

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on September 20th, 2022 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Mikulski at 6:00 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, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Rossell, Committeeman William Raftery, and Committeeman James F. Young, Sr.

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:**

Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022

Executive Session Minutes of August 16, 2022

Special Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2022

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

**ORDINANCES:**

**Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Ordinance 2022-10

Appropriating \$400,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Purchase a Public Works Vehicle, Small Public Works Equipment & Maintenance of the Vincentown Sewer System

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

**Comments from the Public:**

Patrick Kennedy from 11 Retreat Rd: Who owns/maintains the sewer system? Residents have to pay for a sewer system that is only used by the Village of Vincentown. Mayor Mikulski: every resident is paying a portion and it benefits the entire township.

Elaine Kennedy from 11 Retreat Rd: Why is the American Rescue Plan Act money is not being used for the sewer. Mayor Mikulski: money is being used for roads and wastewater issues.

Phyllis Fisher from 12 Pleasant Street: The sewer is the best thing to happen to Vincentown. Sewage

backed up into the streets before it was in place.

Tom Haluszcak from 792 Westminster Drive: Requested clarification on his bill for the sewer costs. It was explained that his sewer is Pinelands Waste Water and he would seek that information directly from Pinelands Wastewater.

Committeeman Heston commented on the sewage issues before the system was in place.

No further discussion the public portion was closed.

**Ordinance 2022-11**

Appropriating \$250,000 from the Open Space Fund for Red Lion Recreation Complex Improvements

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

**Comments from the Public:**

Evie Doherty from 56 Stratford Road: Why are trees are being removed. Requested a dog park instead of soccer fields. Mayor Mikulski: stated that deciduous trees will stay.

Phillis Fisher from 12 Pleasant Street: Thank you for saving trees.

No further discussion the public portion was closed.

**First Reading and Public Hearing**

**Ordinance 2022-12**

Supplementing Chapter 8 of the Southampton Code adding Liability Insurance requirements and Establishing an Insurance Registry for Business and Rental Units Owner Pursuant to P.L. 2022, c.92c2

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

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2022-091 through 2022-097**

Deputy Mayor Rossell made a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions 2022-091 through 2022-097. Committeeman Heston seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Deputy Mayor Rossell, Committeeman Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

**Resolution 2022-091**

**Awarding a Contract for the Red Lion Recreation Complex Phase III Improvements Project**

Committeeman Heston commented he would like to see an addition of a picnic grove being added.

Resolution 2022-092  
Providing for the Cancellation of Certain Stale Dated Checks

Resolution 2022-93  
Tax Assessor Authorizing the Tax Collector to Make Certain Adjustments to Records and Accounts for 11 Marlborough Drive

Resolution 2022-94  
Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts for Bank America Refund

Resolution 2022-095  
Authorizing Change Order No. 2 with Respect to 2022 Local Road Program

Resolution 2022-096  
Appointment of Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Committeeman Young abstained.

Resolution 2022-097  
Authorizing Release of Planning and Zoning Board Unused Escrow Fund

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

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

Debbie Massey, 1 Farrington Court: Inquired as to when brush pick up ends? She further inquired about the Warwick Way asphalt and the storm drain issues.

Tom Haluszcak, 792 Westminster Driver: Inquired about an update on the dead body found in the area of Leisuretown where the fire was. It was stated that is an ongoing investigation and that information would have to be obtained from the Red Lion Barracks.

Susan Costales, 21 Picardy Place: complained about her high water bill in Leisuretown.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Department: Reported for Vincent Fire Department the calls for service and assistance.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth reported on Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad: Reported on calls for service. 66% calls were handled by 2<sup>nd</sup> truck at Township building. Members cleared all training. Ambulance 1783 may come in earlier than expected. Advertising for a full time EMTs. Stated he would like to see changes for LOSAP to include volunteer EMTs.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth, OEM Management: Fire Prevention the Wildfire Plan is being updated to enable the Township to qualify to apply for NJ Forest Fire Grant. In addition the registered ready for disability or special attention during an emergency is being updated. Community Resilience Grant to address flooding and wildfire was applied for. Assemblyman It was stated Assemblyman Torrissi can help with State Grants.

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

#### **ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:**

The Project on Retreat and Burrs Mill Road is winding down and the road is open at night to go through. Meeting with Vortex for Falcon Drive project will begin soon. Getting materials for the project will take a while.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Michael Mikulski welcomed Melanie Brown as Deputy Clerk.

Ron Heston inquired about fees for fire alarms. No fees. Arts in the Village September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm.

James Young stated at the last concert they honored Debbie Ware from Evergreen Dairy Bar for her donations to the concerts.

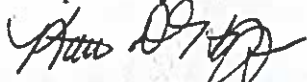
Elizabeth Rossell: Library Art Sale - September 30<sup>th</sup> 5 pm to 8 pm and October 1<sup>st</sup> 1 pm to 5 pm. Morning Stars Program for younger children is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She thanked the participants of golf tournament. Department of Environmental protection has paperwork on how to avoid deer and beech leaf disease awareness.

Michael Mikulski: voting locations moved back into Leisuretown. Tax bills were sent out. He stated panic calls about possible new construction of strip malls.

#### **ADJOURNMENT: 7:09 PM**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC  
Township Administrator/Clerk