

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 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**

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes mentioned March is Women's History Month and the proclamations for women that have made contributions to the Township were being drafted. She said if anyone from the public wanted to nominate anyone in the Township to contact the Administrator.

**OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for Agenda items only.

**Pat Conahey – PO Box 61 Fairton**

Mr. Conahey asked why the SJ Gas Bill was so high. He commented on the Municipal Alliance program. He asked the Committee to think about rental agreement for the Senior Center as it could be damaged. He also asked what the GPANJ bill was for.

**Joe Servais – 37 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd**

Mr. Servais asked about the Back Associates bill.

**John Bennett – 4 George Street**

John asked about the various food bills on the Bill List.

Moved to Close Public portion by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton, Voted unanimously.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 1-2013 Calendar Year 2013 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)**

Moved to Introduce by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes  
Committeeman Michael Morton   Y   Committeeman Michael K. Sharp   Y    
Committeeman Don Taylor   Y   Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes   Y   Mayor JoAnne Servais   Y  

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

Moved to Introduce by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes  
Committeeman Michael Morton   Y   Committeeman Michael K. Sharp   Y    
Committeeman Don Taylor   Y   Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes   Y   Mayor JoAnne Servais   Y  

**Resolution 65-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Establishing a Local Emergency Planning Committee.**

Moved to Introduce by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes  
Committeeman Michael Morton   Y   Committeeman Michael K. Sharp   Y    
Committeeman Don Taylor   Y   Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes   Y   Mayor JoAnne Servais   Y  

**Resolution 66-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Authorizing the Issuance of Certain Business Licenses.**

Moved to Introduce by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes  
Committeeman Michael Morton   Y   Committeeman Michael K. Sharp   Y    
Committeeman Don Taylor   Y   Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes   Y   Mayor JoAnne Servais   Y  

**Resolution 67-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Authorizing Funds for Baseball Program**

Moved to Introduce by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes  
Committeeman Michael Morton   Y   Committeeman Michael K. Sharp   Y    
Committeeman Don Taylor   Y   Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes   Y   Mayor JoAnne Servais   Y

**Resolution 68-2013 A Resolution To Introduce The Township Municipal Budget For The Year 2013**

The Clerk read the Budget Statement 2013. The Mayor announced there would not be an increase for Local Purpose Tax this year.

Moved to Introduce by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes  
Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y  
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

**REPORTS**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – George Saponaro, Esq.  
The Solicitor submitted a written report to the Committee.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Fralinger Engineering  
Bob Mulford gave a report the he is working with Administrator on the Landfill Drainage problem and ground wells, road openings, and the Bathrooms and Senior Center ramp ADA compliance.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Leo Selb  
The Administrator submitted a written report to the Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Administrator talked about the types and expenses for the background check for Township volunteer application for Russell Pierce and how would they be paid for. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said if the Township is looking for volunteers the burden shouldn't fall on the person trying to volunteer. The Mayor agreed and said the Township would benefit from the volunteers.

The Mayor asked if Committee has reviewed the amendments to the Dog License Ordinance and asked if something could be drawn up by the next meeting.

The Mayor talked about the Senior Center has a Certificate of Occupancy for the building and not the ramp. Committeeman Sharp expressed his concerns about the Rental Agreement and said \$1,000 may not be enough to cover what may happen. Committeeman Morton said there are other halls in the Township that may need the revenue and the Township should consider it may be looked at as competition without local businesses.

The Administrator said bid packets would be advertised on the website for Baseball Field Repairs.

The Mayor asked the Committee for a consensus on getting the Air Quality tested.

Claude Rucker from the CRHS Board of Education talked about the school's portion of the Tax Levy.

Mr. Rucker said the portion for Fairfield Township was decreased from the previous year.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Discussion: Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes requested more clarity on the phone bills. Committeeman Sharp questioned the Solicitor bill.

Deputy Mayor Thomas Hughes motioned to remove the three phone 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

Committeeman Sharp motioned to remove the Solicitor bill. *There was no second and the motion dies.*

Motion to the Payment of Bills as Reflected on the Bill List as Certified as to the Availability of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer with changes as stated.

Moved by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton

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 the Solicitor would be drafting the new ordinance with amendments to Business License Ordinance.

The Mayor talked about USDA Grant and ADA Compliance for Bathrooms. She stated again she had found if the building was not being renovated at 50% then in was not needed to bring everything up to ADA standards.

*Committeeman Taylor motion the Committee not move forward on the Bathrooms. Committeeman Morton seconded the motion.*

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

Committeeman Morton suggested the Property Sale be held sometime in July.

Deputy Mayor Thomas- Hughes said she felt the Municipal Alliance Program is needed in the school.

Committeeman Morton agreed. Committeeman Taylor added the CFO will be helping draw up an ordinance to purchase the fire truck through State contract with no effect on the tax rate.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approval the Minutes for Regular Action and Executive Session Meetings for February 12, 2013 and February 19, 2013.

Moved by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor  
Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_A\_\_  
Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

### OTHER BUSINESS

Discussions on the Willie & Betty Brooks and Ed Kimley matters were moved to Executive Session

The Mayor also announced applications to the NJ Firemen's Associations were accepted for George Harris, III and Richard Patterson.

### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

#### Ed Kimley 84 Seabreeze Rd

Mr. Kimley asked could the Township go after a person for legal fees if someone brought a frivolous lawsuit against the Township.

#### John Bennett- 4 George St

Mr. Bennett asked about the hours of operation for Hyman's Automotive. He also asked about the Solicitor's Bill.

#### Pat Conahey PO Box 61 Fairton

Mr. Conahey commented about volunteer background checks in the policy was supposed to be a general check. He also asked about Matrix Concrete.

#### Russell Pierce – 376 Fairton Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Pierce commented about bring the Engineer in on the landfill drainage issues and asked about using volunteers for the baseball field repairs.

#### Marion Kennedy – 31 Beck Drive

Mr. Kennedy stated when he was on the Committee JIF said rental of the Senior Center was a liability. He also mentioned the building only has a temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

#### Joe Servais – 37 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Servais mentioned a settlement agreement between the Township and a former employee.

#### Russell Pierce– 376 Fairton Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Pierce also asked about a resolution for a Boat Ramp.

*Committeeman Taylor motion there be a resolution drafted to get working on the Boat Ramp that was talked about a few years ago. Deputy Mayor Thomas Hughes seconded. A voice vote of all in favor was given. The Mayor said the Committee would get working on it.*

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

### REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Sharp asked for an itemized bill of Solicitor in regards to a Tort Claim.

Committeeman Taylor stated he was glad that the Committee and CFO worked together on the budget because that had not happened in the last couple years.

Committeeman Morton thanked the public for coming out and state the Committee is doing a lot better.

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said the Committee is doing this best they can.

### REMARKS BY MAYOR

Mayor Servais thanked everyone for coming and said even though the Committee does disagree on a few things, they have been working together.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 69 -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

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

Out of Executive Session 9:41 pm.

Moved to close Executive Session and Return to Public Session by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked the Committee to upkeep Thomas Drive because it is a Township Road.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 9:46 pm.

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