

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on October 19, 2021 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Mikulski at 6:00 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 Ronald Heston, Committeeman William Raftery, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, and Mayor Michael Mikulski. Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. was not present.

The Mayor 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; Posting a copy of the agenda on the Township website; 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:

Approval of Regular Meeting of September 21, 2021

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jeff Hicks, President of the Board of Education, introduced Asia Michael the new Superintendent of Southampton Schools.

Mayor Mikulski read a Proclamation to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Southampton Township School #1.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2021-14

An Ordinance Authorizing and Encouraging Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) & Make-Ready Parking Spaces

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2021-097 through 2021-102

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2021-097

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Adopting Salaries in Accordance with the Township Salary Ordinance

Resolution 2021-098

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

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Resolution 2021-100

A Resolution as Recommended by the Tax Assessor Authorizing the Tax Collector to Make Certain Adjustments to Records and Accounts

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Resolution 2021-102

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Fire Apparatus Through a Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

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 Mikulski opened the meeting to the public.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road, asked how much the fire truck cost and also questioned why the agenda was added to the website so late.

Jessica Torres, 441 North Main Street, inquired about an amendment to the dog ordinance. Mayor Mikulski stated that the ordinance has been distributed to the other Committee members. Someone would have to make a motion and a 2nd motion would have to be offered. From there the Committee would have a roll call on the ordinance.

Larry O'Rourke, 57 Mayfair Road, President of the LeisureTowne Association, introduced a new board member Tom Haluszczak. He provided notification that the 50th Anniversary Celebration is going to be canceled and delayed until the Spring for COVID safety reasons. Additionally, he mentioned that he would like to submit ideas to reduce speeding through LeisureTowne.

Mayor Mikulski, if Leisuretown is looking for a large area to have their 50th the township would be open to the use of the Red Lion Recreation Facilities.

Sue Costales, 21 Picardy Place, suggested having the Township Meeting at 7:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm as people would be eating dinner at that time.

Joe Collis, Hampton Lakes Fire Department - provided a report on the number of calls and activities of the prior month as well as the inspection of detectors and replacement of batteries in detectors. He also thanked the Committee for new Fire Truck.

Scott Mitchell, Vincent Fire Company – provided a report of calls and activity for the prior month. He thanked the Committee for the Blue Beast which is now on the road.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad - gave monthly report about calls and various activities of the prior month.

Southampton OEM – gave monthly report

Pat Topham, 450 New Road, she was traveling on Newbolds Corner suggested using the same kind of truck they were using on Newbolds Corner when picking up recycling on New Road.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road, mentioned that recycling is a different kind of truck. On Stratford all of the carts were turned over.

Mayor Mikulski provided an update on the situation regarding trash removal services there has been no change. The Committee is still looking at buying a truck with a tripper on the rear but we will continue to fact-find.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman Raftery – Enjoys watching all the activity that goes on at the Red Lion Recreation Facility.

Committeewoman Rossell – updated the Committee and public regarding the following: Shade Tree, Burlington County Agricultural- 3 farms were nominated, 2 of which were from the Southampton area. Bill Raftery and Nancy Gower. STAR Foundation, the School #1 100th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2021, rain date Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Mayor Mikulski – discussed various options for Voting in the General Election.

Do you know what, the amount of the total taxes residents pay less than 15 cents goes towards the local purpose.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC discussed with the Committee the next date for the Committee meeting is November 16, 2021 which is the week of the NJLOM Conference. Suggested the meeting date change to the following week on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. All were in agreement.

Motion to add Resolution 2021-103 was offered by Committeeman Heston and 2nd by Mayor Mikulski.

Roll Call: All were in favor.

Resolution 2021-103

Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-9 Setting the Annual Meeting Notice.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution 2021-104

Authorizing Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Heston made a motion to approve. Mayor Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Deputy Mayor Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative. For the purpose of discussing certain confidential matters from which meeting the public shall be excluded, potential litigation and contracts. Formal action may be taken.

Let the record reflect the governing body has entered into executive session: 6:45 pm

Let the record reflect the governing body has returned after discussion of the above as stated: 7:09 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 7:13 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Administrator/Clerk

