

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on January 18, 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 State 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:

Regular Meeting & Executive – December 21, 2021

Re-Organization Meeting – January 3, 2022

Approval of Regular Meeting of December 21, 2021 and the Re-Organization Meeting of January 3, 2022

Committeeman Ronald 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.

Appointments: Mayor Mikulski appointed members of the planning board. All other board appointments were approved with the consent of the committee.

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.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

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 2022-26 through 2022-29

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.

Resolution 2022-26

Resolution of the Township of Southamptton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Making Certain Appointments for Professional Services for the Township of Southamptton for the Year 2022 for Township Labor Counsel Parker/McCay

Resolution 2021-27

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Recycling and Solid Waste Service Contract with the County of Burlington for the Provision of Recycling and Solid Waste Services

Resolution 2021-28

Appointing Municipal Court Judge

Resolution 2022-29 amending Resolution 2022-19

Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lumberton for the Provision of Vehicle Fueling Services

LICENSES

Trailer License for Tracey Cardenas

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.

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:

Larry O'Rourke – Leisuretowne; Discussed and requested signage in Leisuretowne. A color coded list will be supplied. Leisuretowne: Keep me off Pine Barrens.

Jim Hefferman – Vincent Fire Company reported the monthly calls, training and other monthly activities and statistics.

Eammon Fitzpatrick, OEM and HLEMS reported; Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad monthly call, training and other monthly activities and statistics.
OEM monitor storms, COVID statistics were reported.

Evie Doherty, Leisuretowne; requested the COVID information be posted on the Southamptton Website. She complimented the Public Works Department for a fantastic job during the last snow storm.

Douglas Melegari, Pine Barrens Tribune requested the legal notices for the Township be published in the Pine Barrens Tribune paper because they have a wide Southampton Township and other local Townships distribution. Recommend cutting back on what we use now. He also informed us that the Courier Post and Burlington County Times are owned by the same company. Mayor Mikulski stated that Bergen County tried to advertise in the Bergen Records but it did not work out. In addition, there is pending legislation which may change the requirement for publishing in newspapers due to readership decreasing.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

Kathleen Hoffman stated February 16 is the tentative date for the Mill Street Bridge replacement virtual public meeting with Burlington County and DVRPC to take place. Once the date is confirmed it will be posted on the website. In addition dates in February for budget workshop will be emailed. Update to Rabies Clinic – the January 29 date is cancelled due to COVID concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman James Young stated he became a grandfather again. Her name is Delaney.

Committeeman Heston stated the meeting with the Masonic board members was not well attended due to COVID concerns and their aging population.

Mayor Mike Mikulski stated a new trash truck is 4 or 5 months away. Eammon will be hosting a meeting and discussing with the two fire departments working together for training and purchases.

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell stated the BOE has a new Board President and informed the public of the next board meeting. The Arts in the Village is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. Paperwork should be submitted by April 7 if you are interested in being a vendor. Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:32 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