

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on December 20th, 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 and Committeeman William Raftery. Let the record reflect Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. arrived at 6:02 p.m.

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.

Mayor Mikulski provided an update to a meeting he has scheduled with the BPU on January 5th, 2023 by zoom. The Township will also open the court room for the zoom meeting being held by the BPU on January 12th, 2023 at 4:30 for residents that do not have zoom capabilities. No Township business will be discussed.

Evie Doherty- 56 Stratford Rd- Concerned about the ability to speak at the BPU zoom meeting. Made a call to the judge and reached an aid that informed her there would not be a way to speak over zoom.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2022

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 and Committeeman Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Proclamation Eagle Scout Project- Mayor Mikulski presented Tanner Pew with a proclamation in appreciation for the addition of stairs to the Eagle Walk trail for accessibility.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

Ordinance 2022-14

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 (Land Development), Section 12-10.1, Entitled "Application Requirements," of the Revised General Code of the Township of Southampton

Let the record reflect the Ordinance was tabled by the Committee. Revisions needed.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2022-122 through 2022-124

Deputy Mayor Rossell made a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions 2022-122 through 2022-124. Committeeman Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Rossell and Committeeman Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2022-122

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing a Change Order No 2 with Respect to 2022 Local Road Program

Resolution 2022-123

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

Resolution 2022-124

A Resolution Authorizing Budgetary Transfers

LICENSES:

Deputy Mayor Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Raftery 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.

Car Lot

Southampton Imports
Southampton Auto Center

Mobile Home

Robert	Benhardt	Mobile Estates
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Trailer

#-of-trailers	First	Last	Company
6	Bruce	Tatum	Red Lion Metals
1	Sandra	Allen	ALLEN PROPERTIES, LLC
3	Scott	Parker	
1	Dennis	Branco	
2	Jason	Gareau	

2	Jeff	Lingo	Acme Lingo Flag Poles
1	Peggy	Titone	Shamrock, Inc.
5	Tim	McGuire	Colonial Chemical
2	Albin	Scheibner	Medford Cedar Products
1	Joseph	McOwen	IFA Group
1	Michael	Green	White Dotte
3	Michael	Scott	Medford Tire
2	Taylor	Toussant	Mt Holly Motorsports
1	Tim	Murphy	Hometown Pharmacy
2	Jamie	Giberson	Southampton Small Engine Sales & Services
3	Steven	Hunter	Sau-Sea Pool Products Inc.

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 and Committeeman Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young abstained.

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:

Mayor Mikulski asked for a meeting with the auditor to confirm financials of the sewer system.

Debbie Massey, Leisuretowne- Identified a dip on the corner of Chatham and Huntington and red cones are around it. Asked for an update for the repairs. Looking for grant opportunities from the state for Leisuretowne.

Dottie Bartelino, 23 Farrington Ct- Presented a petition of over 800 signatures for the BPU.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Rd - Questioned payments to ERI. Mayor Mikulski stated they are the engineers doing work on Burrs Mill Rd, Retreat Road, Falcon Drive, and the ballfield. Buckingham Road work being done will adhere to the ordinance in place regarding roads being opened. No intention of tearing up the road.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Department- Reported for Vincent Fire Department the calls for service and assistance. Mayor Mikulski expressed his thoughts for Joe Collis who is not in good health.

Eammon Fitzgerald-Ruth, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Reported on calls for service. Preventative maintenance was done on the fleet. 10 new members started in October. Second largest hiring. First full time EMT was hired for consistency and better training within the town. 250 participants for the public education program. It is a free program for residents.

Eammon as Office of Emergency Management- Monitoring the impending winter storm. Attended OEM meetings. In the process of updating emergency shelter information within the township. Mayor Mikulski commented on the EMS being self-sufficient and appreciation for the hard work.

Kyla Tucker, 2 Birch Drive- Update on the letters from zoning that were brought up at last meeting. New letters are being mailed out.

Gus Bordon, 22 Chesterfield- Why can't I put in a well/septic. Living on a fixed income. Explore options other than Pinelands Water. Mayor Mikulski stated the land in Leisuretowne is not large enough for a septic.

Committeeman Heston commented that he met with the BPU years ago to try to get JCP removed from Southampton. There are territories and they are entitled to a profit under BPU rules. It is the same for the water company.

Richard Paul, 21 Pulham Lane- Questions about water and sewer bill.

Joan Lanoie, 64 Sheffield Lane- Are there senior benefits to help with water and sewer bill. Elderly residents cannot afford the proposed increase in bills.

Patrick Kennedy, Retreat Road- Update on the information he provided at the last meeting. Maintenance logs on fire hydrants should be requested.

Marie Barnes, 77 Kingston Way- There is a subsidy program only if you are a year behind in payments and it hits your credit.

Committeeman Heston commented that the best thing the residents can do is send letters to the BPU.

Committeewoman Rossell suggested that individual letters be sent to the BPU to make it personal.

Jessica Torres, North Main St- Suggested new decorations for the Christmas tree in town.

Debbie Massey, Leisuretowne- Covenant 18 for public water and sewer in Leisuretowne. Thank you Hampton Lakes Emergency and Fire squad for help with the Christmas Tree Lighting in Leisuretowne.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bill Raftery: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Rossell: Thanked Committeeman Heston and Committeeman Young for organizing the tree lighting and the Christmas Concert. Thanked Hampton Lakes Fire Department for waking everyone up with Santa.

Jim Young: Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.

Ron Heston: Rabies clinic will be held on January 28th at the Vincent Fire House. Thanked Elizabeth Rossell for the kind words. Christmas Concert brought in \$400 in gift cards to help those in need. Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year. Board of Health reorganization will be on January 3rd, 2023 and that is the only meeting scheduled. Any news will be brought up at monthly committee meetings.

Kathleen Hoffman: Information is on Township's website to obtain free COVID testing kits.

Mike Mikulski: The Christmas Concert gift cards will be distributed to multiple families to help those in need. Thank you to all who donated. In the event of snow please move cars in the street for the plow trucks. Merry Christmas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:06 P.M.

Resolution 2022-125

Authorizing Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts. No Formal Action will be Taken.

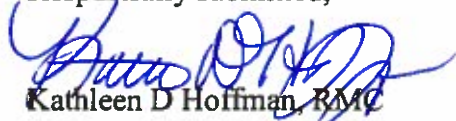
Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Rossell, Committeeman Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Let the record reflect the governing body has returned after discussion of the above as stated: 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:37 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk