commented on the Arts in the Village festival and thanked all involved to pull this event together.

Mayor Young thanked Committeeman Heston, CFO Nancy Gower and Township Administrator/Clerk Kathleen Hoffman for their contribution and work on the 2016 budget. Mayor Young further stated the Memorial Day Parade would take place on May 30, 2016 rain or shine. Mayor Young thanked Butch Sharp for organizing the Banners in the Village hung on the light poles along with the flags and commented put together this is a nice compliment to the parade and our Township.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Kathleen Hoffman updated the Township Committee and public on the status of the Allied property.

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, Leisuretowne, stated as attached her concerns with Ordinance No. 2016-02. (Exhibit A)

In Addition Ms. Doherty commented on her dissatisfaction the Township Committee could not appoint a Deputy Mayor at tonight's meeting.

Pat Topham, New Road, along with other residents within the development commented and expressed her concerns on Allied Salvage and Recycling company located on New Road and the truck traffic, prohibition of trucks over 40 tons, signage, lack of covers on the trucks coming and going with materials and the change of the name of the junkyard to Modern Day Recycling and the pile of tires as stated from the zoning board minutes. (Exhibit B)

Bill Kelly, Floyd Lane and Larry Kolankiewicz, Falcon Drive expressed concern with the approval from the zoning board for Allied to recycling 10% of revenue and questioned how this would be enforced. Expressed concern with property values declining and public health, welfare and safety of the community and cooperation of DEP and other agencies involved that the Township could work with and seek assistance from for enforcement. Residents have to follow the rules imposed why doesn't Allied?

Grace Hick, Main Street, stated her concerns with lack of enforcement for 147 Main Street.

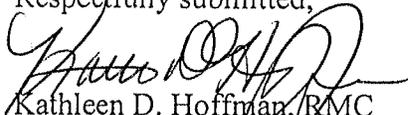
No one else from the public wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 PM

Motion: Heston, Seconded: Rossell

Roll Call: Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Young

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk