

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on May 17, 2022 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor 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 Committeeman Ronald Heston, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell, Committeeman William Raftery, Committeeman James F. Young, Sr., and Mayor Michael Mikulski. Professionals present included Dave McNally, CPA, George Morris, Esq., Kinjal Patel, Acting CFO and Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC.

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 and Executive Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022

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.

BUDGET:

Resolution 2022-059

Adoption of 2022 Budget as Presented on April 19, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 2022-059

No one wished to comment

ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

JIF Safety Presentation – Joe Henry, Hardenberg Insurance – discussed the safety funds and the other programs the JIF has to offer. As safety coordinator, Donna Fascenda does an awesome job.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

Ordinance 2022-06

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the Township of Southampton, and Amending and Supplementing Portions of Chapters 12 and 19 of the Code of the Township of Southampton

Committeeman Young 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.

Ordinance 2022-07

An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 2019-4 Entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2015-10, 2014-4, 1982-1; 1977-2 Entitled an Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Officials and Employees of the Township of Southampton in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, and Regulating the Manner of Paying the Same”

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.

Second Reading

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

Mayor Mikulski opened the ordinance to the public. No one wishing to comment on Ordinance 2022-05 Mayor Mikulski closed the public portion.

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 2022-055 through 2022-058

Resolution 2022-055

Resolution Awarding Farm Lease for the Buddtown Fields Part of the Municipal Complex

Resolution 2022-056

Resolution of Southampton Township Approving and Accepting a Cash Performance Guarantee & Inspection Escrows for MOM Property Management, Dunkin’ Donuts

Resolution 2022-057

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector’s Records and Accounts

Resolution 2022-058

Resolution of Southampton Township Approving and Accepting a Cash Performance Guarantee & Inspection Escrows for Dollar General

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. Deputy Mayor Rossell 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 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:

Doug Meligari, 219 Burrs Mill Road – inquired about the budget regarding the average assessed home value. Mike Mikulski responded that approximately 14 % of taxes collected are to support the township.

Larry O'Rourke, 57 Mayfair, Board of Trustees – mentioned that the grass on the islands in LeisureTowne are very high and requested a regular mowing schedule.

Jeff Hicks, 152 Main Street – Board of Education meeting will take place on May 23rd and the school will hold a festival on May 26th. He thanked the committee for allowing him to be on the parade committee. STEA settled.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Co. – reported on calls for service and stats for the month.

Carol Deklerk, 2 Thames Court, noted that the tennis courts at the Municipal Complex have pickle ball court lines marked as well and it is confusing.

Eammon Ruth-Fitzpatrick, HLEMS – reported on calls for service and stats for the month. He also updated about an accident. A new EMT, Rebecca has finalized all her classes for EMT. She will sit for the exam. Grids were updated, public education classes in LeisureTowne started on May 13 and were well attended. Second rig will be housed at the Township Building from June to September on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 8 pm.

In addition as OEM – no incidents to report, 2021 requirements for EMMA were met, 2 classes were held in LeisureTowne and were well attended. Fire wise meeting in LeisureTowne, evaluation drill for the school.

Pat Topham, 450 New Road – mentioned that in Old Town Hall, the Historic Society held their annual strawberries and ice cream.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday recycling will be collected on Tuesday, May 31st. Construction to begin on crosswalk on Main Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman James Young – the Grand marshal of the Memorial Day Parade will be Ben Trimble, he is a retired veteran of WWII.

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell – Historical Society provided the 3rd grade students of Southampton and Tabernacle with their annual walking tours of Vincentown. Wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Committeeman Heston – Thanked James Young for raising additional funds and now the Veteran’s Luncheon will be a hot luncheon. Noted that the Southampton Memorial Day Parade is the oldest continuous parade. It is held rain or shine. They will meet at the memorial at the ballfield at 8:00 am on Red Lion Road and continue to the Baptist and Methodist Cemeteries and the Grange memorial. The parade will begin at 10:00 am. He also noted that the new trash truck has lift. He mentioned purchasing 95 gallon carts which run about \$80 to \$90, there is a company that you can lease to own, we could purchase large/small, depending upon what color cart is decided but I want to add there is an additional cost for red.

Motion was made my Committeeman Heston to add Resolution 2022-060 Executive session to discuss litigation update. No action will be taken. Deputy Mayor Rossell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Resolution 2022-060, Executive Session

Committeeman Heston made a motion. 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.

Let the record reflect the Committee has returned from the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 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