

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2017 AT 8:00 P.M.**

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on April 18, 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 8:02 PM.

Professionals: George Morris, Esquire, Kevin Frenia, Auditor, Nancy Gower, CFO, Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC.

**STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW:**

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act" by:

1. Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post, and all those requesting copies on January 6, 2017.
2. Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
3. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
4. Forwarding a copy of the agenda to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post.
5. Forwarding a copy of the agenda to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on the 17th day of April, 2017.

**MINUTES: Regular Session & Executive Session – January 17, 2017**

**Regular Session – March 20, 2017**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library Community Service Recipient Award  
Ed Moore from the Library informed the Community of the accomplishments of Harry Thompson and presented Mr. Thompson with the Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Community Service Award for 2017. Mayor Young congratulated Mr. Thompson and announced Harry Thompson would be the Grand Marshall in the annual Memorial Day Parade.

FIRE POLICE

Michael Loftus received the Oath of Office for Fire Police.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Community Firewise update was provided by members of the State Forestry Department for Southampton Developments who have a Homeowners Association and have met the requirements and guidelines. In addition the members of Forestry suggested the Township consider a Fire Safety Council. Also reminded the Committee the township Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) received funding for the required updating of the plan.

BUDGET – 2017

Public Hearing – Mayor Young opening the meeting to the public on the 2017 Budget presented for adoption.

Evie Doherty, Leisuretowne, inquired about the 1.5 cents increase being for road improvements if she understands correctly. In addition, she inquired about the 5 year capital improvements projected and the costs to the tax payers whether funding them in the budget or borrowing the funds for all of these if indeed all of these items over five (5) years are to be accomplished. The auditor explained this is a plan on paper only, doesn't mean they will all be accomplished. The funds would be raised in each budget or the down payment and/or the Committee would have to authorize the spending. Further she inquired about the 1.2 million surplus and how those funds came about? The auditor explained the surplus and the reasons for not using all the surplus to offset tax increase. Committeeman Mikulski explained the effect to the Township's bond rating increase was a result of the increase of surplus and good financial management. The Committee is off setting the tax increase using 445,000 of surplus this year and including the \$150,000 down payment required to borrow the funds (3 million for road improvements). Ms. Doherty stated she was glad to see roads in Southampton being addressed and hopes the whole town is mapped out for road improvements. She further thanked and stated she valued Committeeman Raftery's comments and being responsible to the tax payers and caring about the people in using more surplus in lieu of increasing taxes.

Adoption of 2017 Budget

2017-50

Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Budget.

Heston made the motion to approve the 2017 budget. Rossell seconded the motion.

Heston Rossell, Mikulski, Young - Aye. Raftery-Nay.

RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Resolution 2017-51 to 2017-55

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

At the request of the Township attorney 2017-54 was pulled from the consent agenda.

Heston made a motion to approve 2017-51, 52, 53, and 55. Mikulski seconded the motion.

Heston, Rossell, Mikulski, Young – Aye, Raftery-Abstain.

Resolution 2017-56

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Mikulski made a motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion.

Heston, Rossell, Mikulski, Young – Aye, Raftery-Abstain.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Heston made a motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeewoman Rossell updated the events within the Township. Reminded the public of the Boy Scout Car Show for May 6 rain date May 13, Arts in the Village event scheduled for May 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Walking Tour scheduled for May 16 and the Southampton Business Association's meetings and Open House.

The Committee commented on the School and the Community coming together to show support for the family of Nicholas Cunningham who passed away at a young age from an ATV accident and what a unique and great Community Southampton is.

Committeeman Heston requested the public send letters to the Governor for support of a left hand turn signal installed at the intersection of Route 206 and Retreat/Main Street.

Mayor Young announced the annual Fire Works display will be held on July 8 at dusk.

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, asked the Committee to take a look at the ordinance for solicitation. She expressed concerns about the hours of solicitation permitted and as a resident of Southampton questioned why she would have to give the Township her name

and address for a do not solicit list given to each company who applies for a permit and why the Township would support such an ordinance.

Tom Jordon, Vincentown, requested the speed hump in front of his property be removed. The County told him if the Township agreed to remove the hump the County would remove it. He expressed concerns about the tractor trailers who continue to cut through the Village in lieu of using the designated truck route. The Coke-a-Cola driver delivers to the Pizza shop and then goes through the Village on his way to WaWa.

Henry Keubler, Chelsea Place, Leisuretowne, inquired about the ordinance for solicitation and what action can be taken if the company violates the ordinance. The zoning officer can handle the violations. The resident would be called in as witness. He further inquired about the status of the Good Farm project.

Nancy King, New Road, inquired about speeding on New Road and now with the nice weather the motorcycles are speeding up and down.

Evie Doherty, Leisuretowne, suggested that Committeewoman Rossell bring "No Solicitation" signs for the resident's doors in Leisuretowne to the next Civic League meeting.

Pat Topham, New Road, inquired about Allied and the tires being removed. With spring around the corner she is concerned about the mosquitos and the tires. The Board of Health will be notified.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:06 PM

2017-57 Resolution for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters the public is excluded. Litigation update, contract negotiations, shared services, litigation update involving Perretta.

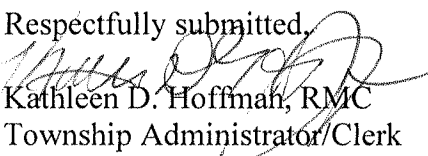
Mikulski made a motion to approve. Rossell seconded the motion. All were in favor. No Action Will Be Taken.

Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:48 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. Hoffmah, RMC  
Township Administrator/Clerk