

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2013

7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor JoAnne Servais called the meeting to order and read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT statement at 7:00pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor JoAnne Servais led the Flag Salute.

The Mayor also mentioned the Hatch family who had a fire over the weekend and lost a loved one.

ROLL CALL

All Committee Members present.

PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor announced that representatives from Evergreen Environmental, LLC would be in attendance at the second meeting in May to talk about their plans for the Durham Property.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Moved to Open to the Public by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

Willie & Betty Brooks – 1344 Bridgeton – Millville Pike

Mr. & Mrs. Brooks asked about a decision on their Tax Appeal Matter.

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes; Voted unanimously

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance #2-2013 Introduction and First Reading by Title Only A Bond Ordinance for the Purchase of Fire Truck

Committeeman Sharp asked about where the price for the Fire Truck came from. Committeeman Taylor stated it was given by the same manufacturer who was the lowest bid last year and that the price was under a state contract pricing. Committeeman Sharp said he also felt the original specs for the Fire Truck from last year should have been available for this meeting to be reviewed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 71-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Maurice River for Certified Recycling Coordinator As Review And Certification Agent Regarding Annual Tonnage Reports

There was no discussion on this resolution.

Resolution 72-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Approving An Off-Premises 50/50 Raffle License For Bridgeton Area Chamber Of Commerce Foundation To Take Place At The Fairfield Inn May 21, 2013

There was no discussion on this resolution.

Resolution 73-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Approving A Tonnage Grant Application

There was no discussion on this resolution.

REPORTS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Doug Burry, Esq.

Mr. Burry stated there were talks in the CBA negotiations and he would go over his report in Executive Session and that he would have a written report for the next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Fralinger Engineering

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Leo Selb

The Administrator was absent due to illness. The Mayor went over the Administrator's report. She mentioned the changes in the Employee healthcare coverage were accepted by the Union. She also mentioned various clean-up projects by the inmates in sections of the township. She also mentioned Cal Ripken baseball program thanks the Township for helping them get started this year.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor also mentioned getting updated driver's license information from the Fire companies. Mr. Wayne Carter from Company Fire Company #2 expressed some things were confusing about the form the Administrator put out requesting that information. Renewing the Cintas rental agreement for the uniforms for Public Works was discussed. Mayor Servais talked about the County would be doing Mosquito Spraying in the Township.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST

The Committee discussed the Tabled Bills from Last Month's meeting dealing with the phones and internet services.

Committeeman Taylor motioned to pay those bills. Committeeman Morton seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y

Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

The Committee also reviewed the Bill List submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for this month. It was mentioned the copier was out of toner so the Bill List was passed around.

OLD BUSINESS

The Solicitor stated he would be preparing an ordinance based on the amendments to the current Business License Ordinance as well as the Dog Ordinance. The Committee talked about the Property Sale. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes mentioned again that she feels the prices should be set at 50% of the assessed value. Committeeman Taylor mentioned giving the adjourning properties owners to those on the Property Sale List a first opportunity to purchase before other members of the public. Mayor Servais talked about the Municipal Alliance Program Funding. She said she felt it was something that was needed for the students, however she wanted input from the Committee. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked if anyone had any suggestions for the Senior Center Rental Agreement. She also mentioned the hours should be limited. Committeeman Taylor agreed that there should be not late night functions. Committeeman Sharp stated he still thinks it's a bad idea and it will open up the Township to litigation. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said if any other Committee members had any other suggestions for the agreement to write them down and the Committee can review and make changes to the agreement. Committeeman Sharp asked if the issue with the ramp was resolved. Mayor Servais said the Engineer would be looking into it. Committeeman Sharp also said renting the Senior Center out may undercut local businesses that may have space to rent out. Mayor Servais said she was unsure of the progress of the baseball field repairs. The Committee also reviewed the Shared Services Proposal for City of Bridgeton Fire Official. They wanted to change the terms of the agreement to be until December 31st and it may be renewed at Reorganization. The Mayor stated the Committee would send a request to the NJ Division of Fish and Game for the installation of Boat Ramp for use of Township residents. Committeeman Sharp also mentioned that Engineer had submitted a quote for specs for the Senior Center ramp. He also asked where the money would be coming from.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Committee was provided with copies of the minutes for the meeting for March 12, 2013 and not March 19, 2013. It was stated again the copier was out of toner and that more was on its way.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee was given a letter from the Planning Board to recommend appointing John Melchiorre to the Planning/Zoning Board for Alternate #2 due to the resignation of Darlene Hadley. The Mayor asked it be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Committeeman Taylor and Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked about if the background check for Russell Pierce's volunteer application had come back yet. The Mayor said she had not seen anything.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Moved to Open to the Public by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes; Voted unanimously

Pat Conahey – PO Box 61

Mr. Conahey also expressed concerns about the form for up to date driver's license information the Administrator put out. He said it was something the OEM coordinator used to do and the form previously did not have you agree to taking responsibility and taking on cost if you are in an accident in a Township vehicle. He also talked about the cost of the Engineer to design the plans for the Senior Center ramp. He also said he doesn't think the Senior Center should be rented out because it would be open to all members of the public and there is no way to say who and who can't rent it.

Dennis Pierce – 203 Clarks Pond

Mr. Pierce asked why we can't do the baseball field repairs through volunteers through self-help. He also said we should go after the contractor who originally put the ramp on the Senior Center. He also said in regards to the shared services agreement with Bridgeton, there should be a 30 day review period for any contract.

Nancy Ridgeway – 522 Irving Ave

Mrs. Ridgeway said maybe some agreements should be from February 1st to January 31st. She also doesn't think its proper to rent the Senior Center but she thinks there are many other things that can be done with it.

Russell Pierce – 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Pierce asked about if we pay employees to go to residents homes and meet with them. He had heard the Administrator went to Mr. Ernest Zirkle's home when he should have been working.

Herbert Pierce – 344 Clarks Pond

Mr. Pierce said if a grant was involved in building the Senior Center there may be restrictions on the use of the building. He thinks the Committee should look into it.

Ernest Zirkle – 24 Back Neck Rd

Mr. Zirkle responded to Mr. Pierce's comment by saying that he only had lunch the Administrator which was something that he had been trying to do for a while.

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes; Voted unanimously

REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Sharp spoke about a memo about payment of a bill submitted by the former Administrator Joe Veight. The memo stated the Township would not be paying it as advised by Mayor Servais. Committeeman Sharp mentioned that sole decisions when there is a five person Committee is not proper. The Mayor replied that she had stated her opinion to the Administrator and that he had took it upon himself to notify Mr. Veight before the issue could come before the Committee. The Solicitor stated if there is an issue with a bill it should be brought up in Executive Session for him to review. Committeeman Taylor thanked the public for coming out. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes talked about the dumping of trash all over the Township and possibility of getting surveillance. Deputy Mayor also asked Mr. Wayne Carter to clear up some rumors with the weekend fire that resulted in a fatality of one of our residents.

REMARKS BY MAYOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 70-2013 A Resolution to Move adjourn into Executive Session from which the public be excluded to discuss issues involving matters as permitted by the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 relating to: Litigation, Personnel, CBA Negotiations - Union Contract, Resident Complaints

Minutes will be kept and once the matter(s) no longer require confidentially, the minutes will be made public and upon completion, the Committee will return to the Public Session and action may be taken.

Moved To Adopt by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

Out of Executive Session 8:56 pm.

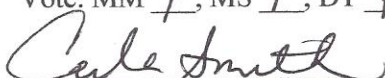
Moved to close Executive Session and Return to Public Session by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

ADJOURNED 9:00pm.

Approved by the Township Committee at a Public Meeting held on May 21, 2013.
Vote: MM Y, MS Y, DT Y, VTH Y, JS Y; 5-0-0


Carla Smith, Acting Municipal Clerk