

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES May 15, 2018

The Regular meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on May 15, 2018 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Young at 8:00 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 Deputy Mayor William Raftery, Committeeman Ronald Heston, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, Committeeman Mikulski and Mayor James F. Young, Sr.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator 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; 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 – April 17, 2018

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

2018 BUDGET

Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget – no comments from the public.

Kevin Frenia, auditor, stated the 2018 general budget local purpose tax remained flat.

2018-41 Resolution to Approve as Introduce

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

Amendment

Public Hearing on the 2018 Amendment Only – no comments from the public

Kevin Frenia, auditor stated the sewer utility was in the negative again this year in the amount of \$9,800 that came from the general fund. This is less than previous years however the township needs to continue to monitor as there the sewer should at the very least cover itself with the charges to the homeowners who have sewer services.

2018-42 Resolution to Approve the Amended Budget

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

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading

Ordinance 2018-5

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of the Township Of Southampton to Adjust the Speed Limit On Hawkin Road

Mayor Young opened Ordinance 2018-5 to the public for comment. No one from the public wishing to comment. The public portion was closed.

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

First Reading

Ordinance 2018-6

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 Governing “Land Development” Regarding Performance, Maintenance and Related Guarantees

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2018-48

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

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

Resolution 2018-49

Resolution(s) of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Preparation of Estimated Tax Bills

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

Resolution 2018-50

Resolution Awarding Contract for Improvements to Hawkin Road

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

Resolution 2018-51

Resolution Authorizing Change Order for 2017 Local Road Program

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeewoman Rossell stated she attended various seminars and updated the public with several other activities taking place that residents may be interested in attending this upcoming month.

Committeeman Mikulski thanked the Committee for excusing him from last meeting due to his military reserve obligation. He complimented Public Works on cleaning the roads after the storm. He thanked Nancy Gower with her work on the budget.

Committeeman Heston mentioned the budget worksession meeting will be held Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm

Mayor Young stated he remembers passing a resolution of concurrence for the no passing zone on State Highway Route 70. He informed the public of the Memorial Day Parade will take place rain or shine at 10 AM, followed by the ceremony at the monument in front of Allen's Oil and the luncheon at the Grange that cost \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 children.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Ms. Hoffman stated the Zoning Board Chairman sent a letter to the Committee a couple of months ago in reference to the number of applications from the residents in Leisuretowne who require a bulk variance for sunrooms or patios requesting the Committee to review the Township Code and consider making changes.

In addition, Ms. Hoffman stated there have been several residents who would like to install pools, above and in ground in several areas of the Township like Ridge Road and Eagles Mere, Tranquility Ridge who are required to go to the Zoning board for impervious coverage relief that is a significant small %. In the calculation in these cases once the home and the driveway is calculated the residents can't do anything else without an application to the Zoning Board.

Request from Leisuretowne Garden Club to be responsible for the Huntington & Westminster Drive Island.

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Ms. Hoffman informed the Committee an Eagle Scout project for a Boy Scout would be undertaken to install park benches along the trail and improvements to the trail to accommodate the benches. Project.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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.

Mayor Young opened the meeting to the Public

Several residents from New Road, Robbins Way and Falcon Drive stated their concerns in reference to the Allied Junk yard and the ongoing concerns affecting those that live in the area. Their concerns were for the truck traffic, speeding, condition of the road, environment concerns, ongoing noise and the quality of life and health concerns they continue to experience as a result of the Junkyard. They requested an update to the status of the DEP permit and State Fire Marshall inspection and requirement to reduce the tire pile and the mosquitos as it relates to the property and Junk Yard. The residents stated the Committee could come on their properties and sit and see the impact to the quality of life and live what they live every day. The Township Committee should consider taking the property by eminent domain.

Ron Rossell – 1 Finchley Court – commented on the Arts in the Village event and how successful the event was. Thanked those involved with making the event the success it was.

Larry and Nancy Kolankiewicz -11 Robbins, thanked the Southampton public works crew for their efforts in the brush clean up in the development, particularly her brush pile. They came up her driveway and drug the debris to the street to cut up and run through the chipper truck.

Bill Kelly – Floyd Lane – presented the Committee with the ongoing problem with the catch basin in the rear of his property and presented the Committee with a diagram of the pipe that runs through his property and other neighbors that alleviates the stormwater runoff. The basin has collapsed and there is so much debris the basin and pipes are not able to alleviate the water and causing a negative effect to their properties. This is not a new problem and the Township has addressed it several other times. He handled the clogged pipe through Route 24 as he had in the past when the Township didn't respond. He submitted the invoice and requested to be reimbursed as he had in the past.

Larry Kolankiewicz, was present to support Bill Kelly and request the Township continue the ongoing maintenance required for the pipes and basins on their properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:40PM

2018-54 – for the purpose of personnel regarding OEM and shared services for court with Lumberton and potential litigation.

No formal action will be taken.

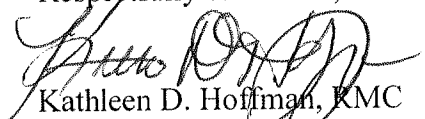
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Let the record reflect the Committee has returned to the regularly scheduled meeting at 10:03 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen D. Hoffman, KMC
Township Administrator/Clerk