

## **SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting**

**April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on April 19, 2022 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell at 6:00 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 Ronald Heston, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell, and Committeeman William Raftery. Mayor Michael Mikulski was present remotely. Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. arrived at 6:07.

The Deputy 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 and Executive Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

BEMS – explained the BEMS project being purposed.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 2022-05

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 3002, Lots 5, 5.02, & 5.03; Familiarly Known as the Red Lion Diner Redevelopment Area

Deputy Mayor Rossell opened the ordinance to the public.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 2022-045

Introduction and Approval on First Reading of the 2022 Budget Authorizing Publication of Budget and Providing for a Public Hearing on the Budget on May 17 at 6:00 pm in the Committee Meeting Room

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

Resolution 2022-046

Resolution Authorizing 2022 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only

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

Resolution 2022-047

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Preparation of Estimated Tax Bills

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

Resolution 2022-048

Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the Purchase of Fire Apparatus

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

Resolution 2022-049

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Designating Red Lion Circle Partners LLC

Redeveloper of Block 3002, Lots 5, 5.02 and 5.03 in the Red Lion Diner Redevelopment Area

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

Resolution 2022-050

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Developer's Escrow Agreement

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

Resolution 2022-051

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Supporting BEMS Southampton Solar Farm's LLC Revised Site Plan

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Deputy Mayor Rossell, Committeeman Raftery, Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Young and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young voted not to approve.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2022-052 through 2022-053**

Resolution 2022-052

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Resolution 2022-054

Awarding a Contract for the Reconstruction of Retreat Road and Burrs Mill Road

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

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

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.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Doug Melegari, 219 Burrs Mill Road – mentioned the need for paving of the 300 block of Ridge Road due to the large numbers of pot holes.

Tom Haluszczak, 792 Westminster Drive – inquired about the fire in LeisureTowne and the body that was found and expressed his concerns.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road – complimented the Township employee, Jennifer Teisen. She further discussed the Red Lion Redevelopment plan and BEMS, will it be decided by the Planning Board, thanked the Committee for the way they handle the meeting.

Susan Costales, 21 Picardy & Ken Hartman, 70 Mayfair – would like the Township to invite all veterans in Southampton, not just the Veterans in LeisureTowne through a mailing. The list can be obtained from the tax office.

Larry O'Rourke, 57 Mayfair, Board of Trustees – indicated that he is in favor of the solar farm, the Board of Trustees is working with the developer on a tentative agreement and easement rights. Larry offered the halls to the developer who will be present and work with residents for discounted electric. NJ State offers incentives and requirements for charging stations with new construction, developers are going to provide 2-4 electric car stations & offer credits to Township.

Mike Miller, 2 Eayrestown Rd – he has been a resident for 16 years and feels the State has failed South Jersey, 37,000 motorists go around circle, provides what?

Michael Rathjen – thanked the committee for the Fire Truck, reported on the monthly statistics calls for service, installed smoke detectors, etc. Fire wise meetings are taking place in

Leisuretowne. Tranquility Ridge is a Fire wise community but doing minimum to stay a Fire wise community.

Pat Topham, 450 New Road – thanked the fire companies.

Susan Costales, 21 Picardy – inquired about only one set of doors used at municipal building, indicated her street was in need of paving, and suggested paving the older ones first because of wear and tear.

Scott Mitchell – reported on the monthly Vincent Fire Co. calls and activities; stressed the need for mutual aid, he thanked Larry O'Rourke for opening the hall where they were able to set up the unified command station.

Scott Mitchell – 1726 Route 206, being a resident he appreciates the development.

Eammon Fitzpatrick-Ruth –HLEMS - reported on the various activities, mutual aid and calls for the Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad; they have 2 new volunteers, and applied for various grants.

OEM reported on activities this past month; attended the County LEPC.  
Gave a presentation on SCBA.

**ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:**

Bag Up NJ – NJ plastic and paper bag restriction begins May 4, 2022.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Committeeman James Young – mentioned there will be nine (9) summer concerts this year.

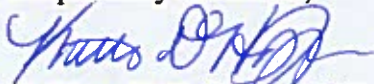
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell – updated the public on various activities including the School Board of Education meeting next Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Arts in the Village on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Fire wise Day, and the Vincentown Library will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2023 and are planning a celebration.

Mayor Michael Mikulski – thanked the Fire Departments and office staff for their involvement with the Township yearly Easter Egg Hunt. Talked about the township looking at some Development so the Committee doesn't have to raise taxes, to offset the lost revenues with properties being sold under the Blue Acres property

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 PM**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC  
Township Administrator/Clerk