

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

Budget Workshop Minutes of March 21, 2023

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 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.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Second Reading and Public Hearing**

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.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-07 to the public for comment.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Rd- Questioned why the date was missing on the ordinance. Mayor Mikulski explained that the planning board meeting had not happened when the ordinance was first introduced. The meeting was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

No one else 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 2023-08

An Ordinance Amending Red Lion Circle Redevelopment Plan Standards

Mayor Mikulski explained that this ordinance is amending the redevelopment plan only. Site plans have not been submitted to the Planning Board but property owners within 200 feet will be notified when plans are submitted they will have an opportunity to attend the public meeting. Reached out to the developer and planner and no specific site plans have been submitted as of yet. The State of NJ requested the exit onto the circle be closed because of the dangers of merging traffic. Developer is willing to make a “no right turn” permitted and “no truck traffic” permitted on Allentown Road to decrease traffic on the road.

Deputy Mayor Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-08 to the public for comment.

A group of residents expressed their concerns of increased traffic on Allentown Road and shared their opposition of the redevelopment. Issues of littering, property values decreasing, quality of life changing, speeding cars and the road being too narrow to allow traffic flow and potential roadway hazards were brought up.

Committeeman Young stated this is a state issue and the Township should not be involved. Retables’ are not worth the inconvenience to residents.

Committeeman Heston has taken notes from the residents that spoke at the meeting and will relay them at the Planning Board meeting. Recommended residents write letters to the DOT in opposition to the road.

Committeewoman Rossell thanked the residents for speaking at the meeting. The Committee takes it very seriously.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeemen Young voted no.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 2023-41

A Resolution Awarding a Contract for 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Ridge Road Improvements

Committeeman Young 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.

**Resolution 2023-42**

**A Resolution Authorizing Southampton Township to Execute an Agreement with Burlington County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Act of 1974**

Committeewoman Rossell 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.

**Resolution 2023-43**

**A Resolution Authorizing Change Order A, NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 With Respect to Spartan Emergency Response Vehicle**

Committeeman Young made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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 2023-44**

**2023 Emergency Temporary Budget**

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.

**LICENSES:**

Committeewoman Rossell 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.

**Trailer:**

<b>1 Trailer</b>	<b>114 E Mae Ave</b>	<b>Megan Barbera</b>
<b>1 Trailer</b>	<b>Allied Recycling</b>	<b>Thomas Gabrysiak</b>
<b>5 Trailers</b>	<b>Silvi Concrete</b>	

**Body Art:**

<b>Inkology Tattoo Studio</b>	<b>219 Route 530</b>	<b>Joseph Salera</b>
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**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

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.

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.

Mayor Mikulski stated there has not been an update from the BPU in the increase in rates. April 28<sup>th</sup> Congressman Kim is holding a Town Hall at Hampton Lakes Fire Department 6-7:30.

Pat Topham, 450 New Rd- Questioned when brush gets picked up. 27 out of 60 homes have had brush out for pick up. Kathleen D. Hoffman Township Administrator/Clerk stated brush pick up is every tax quarter. Information pamphlets get mailed out with the tax bill.

Jessica Torres, 441 N Main St- Questioned if the contamination has been cleared on 431 N Main St. Trees are being cleared on the property and dirt is being spread. Kathleen D. Hoffman Township Administrator/Clerk stated the owner of the property is working with the DEP.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Rd- Stated the street sweeping that was done on Saturday was an inconvenience to the residents. Dirt was left behind and the streets look worse than when they started. Listed various streets that were not completed. Mayor Mikulski stated the street sweeping will continue on Saturday, April 22. Three tons of debris were picked up from the streets.

Phyllis Fisher, 12 Pleasant St- Thanked the Committee for the speed bumps. Questioned what is being built on 431 N Main St.

Kevin Boyd, 55 Maidstone Pl- Thanked the Committee for the street sweeping in Leisuretowne. Provided the Mayor with a list of storm drains in need of cleaning.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick Ruth, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Reported on calls for service for March. 4,125 miles were placed on the fleet of vehicles.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick Ruth, OEM- Three training classes completed. Working on community resilience grant and community wildfire protection plan. Thanked the committee for willingness to talk to with the public.

Michael Rathjen, Hampton Lakes Fire Department- Reported on calls for service. Received the FEMA safety grant for recruitment and retention. Total for grant was \$273,515. It will help residents in their time of need. Expecting delivery of the new truck within a week. Thanked the Committee and Kathleen D. Hoffman, Township Administrator/Clerk for helping to order the new truck.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Department- Reported on fire calls for the month of March. Received the Safer Grant and completed the first year under it.

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

**ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:**

Kathleen D. Hoffman- May 6<sup>th</sup> is Hazardous Waste/Clean-up Day from 8am – 12 pm at the public works yard. Acting CFO Kinjal Patel completed the bank reconciliations for January, February and March and she signed off on them.

**ENGINEER:**

Bill Long, Alaimo Group- Thanked the Committee for passing the resolution awarding the contract for the Ridge Road improvements.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Elizabeth Rossell: Thankful for the street sweeping.

Ron Heston: Suggested a change of the speed limit on Allentown Road from 35 mph to 25 mph and see what could be done to make it a one way street. Would like to reach out to the state to get the driveway located on the property next to the Red Lion Diner looked at as a possible exit onto Route 206 to decrease traffic on Allentown Road.

Michael Mikulski: Thank you to the volunteers and fire companies that helped with the Township Easter egg hunt. There were 4000 eggs filled with candy and they were picked up within 3 ½ minutes. School budget hearing is Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He attended the middle school production of the “Little Mermaid” and was blown away by the singing and dancing talent.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 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