

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on March 21st, 2023 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, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, and Deputy Mayor William Raftery and Committeeman James F. Young.

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 Minutes of February 21, 2023

Executive Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

JIF Safety Presentation- Joe Henry, Hardenberg Insurance- discussed safety and the hazards of complacency in the work field. Donna Fascenda does a great job getting everyone engaged and involved in the safety program.

Mayor Mikulski announced the library's 100th year by presenting photos of Sally Stretch Keen printed by Committeeman Young and a proclamation which he will present at a later time.

Mayor Mikulski attended Eagle Scout William Dozier's court of honor over the weekend and recognized his achievements and commitment.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading

Ordinance 2023-04

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Pinelands Development, and Chapter 21, Waste Disposal/Pollution Control/Stormwater Management, of the Code of the Township of Southampton

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-04 to the public for comment.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 2023-05

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton to Amend Fees for Sewer Service
Committeeman Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-05 to the public for comment.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery and Committeemen Young all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 2023-06

An Ordinance Amending Sewer Service and Connection Fees
Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-06 to the public for comment.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road- Thanked Committeeman Heston for not making the ordinance retroactive.

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

First Reading

Ordinance 2023-07

An Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 403, Lots 12.01, 12.03, 12.04 & 12.05; Familiarly known as a Portion of the South Pemberton Road Development Area
Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Mikulski stated that there are plans for a warehouse but nothing is final.

Ordinance 2023-08

An Ordinance Amending Red Lion Circle Redevelopment Plan Standards
Deputy Mayor Raftery made a motion to approve. Mayor Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman

Rossell, and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young voted no.

Committeeman Young commented that there are plans for a Wawa at the Red Lion Circle and he does not agree with allowing more traffic to travel by residential houses nearby.

Mayor Mikulski stated the Committee does not approve the plans just the masterplan for redevelopment. The Planning Board identifies the specifics of plans and if anyone will be effected by it they will be notified and given a chance to speak for or against it.

Deputy Mayor Raftery stated that there would be a significant increase in tax revenue.

Committeewoman Rossell questioned how many residential homes would be on the proposed road for traffic. Kathleen D. Hoffman Administrator/Clerk stated 7 homes.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2023-37 through 2023-40

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions 2023-037 through 2023-040. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-37

A Resolution Recommended by the Tax Assessor Authorizing the Tax Collector to Make Certain Adjustments to Records and Accounts – Disabled Veteran Gow

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Resolution 2023-39

A Resolution Making Certain Appointment for the Electrical Sub Code Official of the Township of Southampton

Resolution 2023-40

A Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-50 of the Township of Southampton

LICENSES:

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

Trailer:

1 Trailer	Thomas Stone	103 Eayrestown Road
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APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

Mayor Mikulski opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Jeff Hicks, 152 Main St- Spoke on behalf of the Board of Education. Thanked the Township for cleaning the meadow next to the board office. Wildflower seeds will be planted to beautify the area. Plans to clean up the solar panel area. March 28 is the board training open to public. March 29 is Superintendents Family Learning Series on how the school budget comes together. March 29 Special Board hearing for HIV hearing. March 30, 31 and April 1 is the school play the Little Mermaid. Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 school budget will be on April 25th. Discussed a series of upcoming learning events. 3rd graders are going into a competition for STEM. They made a water bottle holder for someone without use of their hands. Raised the question of cleaning the area next to Allen's Oil and what is being built. Committeewoman Rossell questioned what will be planted in the empty containers next to school #1.

Michael Rathjen, Hampton Lakes Fire Department- Fire truck will be in NJ in two weeks where it will be tested and maintenance performed on it for 28 days. It will be lettered in reflective tape and gold leaf. In addition he cautioned the public that it is very dry out and to be aware of outside fires.

Jessica Torres, 441 North Main St- Questioned what is happening next to Allen's Oil it is being cleared of trees. Mayor Mikulski commented that there are no approvals that have been presented.

Susan Costales, 21 Picardy Place- Commented on the budget that postage to mail letters to the veterans for the Memorial Day Parade should be included.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Company- William Dozier's Eagle Scout Project was to build a shed for the fire company. In addition Jim updated the public on the number of calls for February. And an engine was sent out to the Florence fire that destroyed the Fountain of Life Center.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick Ruth, OEM- Coming to the close of the 3rd quarter for the EMAA Grant. Emergency Operations Plan is in the process. It will be an every 2 year certification process. Updating the shelter listing places in town.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick Ruth, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Informed the public of the number of calls for service and incidents for February. The crews placed 4,361 miles on fleet. The squad

swore in their first full time EMT, Taylor Lamonica, 2 new officers and 3 new board members. The Board went from a 3 member board to a members to 5 board.

Tom Haluszczak, 792 Westminster Dr- Asked for update on the engineers sketch from the previous meeting. Mayor Mikulski is awaiting an update on line painting and an estimated bill.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Elizabeth Rossell: Burlington Agriculture Development Board met on March 9th. Every 5 years the farm bill is renewed. There are monthly newsletters on the Township website full of information for the public. There are 693 students enrolled in the school. The library has banners hanging for the 100th year anniversary around the library area. DEP has put out notice about black bears coming out of hibernation. Bob Moore's service was very personal and touching.

James Young: Mentioned Shamrock Heating Oil donated the flags for Veteran's for Memorial Day.

Ron Heston: Memorial Day Parade is coming up. Bands are signed up.

James Young: There are 9 summer concerts this summer.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:57 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk