

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on August 16, 2022 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 States of America.

A roll call confirmed those Committee members who were present, which included: Mayor Michael Mikulski, Committeeman Ronald Heston, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell, Committeeman William Raftery, and Committeeman James F. Young, Sr.

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 Minutes of July 19, 2022

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

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-09

An Ordinance Repealing, Replacing and Amending Portions of Chapter 8 of the Code of the Township of Southampton Concerning Vacant and Abandoned Properties

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

First Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-10

Appropriating \$400,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Purchase a Public Works Vehicle, Small Public Works Equipment & Maintenance of the Vincentown Sewer System

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2022-079 through 2022-085

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

Resolution 2022-079

Accepting Temporary Construction and Interconnection easement

Resolution 2022-080

Accepting a Decommissioning Agreement and Deed Restriction

Resolution 2022-081

Making certain further adjustments in the Tax Collector's records and accounts

Resolution 2022-082

Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution 2022-083

Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Apply to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA) for a 2022 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant

Resolution 2022-084

Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Recommendation in the 2021 Audit Report

Resolution 2022-085

Providing for the Refund of an Escrow Balance

Resolution 2022-086

Support of the Submission of an Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program

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

Resolution 2022-087

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) (ARP FUNDS)

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

Resolution 2022-088

Rejecting bids for Good Farm Phase 3, Project and Authorizing Immediate Rebid

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

Resolution 2022-089

Awarding a Contract for a Falcon Drive Stormwater & Alt Bid A Improvements

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

Anita Kijas, 792 Westminster Drive, Discussed Leisuretowne speeding is a problem. Need proper signage. The electronic signage needs to be rotated around.

Tom Haluszczak. 792 Westminster Drive, Prior administration submitted the shoulder line.

Evie Doherty, 56 Strafford Road: people in Leisuretowne vote on things.

Kevin Boyd, 55 Maidstone: There are 37 islands in Leisuretowne. Thank you for taking care of the islands. Thank you for the paving of certain roads within Leisuretowne. Along with the paving the installation of new storm drain grates they help reduce the trash that find their way into the drains and the trash ends up clogging up the pipes and into the lakes. Previously was a list of street signs and stops signs missing were submitted.

Janice Fosse, 70 Sheffield Place. Inquired about the wolf dog matter being resolved. Two (2) dogs surrendered, other five (5) registered.

Jim Heffernan, 24 Meadow – reported for Vincent Fire Company: calls for service and assistance. Bingo will be held on September 24 from 4 to 10.

Eammon Fitzgerald Ruth reported on Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- reported on calls for service. 1784 is getting DOH inspection and will be here the end of the week.

Eamonn as Office of Emergency Management reported the Leisuretowne water main break. In addition Eammon reported on the meeting he attended on behalf of Southampton held at Lumberton on region and city level support for cleaning of the waterways. Also, he updated the Committee on the Fire.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

Road work on Retreat Road will start tomorrow at 7 am. Retreat will be closed for approximately two weeks. Then the contractor will start on Burrs Mill Road which will be closed for two weeks.

SOLICITOR:

Thanked all the residents for the food donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ron Heston reported on the summer concerts and the bands, Bonsal Blues dance Band is Wednesday, then the following week is the Tri County Band.

James Young stated the concert was so well attended Evergreen Dairy Bar ran out of ice cream and water ice at the concert. Also, we ran out of water donated by Alloway for the concert.

Elizabeth Rossell stated September 16 is the Star Golf Tournament, September 24 is the Arts in the Village from 9 to 3, and September 24 Bingo from 4 to 10. Welcomed back students, teachers and board of education to the 2022-2023 school year. September and October Library will have an art sale and three Saturday mornings a café (relax, take a book) from 10 to 2

Michael Mikulski stated the Fireworks were well attended so well we had to close Red Lion Road for 40 minutes.

Resolution 2022-090

Executive Session 6:48 pm

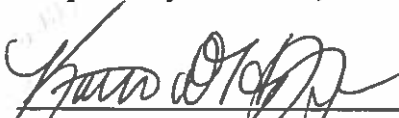
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For the purpose of discussing potential contracts. No formal action will be taken.

Let the record reflect the Committee returned after discussing contracts and potential use of public funds.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk