

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on February 20, 2024 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, Deputy Mayor Ronald Heston, Committeeman William Raftery and Committeewoman Rossell. Committeeman James Young was absent and excused.

Professionals: George Morris, Esq., Parker/McCay; Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC/Administrator

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 January 16, 2024

Executive Session Minutes of January 16, 2024

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

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance 2024-01

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 of the Township Code to Combine the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment into a Single Land Development Board

Committeeman Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2024-01 to the public for comment.

Pat Topham, 450 New Road- Questioned who will be on the board and the attorney. Mayor Mikulski stated that Peter Lange is the attorney for the board and ERI is the engineer. They are the same members of the Planning Board. The Zoning Board folds into the Planning Board.

Doug Melegari, Pinelands Tribune- Questioned why the ordinance was on the agenda this month since it had a second reading last month. Mayor Mikulski stated it was to meet the proper advertising requirements.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Raftery and Committeewoman Rossell all voted in the affirmative. Deputy Mayor Heston voted no.

Ordinance 2024-02

An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 2022-07 Entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No 2023-09, 2022-07, 2021-02, 2019-4, 2015-10, 2014-4, 1982-1, 1977-2 Entitled an Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Officials and Employees of the Township of Southampton in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, and Regulating the Manner of Paying the Same”

Deputy Mayor Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Raftery seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2024-02 to the public for comment.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Heston, Committeeman Raftery and Committeewoman Rossell all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 2024-03

Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, Amending Ordinance 2022-10 to Remove the \$50,000 for Maintenance to the Sewer and Send the \$50,000 to the General Capital Improvement Fund

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Mayor Mikulski seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2024-03 to the public for comment.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Heston, Committeeman Raftery and Committeewoman Rossell all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 2024-04

Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey, the Appropriation of \$50,000 for Maintenance to Sewer System Within the Sewer Utility Fund and Appropriation of \$50,000 from the Reserve for Maintenance to the Sewer Plant Account

Deputy Mayor Heston made a motion to approve. Mayor Mikulski seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2024-04 to the public for comment.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Heston, Committeeman Raftery and Committeewoman Rossell all voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance 2024-05

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, Appropriating \$168,094.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Purchase a Public Works Backhoe Loader in the Amount of \$168,094.00

Committeewoman Rossell made a motion to approve. Committeeman Raftery seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2024-05 to the public for comment.

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

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Heston, Committeeman Raftery and Committeewoman Rossell all voted in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2024-33 through 2024-37 and 2024-39 through 2024-40

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

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

Resolution 2024-33

Transfer of 2023 Appropriation Reserves

Resolution 2024-34

Resolution Authorizing In Rem Foreclosure Actions

Resolution 2024-35

Resolution of Township of Southampton Awarding a Contract For a Fireworks Display on July 6, 2024 with a Rain Date of July 7, 2024 to Pyrotecnico Fireworks

Resolution 2024-36

Resolution Authorizing an Extension of the Lease Agreement to the Good Farm for Property Owned by the Township of Southampton Known as Block 1401, Lots 4, 4.03, 6.06 and a Portion of 6.05

Resolution 2024-37

Resolution Authorizing the Person-to-Person Transfer of Alcoholic Plenary Consumption License NO. 0333-33-004-005 from Liondari, Inc to 1720 Rt 206 LLC for Inpocket License

Resolution 2024-39

Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Burlington County Soil Conservation District and Southampton Township for Storm Water Management Facility Inspections and other Related Services

Resolution 2024-40

Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Service Agreement with CGP&H LLC

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2024-38

Resolution Authorizing the Township of Southampton to Apply for and Obtain a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a Parking Lot Expansion at Good Farm Recreation Complex

Committeeman Raftery requested Resolution 2024-28 be separated from the Consent Agenda for further explanation. Committeeman Raftery inquired why the parking lot was chosen to be expanded. Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC/Administrator stated more parking space is a necessity for Township and sporting events.

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Deputy Mayor Heston seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Heston and Committeewoman Rossell all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Raftery voted no.

LICENSES:

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

LICENSES:

Trailer:

Debbie & Howard Griffs	1 Trailer
Thomas Stone	1 Trailer
Red Star Pizza	1 Trailer
IFA Group	1 Trailer

Body Art:

Uncanny Ink

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Deputy Mayor Heston made a motion to approve. Mayor Mikulski seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Deputy Mayor Heston, Committeewoman Rossell and Committeeman Raftery 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 announced a petition was submitted to the Committee opposing the State's plan to start charging those who use the roads in Wharton State Forest. A copy of the resolution was requested by Mayor Mikulski but was not supplied in time for the meeting so it could not be voted on.

Mayor Mikulski stated PSEG gave approval for the pole array on Big Hill Road for the relocation of the switchgear box on St David's Place. He is awaiting for confirmation in writing. Mayor Mikulski thanked PSEG for making this decision as well as the residents of Leisuretowne for their persistence and patience with the relocation of the switchgear box.

Joann Moschetto, 69 St. David's Place- Questioned if the monthly payments being made will be put toward beautifying the island. Mayor Mikulski stated the island will be put back into a condition that a majority of the residents will be happy with.

Sue Hoffman, 51 St. David's Place- Questioned the timeline of the move. Mayor Mikulski stated a timeline has not been announced yet.

Pat Topham, 450 New Road- Falcon Drive needs to be repaired and should be considered for repaving. The recycling yard has piles of trees and should be looked into.

Tom Keenan, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Reported on calls for service January.

Michael Rathjen, Hampton Lakes Fire Department- Reported on calls for service for January. Truck 1726 received 5 inch supply hose that is now loaded and in service. Tools are still needed for the truck. Truck 1729 is back in service. Thanked the TOUCH office for their contribution towards the vehicle. Requested a meeting with the Township to discuss funding options.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Co- Reported on calls for January.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

The DMV mobile unit will be at the Township building February 26th to March 1st from 9am to 3pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bill Raftery- Residents have requested lines to be painted on Chairville Road. Kathleen D. Hoffman stated it will be completed once the weather breaks. Thanked Mayor Mikulski for his leadership through the relocation of the switchgear box.

Elizabeth Rossell – New President of School Board is Kit Applegate.

Ron Heston- Retreat Road from Route 206 to Ridge Road the sides of the road are in need of repair. Would like to reach out to the State for a turn arrow for Route 206 and Main Street due to high traffic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:28 P.M.

Resolution 2024-41

Authorizing Executive Session For the Purpose of Attorney Client Privilege

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

No formal action is expected to take place.

Let the record reflect the governing body has entered into executive session 7:28 P.M.

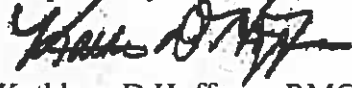
Let the record reflect the governing body has returned after discussion of the above as stated 7:48 P.M. No formal action took place.

Mayor Mikulski announced appointments for the Land Development Board.

ADJOURNMENT: 7: 50 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk