

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2017 AT 8:00 P.M.

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on March 20, 2017 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.

ROLL CALL:

A roll call confirmed those Committee members who were present, which included Committeeman Ronald Heston, Deputy Mayor William Raftery, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, and Mayor James F. Young, Sr. Let the record reflect that Committeeman Mikulski arrived at 8:10 PM.

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 & Executive Session – December 20, 2016
Budget Work Session – February 7, 2017
Budget Work Session, Regular Session & Executive – February 21, 2017
Heston made the motion to approve all of the above minutes. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

BUDGET – 2017

Resolution

2017-48

Resolution for Budget to be Read by Title

Heston made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Introduction of 2017 Budget

2017-49

Resolution to Introduce and Notice of Public Hearing for April 18, 2017 at 8:00 PM

Committeeman Heston commented on the budget and after work sessions what is being purposed is a 1.5cents increase. Deputy Mayor Raftery stated he felt given the amount of surplus we should take the opportunity to use the surplus for a zero cent increase. Committeeman Heston stated the 1.5 cents increase represents the 5% down payment on the road bond anticipated to go out for this year.

Heston made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Raftery voted in the negative.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-38

Resolution Entering Into a Memorandum of Understanding for EMS Services with Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad

Kit Applegate, Esquire for HLES was present and thanked the Committee for working together.

Heston made the motion to approve. Mikulski seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-40

Resolution Entering Into a Lease Purchase Agreement with Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad.

Mikulski made the motion to approve. Raftery seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Consent Resolution 2017-41 to 2017-42

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

Mikulski made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative

Resolution 2017-43

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Mikulski made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative. Raftery abstained.

Resolution 2017-44

Resolution Acceptance of Performance Bond for WaWa Store No. 376

Mikulski made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative

Resolution 2017-45

Resolution Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Execute an Agreement with Burlington County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG)

Heston made the motion to approve. Mikulski seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative

Resolution 2017-46

Resolution Authorizing the Tonnage Grant Application for 2016

Heston made the motion to approve. Mikulski seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative

Resolution 2017-47

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Contract for Certified Animal Control Services Mikulski made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Heston made the motion to approve. Mikulski seconded the motion. Heston, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative. Raftery abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young appointed the following:

Planning Board

Patrick T. Kavanagh – Class 4 member, 4 year appointment - expires 12/31/2020

Ryan Hagerthey – Alt. #1 – 2 year appointment – expires 12/31/2018

Stephen Black – Alt # 2 – unexpired term – expires 12/31/2017

OEM – (3) YEAR APPOINTMENT

Michael Rathjen

Deputy Mayor Raftery updated the Committee and public on the public works site progress.

Committeewoman Rossell updated the events within the Township. Reminded the public of the Arts in the Village event scheduled for May 13. The Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 8 and thanked the Southampton Business Association’s generous donation for the event.

Committeeman Mikulski thanked the Public Works Department for the great job on the baseball fields in the rear and getting them ready for the season.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS:

Boy Scout Annual Car Show – May 6; rain date of May 13

Mikulski made motion to approve and coordinate with STRA and their games.

Heston seconded the motion.

Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Trailer:

Jason Gareau – Long and Foster – 2 Trailers;

William Moore – Vincentown Landscaping – 1 Trailer;

Gary Horn – Baseway Motors & Rent a Dent – 1 Trailer;

Mikulski made the motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery,

Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Piggery

Hough Family Farm – Pig Farm

Heston made the motion to approve. Mikulski seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery,

Rossell, Mikulski, Young voted in the affirmative.

Please review the two (2) resolutions handed out for the April meeting. One (1) pertains to vendors at special events. The other pertains to motor homes as permanent residences.

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.

Sue Buckley, Leisuretown, informed the Committee about her dog and another residents dog that bite her dog and as a result her dog had to be put down. She and several residents from Leisuretown expressed their concern with the incident and the licensing requirements for dogs, rabies shot records, the Animal Control Officer, the vicious dog ordinance and the concerns for the other dogs and residents in the development.

Residents from Falcon Drive, New Road, thanked the Township for their support with Allied Recycling and the Court process. Mayor Young stated the Township has spent over \$50,000 to date. In addition the residents wanted to express their concerns with the tire pile that remains at the site and the health and public safety issues with the tires. Mike Rathjen stated he would contact the county fire marshall.

Debra Pshar, Leisuretown, discussed with the Committee the ongoing problem at her residence with the repair by the water company and the problems created as a result.

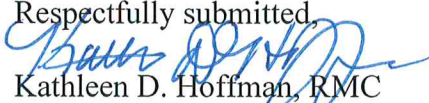
Barry Pratt, Vincent Fire Department, reported on the last two (2) weeks activities and call volumes.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 PM

Heston made motion to adjourn the meeting. Rossell seconded the motion. Heston, Raftery, Rossell, Mikulski and Young voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk