

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The Organizational meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on January 3, 2023 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Hoffman, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, at 6:00 PM and was 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, Committeeman Michael Mikulski, Committeeman William Raftery, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, and Committeeman 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.

The following committee persons were sworn in by George Morris, Esquire.

Michael Mikulski, had Josh Taylor stand by while receiving his oath.

Elizabeth Rossell, invited Josh Taylor to stand by her while receiving her oath.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

Resolution 2023-1

Resolution Designating and Appointing Mayor of Southampton Township of Southampton

Committeeman Young made a motion to nominate Michael Mikulski. Committeeman Raftery seconded the nomination. Committeeman Mikulski accepted the nomination. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Committeeman Mikulski, Committeeman Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

George Morris, Esquire administered the Oath of Office. Beside Mayor Mikulski stood Josh Taylor.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Resolution 2023-2

Resolution Designating and Appointing Deputy Mayor of Southampton Township of Southampton

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

George Morris, Esquire administered the Oath of Office. Josh Taylor was invited to stand next to Deputy Mayor Raftery.

Mayor Mikulski introduced Josh Taylor, Southampton Township student and resident whom he met at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Josh Taylor wrote a poem in dedication to Southampton. Josh Taylor read the poem onto the record. Mayor Mikulski presented Josh Taylor with a Southampton Township pin.

Resolution 2023-3

Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Attorney of the Township of Southampton
Committeeman Heston made a motion to nominate Parker McCay represented by George Morris, Esquire. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the nomination. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-4

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

Resolution 2023-5

Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Auditor of the Township of Southampton
Committeeman Heston made a motion to nominate Holt McNally. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the nomination. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-6

Resolution Pertaining to Interest on Unpaid Taxes and Other Matters Pertaining to the Office of the Tax Collector
Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-7

Resolution Concerning Appointment of Municipal Engineer of the Township of Southampton
Committeeman Young made a motion to nominate Alaimo Group, represented by William Long, P.E. Committeeman Heston seconded the nomination. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-8

Resolution Pertaining to the 2023 Temporary Municipal Budget of the Township of Southampton
Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-9

Resolution Providing for Annual Notice of Regular Meetings of the Township of Southampton
Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Mayor Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-10

Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Making Certain Appointments for Professional Services for the Township of Southampton for the Year 2023 for Township Bond Counsel

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

Resolution 2023-11

Resolution Designating Official Municipal Newspapers for Public Notices for the Township of Southampton

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

Resolution 2023-12

Resolution Making Certain Appointments for Positions in the Township of Southampton

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

Resolution 2023-13

An Annual Resolution by the Township Committee Authorizing the Tax Assessor to Maintain and File Corrections and Adjustments to the Tax Assessor's Records

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

Resolution 2023-14

Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant - Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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

Resolution 2023-15

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Giving Taxpayers an Opportunity to Make Partial Payments

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

Resolution 2023-16

Resolution Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to nominate Kathleen Hoffman. Mayor Mikulski seconded the nomination. At the call of the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor

Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-17

Resolution Authorizing Burlington County Mosquito Extermination Commission to Perform Aerial Application for Mosquito Control over Southampton Township during 2022

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

Resolution 2023-18

A Resolution to Affirm the Township of Southampton's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

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

Resolution 2023-19

Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lumberton for the Provision of Vehicle Fueling Services

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

Resolution 2023-20

Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad for Ambulances

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

Resolution 2023-21

Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Hampton Lakes Fire Company for Vehicles

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

Resolution 2023-22

Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Vincent Fire Company for Vehicles

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

Resolution 2023-23

Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Architect of the Township of Southampton
Mayor Mikulski made a motion to nominate Regan Young England Butera as represented by Scott England, AIA. Committeeman Heston seconded the nomination. At the call of

the roll Committeeman Heston, Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-24

Resolution Concerning the Appointment of Special Projects Engineer of the Township of Southampton

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to nominate Environmental Resolutions Inc. represented by Rakesh Darji, P.E. Mayor Mikulski seconded the nomination. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Raftery, Committeewoman Rossell, Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Heston opposed.

PUBLIC:

Mayor Mikulski opened the meeting to the public.

Doug Melegari- Pinelands Tribune- Josh Taylor is an impressive young man.

Evie Doherty- 56 Stratford Rd- No appointments made for planning or zoning board. Mayor Mikulski stated appointments will be done at the next meeting. Ms. Doherty inquired if there were any updates on Pinelands Water meeting. Mayor Mikulski stated he has a zoom meeting with the BPU on January 5th at noon. Ms. Doherty inquired if there were any updates on Buckingham Drive. Mayor Mikulski stated a manhole will be put in. Ms. Doherty stated she received her water bill and asked how much of it goes to the municipality. Happy New Year and congratulations.

Scott Mitchell- Vincent Fire Co- Congratulations to Mayor Mikulski and Deputy Mayor Raftery. Thanked the Committee for their support and FVCA bottles to stay in service. 468 calls in 2022. Secured a grant through the Forest Fire Service for new gear.

Mayor Mikulski thanked Scott for his communication. Shared that a volunteer at Hampton Lakes Fire Department was involved in an accident and is doing OK. Appreciates their hard work.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Deputy Mayor Raftery- Congratulated Mayor Mikulski.

Committeewoman Rossell- 9 members of Board Of Education. Re-organization meeting is at 7 PM on January 3rd. Every month a student is recognized. Thanked Josh Taylor for coming.

Committeeman Young- Josh Taylor was the highlight of the evening.

Committeeman Heston- Congratulations to Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery and Mayor Mikulski. The Township received a thank you letter from the school for the gift cards that helped 33 families raised by the Christmas Concert.

Mayor Mikulski thanked Josh for coming. Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT 6:30 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk