

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on July 18th, 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.

Professionals present included Dave McNally, CPA, George Morris, Esq., Kinjal Patel, Acting CFO and Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC.

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 June 20, 2023

Executive Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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.

Mayor Mikulski turned the meeting over to the Liaison to Finance, Committeeman Heston, who explained the introduced 2023 budget in detail and the need for the increase. Health care, Gasoline, Pension increases to name a few.

BUDGET:

Resolution 2023-074

Adoption of 2023 Budget as Presented on June 20, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 2023-074

Mayor Mikulski opened the 2023 budget to the public for comment. No one wishing to comment. The public comment on the 2023 budget was closed.

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 2023-076
Amendment to the 2023 Budget
Committeeman Heston explained the amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT:

Mayor Mikulski opened the 2023 amended budget to the public for comment. No one wishing to comment. The public comment on the 2023 budget amendment was closed.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT:

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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 2023-068 through 2023-073 and 2023-075

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

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeeman Heston 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 2023-068

Resolution Authorizing Treatment Works Approval (TWA) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Development

Resolution 2023-069

Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the NJDOT Big Hill Roadway Improvements

Resolution 2023-070

Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the NJDOT Burrs Mill Road Roadway Improvements

Resolution 2023-071

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

Resolution 2023-072

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Change Order No. 2 with Respect to 2022 Falcon Drive Stormwater Improvements

Resolution 2023-073

Resolution of the Township of Southampton Authorizing Change Order No. 2 with Respect to Reconstruction of Burrs Mill Road and Retreat Road FY 2020-2021 Municipal Aid

Resolution 2023-075

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

LICENSES:

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.

Trailer(s):

Safety-Kleen	123 Red Lion Road	2 Trailers
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APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

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.

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:

Donald Steinberg, 11 Devonshire Way- Commented that his road is in very bad shape and was passed over for paving projects. He would like his road paved.

4 Heather Place- Questioned the requirements for licensing a dog and having a valid rabies certificate. The 2 do not coincide.

Evie Doherty, Leisuretowne Trustees- Introduced Bill Cozzi as the newly elected Vice President of the Leisuretowne Board of Trustees.

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Dottie Bartolino, 23 Farrington Court- Questioned the placement of the speed radar sign on Buckingham and Huntington. Suggested it be moved to another location to enforce the speed limits.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth, OEM- Emergency Operations Plan has been approved by the County and State until 2025. A flood exercise that was submitted to the State has also been approved. An EMMA OEM meeting with Lumberton, Medford and Southampton will take place next week. Will attend a Community Development in September or October of this year.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Reported on calls for service for the month of June. A new EMT will be joining the end of summer.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

Kathleen D. Hoffman announced that the Public Works Department will be issued fuel cards that can be used at participating gas stations to save on fuel costs.

Rocko the snake started as a community project to bring everyone together. The rock snake is located in front of the playground at the Municipal Building.

A pre-construction meeting will take place regarding Ridge Road.

Acting CFO Kinjal Patel completed the bank reconciliations for April, May and June and she signed off on them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ron Heston- This year's fireworks were the best yet at the annual Fireworks Festival.

Elizabeth Rossell- Board of Education meeting will be on August 29. Grades K-8 recognized and awarded an individual for creativity in art. Discussed programs and activities happening within the schools. The STAR foundation that fundraises to provide grants to Southampton Township Schools has their annual golf outing approaching.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:42 P.M.

Resolution 2023-077

Authorizing Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts.

No Formal Action Will be taken.

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell 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 entered into executive session: 6:42 P.M.

Let the record reflect the governing body has returned after discussion of the above as stated: 7:14 P.M. No formal action took place.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15

Committeeman Heston made a motion to adjourn. Committeewoman Rossell 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