

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 21, 2017

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on November 21 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Young at 8:15 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 Deputy Mayor William Raftery, Committeeman Ronald Heston, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, 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 Meeting: October 17, 2017.

Motion to approve: Mikulski Seconded by: Rossell

Roll Call: Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski all voted in the affirmative. Deputy Mayor Raftery and Mayor Young abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Browns Meadow Committee:

Bob Moore and Linda McCardell informed the Committee of the recommended findings of the Committee appointed by Mayor Young for the passive recreation of Browns Meadow. The Committee recommended to take down the existing fence and if needed, put up a split rail. There would be a winding path throughout the field with wild flowers edging the path to the lakes end. The winding path is outlined. The path would be overlaid with donated crushed concrete. The Garden Club proposes to seed the property early in the spring.

ORDINANCES:

Second 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

Public Comment: None

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 2017-08

Flood Damage Prevention

Public Comment: None

Deputy Mayor Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

First Reading

Ordinance No. 2017-09

Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Amending Chapter 2-3 Entitled Environmental Commission

Deputy Mayor Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 2017-10

Ordinance of Southampton Township Amending Chapter 25 Entitled "Fees"

Committeeman Mikulski made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-103

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Budgetary Transfers

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2017-104

A Resolution Authorizing Renewing Certain Alcoholic Beverage License for the License Year 2017

Committeeman Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Committee congratulated Mayor Young on his winning of the November 7 General Election.

Committeewoman Rossell updated the public on various events happening in the County and Township. Also, she briefed the Committee on the various meetings she attended. She informed the public of the Board of Health meeting next month. In additions Allen's Museum will be open for the holidays on Friday evenings from 6 pm to 8pm and Sunday afternoons from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Committeeman Mikulski thanked Butch Sharp for the banners in the Village and public works for hanging them up. In addition he commented on a local Southampton resident, Kyle Criscuolo, being signed by the professional NHL Buffalo Sabres hockey team.

Committeeman Heston stated he and Committeewoman Rossell attended the JIF training at the NJLM. The JIF credits \$250.00 per Committeeperson and/or Administrator on the yearly professional liability coverage premiums for each professional who attends the training.

Mayor Young mentioned that the annual Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for December 2 at 6:30 pm. Also, the annual Christmas Concert will be held December 9 at 6:30 pm at Southampton School auditorium.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Central Lodge #44F & A.M. request for Old Town Hall on February 2, 2018 from 7 to 9 pm and February 3, 2018 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Committeeman Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Heston abstained.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Bill Kelly, Floyd Lane, presented the Committee with several emails he had written to DEP in reference to the pile of tires at Allied Recycling and was frustrated and concerned about the lack of response from DEP. He further stated his concerns about the health, welfare and public safety prospective with the tires and the lack of removal of the tires and enforcement being placed upon Allied especially given the most recent fire at Allied's Route 206 facility located in Springfield.

Chief Pratt, Vincent Fire Department briefed the Committee and public on the various events being held at the Fire House and the calls for service and response of the department for the month.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:32 PM

Resolution 2017-105

Resolution Authorizing closed session for discussion relating to personnel, contract negotiations, litigation updates, contracts and use of public funds and land acquisitions. Formal action will be taken.

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Deputy Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

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

First Reading

Ordinance No 2017-11

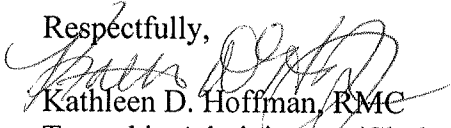
Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore, Provided for Various Capital Projects Totaling \$325,000.00 and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for the Southampton Township Public Works Facility

Committeeman Mikulski made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 PM

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski, Mayor Young all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk