

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on July 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 6:00 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, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, Deputy Mayor William Raftery, and Mayor Michael Mikulski. Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. was 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Frank Morris, Alaimo Group reported to the Committee and Public an update on the Falcon Drive storm drain system.

Mayor Mikulski called for a motion to have Alaimo Group to proceed with survey as recommended.

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.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – June 16, 2020

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading and Publication

Ordinance 2020-06

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided for Various Capital Projects Totaling \$83,351.28 and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for the Southampton Township Municipal Building and Recreation Facility Improvements

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 Young, and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

First Reading and Publication

Ordinance 2020-07

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the Township of Southampton, Entitled "Police Regulations"

Committeeman Young 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:

Resolution 2020-76

A Resolution Accepting the Planning Board Recommendation for Certain Lots Near and Around the Red Lion Circle to be Designated a Non-Condensation Area in need of Redevelopment

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

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to amend the agenda Resolution(s) 2020-77 through 2020-79 be removed from consent agenda. 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.

Resolution 2020-77

A Resolution Accepting the Planning Board Recommendation for BEMS Landfill to be Designated a Non-Condensation Area in need of Redevelopment

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 voted no.

Resolution 2020-78

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing an Agreement of Sale with BEMS Southampton Solar Farm LLC

Deputy Mayor Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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 voted no.

Resolution 2020-79

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Conditionally Designating BEMS Southampton Solar Farm LLC Redeveloper for a Portion of the BEMS landfill Redevelopment Zone

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 voted no.

Consent Agenda Resolution(s) 2020-80 through 2020-85

Resolution 2020-80

A Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of Any Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 as Amended)

Resolution 2020-81

A Resolution as Recommended by the Tax Assessor Authorizing the Tax Collector to Make Certain Adjustments to Records and Accounts

Resolution 2020-82

A Resolution Approving to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the New Road Improvements Project

Resolution 2020-83

A Resolution Approving to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Retreat Road Phase II Improvements Project
Resolution 2020-84

A Resolution Authorizing the Lease of a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle for Hampton Lakes Volunteer Fire Company
Resolution 2020-85

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 For the Chairville Road and Culverts 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. 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.

Kathy Agolio, 54 Gramercy Place – Thanked Kathy Hoffman and Public Works for the clearing the eyebrow on Gramercy Place. Inquired about the planting of trees and bushes on Main Street.

Mary Goudy, 794 Westminster Drive North– Asked the Committee to listen to the concerns of traffic in Leisuretowne.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road – Compliments to Committeeman Young for voting no to the landfill use. Requested that the Agenda and Ordinances be posted on the website.

John Goudy, 794 Westminster Drive North – Reminded the Committee, Barry Riggold passed away from a traffic accident in Leisuretowne. Requested more State Police presence, speed bumps, and bike lanes be placed throughout Leisuretowne. Encouraged the Board at Leisuretowne and Committee of Southampton to work together to prevent future traffic accidents and deaths.

Pat Topham, 450 New Road – Requested New Road be paved and speeding be strictly enforced. Remarked that she is glad to live in a small community and hopes it stays that way.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeewoman Rossell – Shade Tree Advisory Board had a meeting this month. They will plant four trees in town and planning upcoming events for the community. The next meeting will be September 21st at 10:00am.

Committeeman Young – No Comments.

Committeeman Heston –Tomorrow night's summer concert maybe canceled due to inclement weather. Suggested to the Committee, ask George Morris, Esq. and Kathy Hoffman to revise the ordinance regarding fast food restaurants on highways. Remarked that the Committee should consider the purchase of a Claw Truck for Public Works to accelerate brush collection through town.

Deputy Mayor Raftery – Agreed with Committeeman Heston's remarks to purchase a claw truck to assist Public Works in brush and debris collection.

Mayor Mikulski – Thanked the Committee for not canceling fireworks on July 11th at the Red Lion Recreation Park. The park was the perfect location to host the fireworks.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Kathy Hoffman remarked only one (1) bid was received for the Red Lion Recreation Park and substantially exceeds the Engineer's assessment. Recommended the Committee reject the bid and authorize rebidding.

Resolution 2020-86

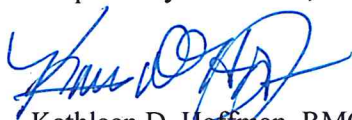
A Resolution Rejecting Bids for Red Lion Recreation Park

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 Young, and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:13 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 Young, and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Administrator/Clerk