

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2017

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on December 19 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 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 Session Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2017

Committeeman Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CDBG – Application for Kathleen Lane, West Shore Drive, Gloria Lane, Lakeview Lane & Lakeview Terrace in Hampton Lakes – ADA access, sidewalk and driveway repairs/replacement
Public Hearing: None

Resolution No. 2017-116

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Burlington County Community Development Program for Funding for 2018 Municipal Projects

Committeeman Heston 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.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2017-09

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

Public Comment: None

Committeewoman Rossell 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.

Ordinance No. 2017-10

Ordinance of Southampton Township Amending Chapter 25 Entitled "Fees"

Public Comment: None

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.

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 Improvements

Public Comment:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public for comment:

Laurence England, Ridge Road, inquired about what exactly the funds were going to be used for at the public works site.

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-106

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 2017-107

A Resolution Authorizing for the Cancellation of Certain Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Storm Recovery Reserve appropriations Pursuant to NJS 40A:4-60 and NJS 40-4:39

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.

Resolution 2017-108

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Award of Public Works Facility Improvements

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.

Consent Agenda for Resolution(s) 2017-109 & 2017-110

Resolution 2017-109

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)

Resolution 2017-110

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)

Resolution No. 2017-111

Resolution Authorizing Change Order for Safe Routes to School for Southampton Pedestrian Infrastructure Upgrades

Committeeman Heston 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.

Resolution No. 2017-112

Resolution Authorizing Change Order for 69 Main Street Demolition & Vincentown Village Park

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 No. 2017-113

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Award of a Grant between the Township of Southampton and the Burlington County Board of Freeholders for Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program.

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.

Consent Agenda for Resolution(s) 2017-114 & 2017-115

No. 2017-114

Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Accepting a Performance Guarantee as Required for J&B Liquors.

Resolution No. 2017-115

Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Accepting a Performance Guarantee as Required for Southampton Auto Center

Committeeman Heston 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.

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, and Committeeman Mikulski voted in the affirmative. Mayor Young abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman Raftery discussed the meeting the Mayor and he had with the Pinelands Alliance and the Pinelands Adventure for the use of Saw Mill Park and the Rancocas Creek for canoes down the Rancocas into the new boat launch in Lumberton. Committeeman Mikulski inquired about the organization providing the Township a certification of insurance to protect the Township. Committeewoman inquired if there would be a cost.

Committeewoman Rossell updated the Committee on the activities of the shade tree and the competition of the Community Forestry Management Plan that is required every 5 years. In addition the Committee received information about the various activities she has been involved with this month and the events forthcoming such as the OPIOD program being held in January at Southampton School #3

Committeeman Mikulski commented on the annual tree lighting, everything was great, there was a great turnout, the school choir and band were excellent and a great big thank you to the teachers who volunteered their time.

Mayor Young commented that the Township should look into a new audio PA system or a different way to set up the system the Township has. It was difficult to hear. The other Committee members all agreed.

Committeeman Heston commented on the annual Christmas concert held at the school and the boxes of toys, donated by the attendees. Committeeman Mikulski stated the toys were distributed tonight as a matter of fact. Committeeman Heston further commented and thanked the Public Works for their hard work during the past two storms and keeping the roads safe. In addition he commented on the rate increase being purposed by NJ American Water that would affect the residents in the Village. Residents should attend one of the public meetings going to be held and write letters to the Board of Public Utilities aka BPU. Also, Committeeman Heston stated that the Board of Health meetings should start at 7:30 PM for 2018 in lieu of 7:45 PM given the Board of Health is having speakers and presentations

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Evie Doherty, Strafford Court, stated the BPU is the worse agency to deal with for anything in her experience such as filing claims, they are useless and don't deal with problems

Assistant Chief Keith Harrison, Vincent Fire Department updated the Committee on the fire department's response to calls, training, and activities for the month.

Kathy Agolio, Leisuretown, requested the Committee to visit adopting a fire safety council for the township. She feels there are a lot of positives the Township can benefit from for doing so.

Doug Melegari, Pinelands Tribune inquired about the Buddtown Soccer fields and the Pinelands Commission as to what was happening with that.

Bill Kelly, Floyd Lane inquired about Allied Recycling junkyard as to if there is any update to the tire pile and removal. There is a tire outside the gates. There can be no storage of any kind outside the gated area, this is a code violation.

Laurence England, Ridge Road, complimented the road department on a job well done during the recent snow storm and even the trash was picked up.

Pat Topham, New Road, commented on how great the downtown Vincentown looks with the beautiful wreaths and tree and all the lights for the holidays. In addition she presented the Committee with a copy of an article in reference to exposure to toxins and their relationship to various diseases such as diabetes and stressed the Township be careful when bringing in new businesses to Town.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution 2017-118

For the purpose to discuss requests for proposals for 2018, contracts and the use of public funds.

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.

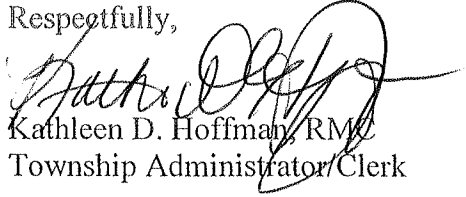
No formal action will be taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 9:57PM

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen D. Hoffman', written over the typed name.

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RM/C
Township Administrator/Clerk