

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
ACTION MEETING AGENDA**

**May 21, 2013**

**7:00 PM**

**CALL 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.

A moment of silence was held for the victims of the Oklahoma City Tornadoes.

**ROLL CALL**

All Committee Members present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Representatives from Evergreen Environmental, LLC gave a presentation on the Durham property and there plans for the property.

**Dennis Pierce - 203 Clarks Pond Rd**

Mr. Pierce asked why was this being done. He also asked if this was a part of Hope Creek in Salem County. He also asked about will it affect Schoolhouse Lane.

**Cynthia Zirkle - 24 Back Neck Rd**

Mrs. Zirkle asked if mitigation rights are sold will the property be maintained for 10 years. She also asked about escrow.

**Joan Egerton - 64 Foxtail Lane**

Mrs. Egerton asked will Fish and Wildlife maintain the property after it is given to them and how much phragmites is on the site.

**George Harris - Chief Fire Company #2**

Chief Harris asked how would the Township Benefit from this process.

**Pat Conahey - Po Box 61**

Mr. Conahey asked how does the process benefit Philadelphia as he had read that previously.

**OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved to Open to the Public by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Voted Unanimously

**Pat Conahey - Po Box 61**

Mr. Conahey asked about the Prosecutor's bill and a bill for an Engineering Design Associates bill.

**Benjamin Byrd - 368 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd**

Mr. Byrd asked about the previous vote on Ordinance #2-2013.

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

**ORDINANCES:****Ordinance #2-2013 Second Reading by and Passage A Bond Ordinance for the Purchase of Fire Truck**

Committeeman Michael Morton recused himself from this ordinance

*No motion was made. THE ORDINANCE FAILS*

Committeeman Don Taylor motioned to reintroduce Ordinance #2-2013, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes

Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_N\_\_ Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_

Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Sharp asked if the Solicitor researched the requirement for the passage of the Bond. The Solicitor stated it does require a supermajority of 4 votes.

**Ordinance #3-2013 Introduction and First Reading by Title Only An Ordinance To Modify Sections Of The General Licensing Ordinance Of The Township Of Fairfield**

Motion to Introduce by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

**Ordinance #4-2013 Introduction and First Reading by Title Only An Ordinance To Modify Licensing And Regulation Of Dogs**

Motion to Introduce by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_A\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS:****Resolution 80-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey**

*No motion was made. THE Resolution FAILS*

**Resolution 81-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Authorizing The Issuance Of Certain Business Licenses**

Motion to Adopt by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

**Resolution 82-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Authorizing The Demolition of 725 Buckshutem Road Block**

Motion to Adopt by Committeeman Michael Sharp, Seconded by Mayor JoAnne Servais

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

**ADD ON: Resolution 83-2013 A Resolution Approving Insertion Of Revenue And Appropriation Chapter 159 Clean Communities**

Motion to Adopt by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

**REPORTS**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Fralinger Engineering

Bob Mulford spoke about the violations at the landfill and water needs to be done. He also spoke about the Clarks Pond Road Grant. He spoke about the proposal for the Senior Center handicapped ramp. Mr. Mulford also spoke about the research done on Thomas Drive. He indicated that he could not find where it was owned by the Township or anyone else. Committeeman Sharp asked for the name change to be looked in. Committeeman Morton asked what typically happens in other Towns in the situation. Committeeman Taylor said it may become a safety issue for the residents living there. Mayor Servais asked if there any record of how long the Township been maintained. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes says she knows it had been maintained since she was a child. Committeeman Sharp asked about the Coombs Drive drainage driveway problem.

**The Solicitor suggested the Committee go into Executive session with the Engineer at 8pm to discuss one item before the Engineer leaves.**

Motion to go into Executive Session by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_N\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 pm.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes , Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted Unanimously

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Leo Selb

The Administrator reported Clean Community Day date is set for June 22, 2013.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

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

Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes asked about a bill from 2012 for the well at the concession stand.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

### OLD BUSINESS

The Administrator explained there were still Bach Escrow Bills still around.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes for Work Session, Regular Action, and Executive Session Meetings for April 9, 2013.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton \_\_Y\_\_ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp \_\_Y\_\_

Committeeman Don Taylor \_\_Y\_\_ Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes \_\_Y\_\_ Mayor JoAnne Servais \_\_Y\_\_

### OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Thomas Hughes spoke about crime watch. She said hopefully by the next meeting there can be a resolution on the agenda.

Committeeman Sharp read a letter he received from the Mayor in response to his comments from last week. Mayor Servais addressed the issues with the Business License for JR Servais Construction.

### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

#### Alta Lloyd - 357 Gould Ave

Mrs. Lloyd asked if she appealed her Taxes will the Township pay for her legal fees. She said she didn't think it was fair.

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

Mr. Servais asked what contractor helped write the specs for the roof. He said there was a woman getting paid that never showed up to work. He said the information went to the IRS and the Township would be receiving paper work on it soon.

#### Benjamin Byrd - 368 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Byrd said the Construction Official was in violation for asking the Mayor's son to sign the permit. Mr. Byrd asked the Solicitor why he advised the Committee not to vote yes for the Brooks.

#### Tammi Viola - Fairfield Township Baseball

Mrs. Viola thanked the Committee and said the kids are thankful.

#### George Harris - 409 East Ave

Mr. Harris stated Thomas Lane should be fixed so the emergency vehicles can access it.

#### Virginia LeMatty - 9 LeMatty Way

Ms. LeMatty spoke about a boarded up house at 11 Main Street. She also talked about the guardrail on Lummis Mill Rd.

#### Ed Kimley - 84 Seabreeze Rd

Mr. Kimley said 11 Main Street is owned by Michael Wiener.

Russell Pierce - 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Pierce talked about the boat ramp he has been asking for is for the public not just for him. He also talked about the County grass cutting and Mosquito Spraying.

Marion Kennedy - 31 Beck Drive

Mr. Kennedy asked about if the situation with the attorney fees for the Brooks would open the Township up to anyone who wanted to do the same thing.

Cynthia Zirkle - 34 Back Neck Rd

Mrs. Zirkle asked the Committee to reconsider Resolution 80-2013.

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

REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Taylor said if it wasn't for the Tax Revaluation, the Township wouldn't have gone through it. He also talked about fire truck prices, pay increases to employees, and no background checks on employees in the previous years. Committeeman Morton said there is a fine line between confidence and arrogance. He suggested maybe the Township should look into creating an Ethics Board. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes thanked the public for coming out. She stated she is concerned about the community and ask the Committee to please pass the fire truck ordinance.

REMARKS BY MAYOR

Mayor Servais said Committeeman Sharp had not been perfect in the previous years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Resolution 84-2013 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: Griner Litigation**

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 10:14 pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 9:46 pm.

Approved by the Township Committee at a Public Meeting held on June 18, 2013.

Vote: MM Y, MS Y, DT Y, VTH Y, JS (E); 4 - 0 - 0



Carla Smith, Acting Municipal Clerk