

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on April 21, 2020 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Mikulski at 5:00 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 and Mayor Michael Mikulski. Deputy Mayor William Raftery, Committeeman James F. Young, Sr., and Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, were present remotely.

The Municipal Clerk 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, Executive, and Budget – March 24, 2020

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, , and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young abstained.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** BEMS Landfill, Steve Gouin redeveloper on the landfill informed the Committee and public on the areas rehabilitation and resources of natural gas.

**ORDINANCES:**

Second Reading and Public Comment

Ordinance 2020-05

An Ordinance Authorizing the Approval and Payment of Claims Between Meetings of the Governing Body

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2020-05 for public comment.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road – Inquired if the ordinance is in accordance with the governors executive orders.

No one else from the public wishing to comment. The public portion was closed.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Public Hearing on 2020 Budget

Mayor Mikulski opened 2020 budget for public comment.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road – Suggested to the committee to make cost savings and wave late fees on payments due.

No one from the public wishing to comment. The public portion was closed.

Resolution 2020-53

A Resolution of the Township Authorizing the Adoption of the 2020 Budget  
Committeeman Heston made a motion to table. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young, and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2020-54

A Resolution of the Township Authorizing an Amendment to the 2020 Budget and public hearing on the amendment.

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

Consent Agenda Resolution(s) 2020-55 through 2020-56

Resolution 2020-55

A Resolution of the Township Authorizing Preparation of Estimated Tax Bills

Resolution 2020-56

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Respect to Stagecoach Road Resurfacing Project Improvements

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

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 Mikulski opened the meeting the public.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road – Remarked that she does not think that solar fields are good for the community, and deadly when put on the landfill. COVID-19 cases are low in Burlington County and requested the tennis courts be reopened.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman Young – No comments.

Deputy Mayor Raftery – Wished everyone to stay well.

Committeewoman Rossell – Thanked the Leisuretowne offices, Southampton OEM, and Mayor Mikulski for keeping the residents informed. Remarked that the Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Advisory Board will be staying up to date during the epidemic. Wished everyone to stay well.

Committeeman Heston – Reminded residents to complete the census forms and that taxes are due May 10th. Thanked everyone for all they have done.

Mayor Mikulski – Remarked that it has been an interesting 6 -7 weeks.

Executive Session 5:43 PM

Resolution 2020-57 For the Purpose of Discussing Events

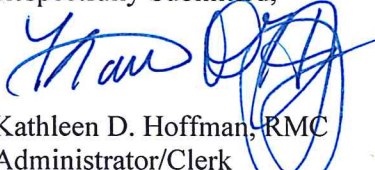
Committeeman Heston made a motion to adjourn. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 6:37 PM

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 Young, and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC  
Administrator/Clerk