

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

September 19, 2017 at 8p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on September 19, 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 States of America.

A roll call confirmed those Committee members who were present, which included Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, and Mayor James F. Young, Sr. Let the record reflect Committeeman Mikulski was absent.

The Deputy Township Clerk read the following statement: Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by: 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; Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex; Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex; Forwarding a copy of the agenda to The Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post.; 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 18th day of September, 2017.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting: August 15, 2017

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve and Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

Ordinance No. 2017-07

Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided for Various Capital Projects Totaling \$16,264.66 and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for the Purchase of a Replacement 5 Yard Dump Body

Motion: Heston Seconded: Raftery

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2017-06

Ordinance Rescinding Chapter 12-4.12(d) of the Code of the Township of Southampton Entitled "Development Fees"

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public on this ordinance.

Public Comment: No one from the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Young closed the public portion on this ordinance.

Motion: Rossell Seconded: Heston

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-94

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Newbolds Corner Road Resurfacing

Motion: Raftery Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-95

A Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of Any Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 As Amended)

Motion: Raftery Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-96

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

Motion: Raftery Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-97

Resolution to Authorizing in Rem Foreclosures

Motion: Raftery Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-98

Resolution Authorizing Award of Professional Engineering Services

Motion: Raftery Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-99

Resolution Awarding a Contract for 2017 Local Road Program

Motion: Rossell Seconded: Heston

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Heston Seconded: Raftery

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Young thanked all those who sponsored the Merchant's baseball team parade honoring the team for winning the NJ State championships such as Allen's Oil for the "T" shirts, Scott Goode for the flatbed, Evergreen Dairy Bar for the food, Vincentown and Hampton Lakes Fire Departments, the Hampton Lakes EMS, and the fire police, Parker/McCay for sponsoring the band, Red Lion Dinner for the ice and the NJ State Police. All Committee Members thanked the Mayor for putting the parade together in record time and the sponsors too.

Committeewoman Rossell informed the public and fellow Committee Members about the STAR foundation golf outing that was very successful this year. If anyone is interested in becoming a PEN PAL for the 4th grade students for the school year please see her for further information. Updated the public on various other

information, activities and functions she attended such as the Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, BC AG board, recycling center tour and recycling information she attended.

Committeeman Heston informed the public about the problems facing the recycling program as the County moves forward to be able to fund this program for Burlington County residents with recycling contamination and co-mingling of trash and recyclables. There was a recycling flyer mailed to the residents and there will be additional information in your tax bills and encouraged all residents to read the information and help with the increasing problem.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Best Practices Checklist – acknowledge receipt

Yes: 19, No: 2, N/A: 4.

Score (23 + N/A) = 92%

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public.

Phyllis Fisher, Pleasant Street, thanked the Committee for the speed humps on Pleasant Street. The residents notice a big difference in the decrease in speeding on the Street. In addition she asked that the Committee do something about moving the Christmas tree location on Main Street.

Kenneth Hartman, Mayfair Road, informed the Committee about the water problem with his neighbor and the placement of a drain pipe that was installed to deter the water. The water now runs to the street and in front of his driveway. Public Works was out and spoke with both my neighbor and myself. The neighbor also cut trees down behind his property where the basin is. He wanted to cut down trees on my property too. He believed the trees cut are the Township trees. He inquired about a light ordinance. His neighbor installed a new porch light that shines directly in his window all night. He further discussed problems he is having with his neighbor, such as trying to cut bushes that are Mr. Hartman's. The Mayor stated he could sign a complaint with the municipal court. In addition Mr. Hartman inquired about putting an archery in the basin that he believed belong to the Township. The Township Attorney explained that the Township couldn't give permission to him. Committeeman Heston stated if his neighbor did go on township property and cut down trees then he would be trespassing.

Evie Dougherty, Leisuretowne, inquired about the water bill and why there would be a portion of her bill going to the State and a portion going to the Township. She also inquired about the tax bills, when they would be going out. In addition she inquired about the recycling and the Chinese.

Barry Pratt, Chief of Vincent Fire Department, reported on the monthly calls and activities responded to by the department.

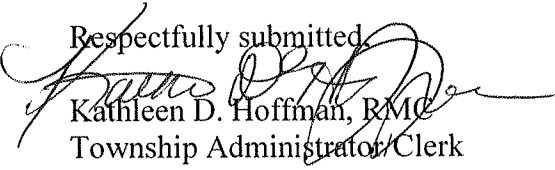
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Heston

Seconded: Rossell

Roll call vote: Heston, Raftery, Rossell and Young all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk