

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETING MINTUES
March 12, 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.

ROLL CALL

All Committee Members present.

PRESENTATIONS

John Smith, Tammi Viola, Ken Brent, and Tracey Elliot were present to talk about the Cal Ripken Baseball Recreation Program. It was mentioned there was missing equipment. The Administrator also informed the Committee there were outstanding bills from 2011 and 2012 that needed to be paid in order to get into the Cal Ripken program and that the upcoming Saturday was the deadline for this year. The cost would be \$600.

Committeeman Michael Morton motioned to appropriate the funds provided all bills are on official letterhead and have everything ready by Friday at 1pm for pickup. Committeeman Don Taylor 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_

Michelle Kennedy, Fairfield Township Board of Education President also gave the Committee an update on the Superintendent Search and the demolition of the old school. She said they received 19 applications and have narrowed it down to 2 choices. She also said the BOE was leaning toward Dr. Wanda Carter who has 20+ years experience and they are hoping to have made a decision by their next meeting. She also said the demolition of the old school went out to bid in two phases, one for asbestos removal and one for the demolition. She also said the State had given \$1,497,311.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

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

Pat Conahey – PO Box 61 Fairton

Mr. Conahey commented on the Senior Center Rental Agreement. He said the discussion came up in 2008 when he was on the Committee and that the Committee cannot discriminate against who rents the building. He also said a proper Certificate of Occupancy has never been received for that building.

Dennis Pierce – 203 Clarks Pond Rd

Mr. Pierce said for the Committee to check into Maurice River Township to see if they have the missing equipment. He said the Senior Center was built to Federal Government standards. He also said it may be possible to interview people who want to rent the building

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

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 13-2013 A Resolution to approve the JIF Safety Contract.

The Committee reviewed this resolution. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked about the JIF Safety Contract.

Resolution 63-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Establishing a Local Emergency Planning Committee

The Committee reviewed this resolution. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked about the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Resolution 64-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Authorizing the Issuance of Certain Business Licenses.

The Committee reviewed this resolution. Committeeman Sharp expressed he wanted the Code Enforcement Officer to give a report about citing those businesses that have not complied.

REPORTS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – George Saponaro, Esq.

The Solicitor reported he would give his report to the Committee in Executive Session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Fralinger Engineering

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Leo Selb

The Administrator submitted a written report to the Committee for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor asked about the proposed amendments to the Dog License Ordinance. Committeeman Taylor talked about the Senior Center Rental Agreement. The Administrator explained Tulip Insurance and how it would apply to the Agreement. The Administrator stated he only currently has one quote for the Baseball Field Repairs. He needs two more. The Mayor stated something needs to be done soon because baseball season is upon us. The Administrator also said he has quotes to test the Air Quality to determine if the building has mold.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST

Committeeman Sharp asked about the Solicitor's bill for January's month. The Solicitor proceeded to answer Committeeman Sharp's questions. The Committee debated about the Solicitor's billing.

Committeeman Morton motioned to move the previous question. Committeeman Taylor seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp N
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y
Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor reminded the Committee to go over the amendments to Business License Ordinance. Committeeman Sharp also asked the Solicitor about if it was discussed with him about banking policies being changed. The Administrator talked about the USDA Grant for ADA Compliance for Bathrooms. He said a representative from USDA would come next week and meet to look at the facilities. The Mayor felt the Township was not ready to do the bathrooms at the time. She also mentioned the ramp at the Senior Center needed to be done as soon as possible. Deputy Mayor Thomas Hughes suggested half of the properties assessed value should be the offering price for properties in the Property Sale. It was also mentioned the Municipal Alliance Program Funding would be up to \$2,000.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes for Work Session, Regular Action, and Executive Session Meetings for February 12, 2013 and February 19, 2013 were reviewed by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

The discussion about Willie & Betty Brooks retrieving counsel fees and Ed Kimley's Bach Bill were held off for Executive Session.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Moved to Open to the Public by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously.

Dennis Pierce – 203 Clarks Pond Rd

Mr. Pierce asked about why the Township couldn't get Rehab Grants. He said things were being controlled by Vineland.

Pat Conahey – PO Box 61 Fairton

Mr. Conahey asked about the property sale.

The Mayor went back to look over the Township Volunteer Application for Russell Pierce. The Administrator indicated the Committee needed to advise him of which kind of background check they wanted to do so that he could proceed with processing the application.

Russell Pierce - 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Pierce asked again about getting a public Boat Ramp installed near the golf course property.

Herbert Pierce – 344 Clarks Pond Rd

Mr. Pierce spoke about the Rehab Grants.

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously.

REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Taylor commented on the review of the Solicitor Bill.

REMARKS BY MAYOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 62-2013 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

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 Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes; Voted unanimously

Out of Executive Session 11:04 pm.

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

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes reminded everyone to sign the Proclamation created for Pastor Hadley of Glory Tabernacle.

Committeeman Morton motioned to authorize the Administrator to get the proper paper for the Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Taylor.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 11:04pm.

Approved by the Township Committee at a Public Meeting held on April 16, 2013.

Vote: MM Y, MS Y, DT Y, VTH Y JS Y; 5-0-0

Carla Smith
Carla Smith, Acting Municipal Clerk