

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on March 15, 2022 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Mikulski at 6:03 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 Committeeman Ronald Heston, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell, Committeeman William Raftery, and Mayor Michael Mikulski. Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. was present remotely.

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:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022

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

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance 2022-02

An Ordinance Amending Schedule VIII in Accordance with Subsection 7-6.2 of the Code of the Township of Southampton to Include Newly Installed Stop Sign Intersections

Mayor Mikulski opened the ordinance to the public. No comments from Public.

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

Ordinance 2022-03

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton to Amend Fees for Sewer Service

Mayor Mikulski opened the ordinance to the public. No comment from Public.

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

Ordinance 2022-04

An Ordinance Amending Sewer Service and Connection Fees

Mayor Mikulski opened the ordinance to the public.

Nancy Severs, Pleasant Street stated her displeasure with the increase.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard the public portion of the ordinance was closed. Mayor Michael Mikulski made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Deputy Mayor Rossell, Committeeman Raftery, Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Young and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2022-036 through 22022-040 and 2022-042.

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

Resolution 2022-036

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

Resolution 2022-037

Resolution Authorizing the Payment of a Compensation Agreement with an Employee for Value of Accumulated Sick and Vacation Time upon Retirement

Resolution 2022-038

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts

Resolution 2022-039

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Resolution 2022-040

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Resolution 2022-042

Resolution Providing for the Refund of an Escrow Balance

Resolution 2022-041

Transfer of 2021 Appropriation Reserves

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

Resolution 2022-043

Awarding a Contract for 2022 Local Road Program

Mayor Mikulski announced the roads scheduled to be repaved.

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

LICENSES APPROVED

Pig Farm

James Messner Pig Farm Recycling, Inc

Trailer Approval:

Megan McDough

Sandra Allen: Allen properties

Peggy Titone – Shamrock, Inc

Bonnie Worrell – Haas Properties

Affiliated Air Service, Inc.

T. Maguire - Colonial Chemical

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

Evie Doherty, Leisuretowne – commented on the manner in which public works salted the roads this past weekend. There was too much salt dumped on the roadways.

Eammon Fitzpatrick-Ruth –HLEMS - reported on the various activities, mutual aid and calls for the Hampton Lakes Emergency Management Squad, there were no out of service vehicles this month. EMT Rebecca graduates in May.

OEM reported on various activities this past month. Active shooter presentation was conducted for Municipal Workers and Public Works. Held an LEPC meeting and work with HUD on a grant to mitigate risks from hazardous situations.

Joanne Barton, 816 Mandas Trail presented the Committee with photographs of her neighbor's property. It is an eyesore and no one should have to live next door to this. She maintains her property. He should have to remove the trash and debris that has been piling up at 810 Mandas Trail and asked if anything could be done to have the property cleaned up and the car parked on the grass removed.

Larry O'Rourke, Maidstone Place, LeisureTowne, commented on Pinelands Waste Water application to improve the system. They are meeting with BEMS on their purposed solar project. He also inquired about the status of the street signs being updated.

Pat Tophan, New Road – stated on Route 206 there is an Auto Salvage yard. Allied has had small box trucks in and out and there is a lot of banging noise. Assuming he is removing the tires.

Jim Heffernan, VFD – reported on the monthly activities for the Fire House.

Jessica Torres wants to know about the dog ordinance and when will it be reviewed. Also why is the rabies clinic being held in May? She mentioned a catalytic converter was stolen.

Nancy Sever, 3 Pleasant Street – commented what it is with the pigs, chickens, and livestock in Vincentown. SJ Alliance and Green house next door was separate from the business. Now it looks as if the 2 properties have been joined together. There is a driveway that comes off of Main Street onto the Green residential home and connects around the business, SJ Alliance. There are trucks, camper, garbage dumpster and ladders that she can see from her back yard. When the dumpster gets picked up it makes a lot noise. Can anything be done?

Jeffery Sibbett, 439 North Main – inquired about the old cannery site known as the Stokes property and what is going on with the property and the big broken down dump trucks and various other junk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committeeman James Young – mentioned there will be nine (9) summer concerts this year.

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell – updated the public on various activities involving the school, Kindergarten registrations are going on. When the State authorizes a prescribed burn that will happen you can check the NJDEP website for the information. The library will celebrate their 100th year in 2023 and are planning a celebration.

Mayor Michael Mikulski – stated the township has purchased a fire truck for the Hampton Lakes Fire Department and Trash Truck for the public works department which should be here in June or July. Dunkin Donuts submitted signed and sealed plans. They are waiting on approvals from other outside agencies.

Resolution 2022-044 – 7:40 pm

Executive Session to discuss contracts and potential litigation.

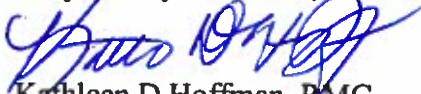
Committeeman Heston made a motion to enter into executive session. Deputy Mayor Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Raftery, Deputy Mayor Rossell, Committeeman Young and Mayor Mikulski all voted in the affirmative.

Let the record reflect the Committee has returned from the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk