

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on June 20th, 2023 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, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, Deputy Mayor William Raftery and Committeeman James F. Young.

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 May 16, 2023

Executive Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023

Bonds & Budget Workshop Minutes of June 6, 2023

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Eagle Scout Justin Danser- Mayor Mikulski presented Justin Danser with a proclamation in appreciation for the upgrades to the youth group room in the First Baptist Church of Vincentown as part of his Eagle Scout project.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET:

Resolution 2023-54

Resolution Authorizing Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only

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

Resolution 2023-55

Resolution Accepting and Approving the Required DCA the 2023 Self Examination of Budget

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

Resolution 2023-56

Introduction and Approval on First Reading of the 2023 Budget Authorizing Publication of Budget and Providing for a Public Hearing on the Budget on July 18 at 6:00 PM in the Committee Meeting Room

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2023-057 through 2023-066

If any Committee Member would like a Resolution separated from the Consent Agenda Please Say So Now

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions 2023-57 through 2023-66. Deputy Mayor Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-057

Resolution Renewing an Alcoholic Beverage License for New Vincentown Diner, INC. for the License Year 2023-2024

Resolution 2023-058

Resolution Renewing an Alcoholic Beverage License for DiPaolos Red Lion Inn, INC. for the License Year 2023-2024

Resolution 2023-059

Resolution Renewing an Alcoholic Beverage License for Liondari, INC. for the License Year 2023-2024

Resolution 2023-060

Resolution Renewing an Alcoholic Beverage License for Prakashanand, INC. for the License Year 2023-2024

Resolution 2023-061

Resolution Renewing an Alcoholic Beverage License for Southampton Bar & Grill for the License Year 2023-2024

Resolution 2023-062

Resolution Authorizing Agreement for Operating Service Between Southampton and Utility Services Affiliates, INC.

Resolution 2023-063

Authorizing Submission of Applications for State Transportation Trust Funds Under the Local Bikeway Program for the Good Farm Bikeway Improvements

Resolution 2023-064

Resolution Authorizing Approval for Submission of a Grant Application to New Jersey Department of Transportation, Municipal Aid Grant Program for Retreat Road Phase IV Improvements

Resolution 2023-065

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

Resolution 2023-066

Resolution Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Emergency Management Agency Assistance

LICENSES:

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

Trailer:

2 Trailers	HLR Enterprises LLC	13 Route 530
2 Trailers	Halley Beam	323 Burrs Mill Rd

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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

Mayor Mikulski provided an update on the switchbox that is being constructed on St David’s Place. Optimistic that the box will be relocated before it gets turned on. The discussions are still ongoing. BPU increases in water and sewer rates. Significantly lower rates than what the BPU had requested originally.

Donna Haines, 11 Westminster Dr- Questioned the Resolution for the grant for bikeway improvements. Mayor Mikulski informed her it is a grant that was applied for to put in additional bike paths at the Red Lion Recreation Complex and to continue a sidewalk.

Debbie Massey, Leisuretowne Trustees- Requested an update on the damaged curbs. Mayor Mikulski stated the contractor will be taking care of them.

Pat Kennedy, Retreat Rd- Requested a second public comment that comes before the Committee takes action on agenda items.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Rd- Requested a copy of the budget for this year and last year for comparison. Requested Resolutions be put on the website before the meetings. Questioned the Committee if they would approve further building on the islands. Deputy Mayor Raftery stated he would have to look at each project individually. Committeeman Young stated the islands should stay the way they are with trees and flowers. Committeeman Heston stated he would approve underground work only.

Bill Kelly, 2 Floyd Ln- Engineer came out to look at his property. Requested a copy of the findings from 2007. Mr. Kelly suggested replacing catch basin.

Kathy Yeager, 452 New Rd- Questioned if there will be left hand turns in and out of the new Dunkin Donuts opening at the circle from Route 70. Mayor Mikulski stated there is a way out of the back of the property.

Pat Topham, 450 New Rd- Questioned the unused escrow accounts on the bill list being returned, especially Allied. She wants to make sure there is nothing new related to Allied. Mayor Mikulski stated contractors set up accounts and place money in them for the engineer to bill to the account and not tax payers.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Reported on calls for service for the month of May. During EMS week presentations occurred at the Schools alongside the NJ State Police.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth, OEM- Emergency Operations Plan has been submitted to County and State or renewal. Hosted a council meeting for the 3rd quarter. Annual exercises were discussed. Thanked Kathleen D. Hoffman and Donna Fascenda for their help with submitting paperwork for the EMAA grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Elizabeth Rossell- Construction will be happening at the library by the end of summer and beginning of fall. There are a lot of events happening inside of the library. Congratulations to Jim Young in the election. Thanked Justin Danser for his Eagle Scout Project. June 27th is the next board meeting for the school. A lot of items were approved at May's meeting for the upcoming school year. The STAR foundation has raised over \$400,000 since 1999 and all of the money goes to the Southampton Elementary School.

Bill Raftery- Thanked Mayor Mikulski for his leadership and ability to take care of things. Pleasure serving with him.

Ron Heston- Fireworks Festival is July 8th. Starts at 6 PM with a presentation by the Township Committee. Summer concerts begin the first Wednesday of July going through the end of August. 9 bands will perform. Concerts are free.

Michael Mikulski- Congratulations to 8th grade students and high school graduates. Memorial Day Parade had a nice turn out. Citizen of the year will be awarded at the Fireworks Festival. Russell Hahn will be the recipient for 32 years of continuing service on the Board of Education and his service on the Environmental Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:36 P.M.

Resolution 2023-067

Authorizing Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts.

No Formal Action Will be taken.

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

Let the record reflect the governing body has returned after discussion of the above as stated 7:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk