

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on February 15, 2022 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Mikulski at 6:03 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, Committeeman William Raftery, and Mayor Michael Mikulski. Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. was present remotely.

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 January 18, 2022

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

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

Ordinance 2022-02

An Ordinance Amending Schedule VIII in Accordance with Subsection 7-6.2 of the Code of the Township of Southampton to Include Newly Installed Stop Sign Intersections

Deputy Mayor Rossell 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.

Ordinance 2022-03

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton to Amend Fees for Sewer Service

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

Ordinance 2022-04

An Ordinance Amending Sewer Service and Connection Fees

Deputy Mayor Rossell 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.

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-01

Calendar Year 2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2022-030 through 2022-032 and 2022-34 and 2022-35.

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.

Resolution 2022-030

Amendment to Resolution 2022-4 Cash Management Plan for the Township of Southampton

Resolution 2022-031

A Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Burlington County Soil Conservation District and Southampton Township for Stormwater Management Facility Inspections & Other Related Services

Resolution 2022-032

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

Resolution 2022-034

Resolution Designating and Appointing the Acting CMFO of the Township of Southampton

Resolution 2022-035

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

Resolution 2022-033

Transfer of 2021 Appropriation Reserves

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

LICENSES APPROVED

Trailers

2 trailers for Safety-Kleen Industrial Services

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Rossell 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.

Body Art

Inkology Tattoo Studio

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Rossell 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. Deputy Mayor Rossell 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:

Evie Doherty, Leisuretowne. Has there been any insight into the budget if there will be any increase. Was there a different type of salt used during the snow storm?

Eammon Fitzpatrick, OEM/HLEMS gave a report on the calls, cooperation of units. The COVID numbers are dropping. He submitted the EMAA grant quarterly report and stated that there will be county exercises monthly which are required by the EMAA grant. Three new directives came out, 2 for Fire & EMS and the other doesn't necessarily apply. In March he will be conducting an Active Shooter presentation for Public Works and the office personnel. He is also working on CPR training.

Jessica Torres, Vincentown, inquired about the rabies clinic which was supposed to be held at the end of January will it be rescheduled? And will the late fee be extended. It will now be held in May and the late fee will not be extended since there are other clinics.

Susan Costales, Leisuretowne, stated Public Works did not plow the corners around where the handicap crosswalks are located. They piled the snow on top.

Scott Mitchell, Vincent Fire Company Chief reported on calls and back up to other towns. They applied for a 50/50 grant which was received for \$5,000.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

Kathleen Hoffman spoke about the local road program and the NJDOT road grants – receiving bids and hope to award at the March meeting

Reminder – Burlington County and DVRPC virtual public meeting – February 16, 2022

(Posted on website)

Rabies Clinic has been rescheduled to May 14 at 10 am to 12 pm.

March 23 at 7:00 – Burlington County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment virtual public meeting

SOLICITOR

George Morris, Esq., discussed the Stokes property located on N. Main Street in Vincentown being designated an area in need of redevelopment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman Ronald Heston stated that considering the weekend storm public works had to deal with they did a very good job plowing.

Committeeman James Young – stated he spoke with Jeff from SJ Alliance about using the Grange for the Veterans luncheon on Memorial Day.

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell informed the residents that the prescribed burns will be posted on the NJDEP website. The Southampton Local School District will be holding Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mayor Michael Mikulski – Hampton Lakes Fire Department fire truck is being constructed. The fire truck should arrive in 2023 or early 2024. The public works trash truck is being constructed too. The trash truck is scheduled to arrive in June/July. Dunkin Donuts on Route 70 where the old bank was submitted their construction permits.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 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