

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
APRIL 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd read the following OPMA into the record as follows:

This meeting of the Fairfield Township Committee shall come to order. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests are discussed or acted upon. This meeting held on this 20th day of April, 2016 at the Fairfield Municipal Building in Fairton New Jersey is held pursuant to notice of date, time and place of same having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City and also duly posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Township Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Byrd led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Clark

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Clark, present; Committeeman Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Manson, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORKS SESSION ACTION MEETING MARCH 16, 2016

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016 as written seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Byrd, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

The Township Committee reviewed the bill list. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. Mayor Byrd announced for the record that he and a couple of the members of the Township Committee that the bill list indicates payment for South State, Inc., in which he has a conflict due to his trucking company that works for South State, Inc. and asked the Township Committee members to reflect their conflict. Committeeman Clark and Committeeman Manson indicated that they both have a conflict. Township Solicitor Carr reminded and instructed the Township Committee that there is a doctrine of necessity to take care of Township business given the conflict put on record.

At this time Mayor Byrd announced that we have the Township Auditor present tonight and asked her asked the Township Auditor to come forward and give her presentation on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Nancy Sbrolla, partner and auditor with Ford Scott & Associates thanked the Township Committee for the opportunity for having her present tonight. Ms. Sbrolla advised that in reviewing the budget, the Township Committee and the Chief Financial Officer put together a very fiscal responsible budget. Ms. Sbrolla indicated that the Township is in good shape. She advised that we are \$162,000 under the spending cap and about \$57,000.00 under the levy cap. She advised that the total budget itself is up about approximately \$117,000.00 which is a combination of several items. She explained that we had about a \$1.6 million dollar decrease in rates over the last year and she advised that this is state wide and not just Fairfield Township. She advised that we have an increase in salaries and wages whereby we hired another employee and hired a new Township Administrator and we had some legal costs where we settled a lawsuit in which is a one - time increase in the budget that the Township Committee has agreed to off -set with an increase in the reserve for bond payments which is a one - time increase as well and they would be off-set nicely. Ms. Sbrolla indicated that certain tax increases are usually unavoidable to keep up with the spending and the increase in salaries and there is an increase in health benefits which takes place every year. Ms. Sbrolla indicated that we have a healthy fund balance at this this point. Ms. Sbrolla indicated that she has been here over the year in the past where there was no fund balance and that it is a pleasure to see the Township doing so well and coming so far and if anyone had any questions for her to please advise.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and indicated that it would have been nice to have a copy of the budget tonight, although she did notice the budget was advertised in the newspaper. Ms. Ridgway stated that she would like to know how many full time and part time employees the Township has.

At this time, Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer appeared and advised that he can provide the information for Ms. Ridgway and indicated that he would go to his office to get the payroll record for Ms. Ridgway for the exact number.

Ms. Ridgway stated that she had additional questions for the Chief Financial Officer before he goes to his office. She advised that she would like to know how much we are paying for health insurance per employee.

The Chief Financial Officer indicated that it is based on the employee. He advised the average would be approximately \$11,000.00 and the bottom average is approximately \$7,200.00.

Ms. Ridgway inquired if the Township was ever going to install the solar panels in order to save money on the electric bill.

Mayor Byrd advised that the solar panels have been here for quite some time and before he came aboard and it is something that the Township Committee needs to discuss.

Ms. Ridgway indicated that on the Planning and Zoning Board the Township has a Planning and Zoning Board Secretary that works for the Township and the Township also has a Recording Secretary and that she does not understand how come the Secretary that works for the Township cannot be also the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary cannot also be the Recording Secretary. Ms. Ridgway indicated this is something the Township should look into in order to save the taxpayers a few dollars.

Ms. Ridgway indicated that she would also like to know how much the Township tax rate is going to be increased. increase. The Chief Financial Officer advised Ms. Ridgway that it was 2.3 cents.

Geneva Griffin, Fairfield Township appeared and inquired when the Township Audit due is. Nancy Sbrolla indicated that it is due June 30, 2016.

Ms. Griffin inquired if the Audit has been started. Ms. Sbrolla advised Ms. Griffin that the audit is completed and that they are waiting for is there is a new GASBY requirement that relates to the pension for the PERS. The numbers are supposed to be out this Friday.

Ms. Griffin inquired as to what are the new requirements. Ms. Sbrolla indicated that they are now requiring that the pension liabilities are disclosed in the Financial Disclosure Statements.

Ms. Griffin inquired how much of an impact would \$145,000.00 have on the overall budget. Ms. Sbrolla indicated approximately \$31,000.00 to the penny, a savings of 4.5 cents.

Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer advised Ms. Griffin if she looked at the last year's budget on sheet 13 you will see we have budget \$75,000.00 budgeted from last year and we increased it this year to \$70,000.00 this year pretty much to off-set the one case.

Ms. Griffin inquired what one case. The Chief Financial Officer indicated the one case that the Township Committee approved in the settlement. Ms. Griffin stated that was in legal fees.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she specifically see's what they are talking about as far as in expenses and the increase of \$75,000.00 and that she believes that she saw somewhere else an increase in legal fees of \$70,000.00 plus the \$75,000.00 is how she came out with a total of \$145,000.00.

Ms. Griffin indicated that the 2.5 contributed to this was due to the law suit. It was indicated that it could have been attributed to that.

Ms. Griffin stated that she sees there is a major increase in the Administrative cost. She indicated it appears to be a stretch from a range from of \$55,000.00 to General Administration from \$70,500 to \$97,000.00 and inquired what is that increased based on. The Chief Financial Officer advised we hired a new Administrator, and the Admin salary and wages consists of 2 employees and a partial payment to the prior Township Administrator.

Ms. Griffin asked who the two (2) employees were. The Chief Financial Officer indicated it was Deborah DeShields and Jack Surrency.

Ms. Griffin stated in the Municipal Clerk section you go from in 2015 from \$54,000.00 to \$86,000.00 and indicated that is an increase of \$32,000.00. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that part of Jack Surrency duties is also a Deputy Clerk position and we hired Steve Wymbs and part of his salary is charged to the Municipal Clerk.

Ms. Griffin asked what he has to do with the Municipal Clerk's Office. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that he oversees all operations.

Ms. Griffin inquired what Resolution Number that was as she recalls Mr. Wymbs was hired as a part time Payroll /Pension Clerk. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that Mr. Wymbs was hired as a Payroll Pension Clerk /Temporary Employee.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she saw only one resolution and asked if there was a resolution and an advertisement for a temporary employee and what that salary that would that be.

Mayor Byrd advised that it was advertised accordingly according to the Township Clerk and therefore Ms. Griffin could submit an OPRA Request for the information.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she sees and believes we could be doing better. She stated that she does not have the numbers yet from the school as of yet and how much it would cost the Township this year. The Chief Financial Officer indicated if he had those numbers yet. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that the school has their own tax rate.

Ms. Griffin indicated we approve their school budget. The CFO indicated we do not approve their budget.

Ms. Griffin inquired how the school budget costs affect the Township's budget. Ms. Sbrolla indicated the only way it affects the budget, we would have to raise all the money for the school and the money from county to turn 100%. Ms. Sbrolla stated that based on our collection rate we have to account for funds that do not come in and the Township has to bear that responsibility.

Ms. Griffin asked what the collection rate was. The Chief Financial Officer indicated it was 92.62 percent.

Ms. Griffin asked what the overall budget was. The Chief Financial Officer indicated it was estimated at nearly \$7.5 million that includes county and school estimates. The Chief Financial Officer indicated the Township's portion is \$3.1 million. Ms. Griffin indicated that it is possible that the Township could be responsible for the last 8 percent.

The Chief Financial Officer advised the Township is responsible for \$3.1 million and is about 20% from the total tax rate.

Ms. Griffin advised that she will be getting back to the Township because she believes that based on the information that they are receiving here today, that the budget really could of been tighten up and had the proper held Workshop She indicated that we really did not have a proper Workshop to go across the individual numbers and thank God that the budget was on the internet to look up the budget and go over the details and see exactly what your future plans are for the Township and the Township residents.

Ms. Griffin stated that certainly the other Board Members have heard enough to know that you have some issues that you closely need to pay attention to because everybody is. She indicated that she has advised that the Committee that the case has been docketed. At this time, Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Griffin that this portion of the meeting is a public hearing on the budget. Ms. Griffin indicated that it does affect the budget because it was mentioned as a cost to the Township and you are approving it for settlement in the budget. Mayor Byrd reminded Ms. Griffin that you are allowed five (5) minutes to speak. Ms. Griffin stated you are going to only allow five (5) minutes on the budget. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Griffin was straying in a different area. Ms. Griffin stated that she does not believe anybody in the audience has not been informed as to what they have heard. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Griffin that she is going over and straying away in a different area. Ms. Griffin asked if there was anything that she has said was contrary to the budget. She indicated to let the minutes reflect what she said that was contrary to what the discussion is all about and because it is the budget and because she is a candidate running for office for the Township and that she needs to be clear as to why the Chief Financial Officer and the Auditor were present as to what the Township numbers are reading because she did have the opportunity and although she had the opportunity to get the case in and file the case into the docket and that she also had time enough to review the budget and study the numbers in order to find out and make sure she does not stretch the truth on the Mayor when they have to go out campaigning.

Ms. Griffin stated that she also has another question regarding the budget in which she believes is imperative. She advised that Mr. Gonzalez was appointed to the Township Committee on March 16, 2016 and it looks like the budget was prepared and submitted to the State of New on March 16, 2016 and it would of have been after Mr. Gonzalez was sworn in to office. Ms. Griffin stated that she wanted to know from the Auditor or whoever prepared the budget as to why Mr. Gonzalez name and term is not mentioned on the budget. The Auditor indicated it was an oversight. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that it was handwritten by the Township Clerk Gonzales and that he had a copy to indicate that Mr. Gonzalez name and term was indicated on the budget when it was submitted to the State. Ms. Griffin advised that it needs to be corrected on the website to indicate Mr. Gonzalez name and his term.

There were no further comments from the public.

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the budget. Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to close the public hearing on the budget seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At this time, Mayor Byrd asked the Auditor or the Chief Financial Officer to explain Resolution No. 93 - 2016 to the residents as to what it entails.

Ms. Sbrolla advised that during the 2015 year, the Township of Fairfield received \$14,121.00 for a Clean Communities Grant from the State whereby the Township had approved it as a Chapter 159 addition to the Revenues and Appropriations in the 2015 budget and that the State could not locate the paperwork on this and when they reviewed the budget and the AFS in order for us to consider for adoption tonight they required her to take it out because they could not find their end of the paperwork. Ms. Sbrolla indicated that because we thought it was approved we had spent approximately \$1,125.00 against that grant. She advised that it is considered as an over expenditure so it has to be raised this year and that we would have to do the 159 amendment and bring it back in.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. Each member of the Township Committee did not have any questions. At this time Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 93 - 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 93 - 2016

AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 93 - 2016 seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote; Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 94 - 2016

ADOPTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 94 - 2016 seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) TWO (2)

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Committeeman Clark moved to open the public hearing seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd yes.

There were no comments to be received.

Committeeman Clark moved to close the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 7 - 2016 on final reading seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO UPDATE THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Geneva Griffin, Fairfield Township appeared and inquired what ordinance are we enforcing?

Township Solicitor Carr advised Ms. Griffin that the Flood Ordinance was put forth by the State and the State wants us to insert the misdemeanor penalty. He indicated that in contacting the Township Clerk's Office we apparently have a couple of different misdemeanor penalties listed over the time as our ordinances have developed. He indicated rather than try to determine which one might be wrong and try to correct the specific ones *the fix all*, a lot of Townships are doing in the light of fact that we have to provide the State a maximum misdemeanors penalty is to use an update to the State the maximum penalty to address the issue. He indicated that it is not a penalty for any one thing; it is the top penalty that can be considered by the Judge and for the purposes of insertion in the required Flood Prevention Ordinance so that the residents can continue to participate.

Ms. Griffin asked why it wouldn't be point specific. The Township Solicitor advised so that the residents can participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ms. Griffin stated that we should already be in the process being that we spent \$25,000 to \$26,000 to prepare the ordinances for codification so it should already be occurring. The Township Solicitor advised Ms. Griffin that that he was just explaining to her where this came from.

Ms. Griffin indicated that it seems like and that she did asked what ordinances we are enforcing. She indicated that we are not doing business licenses which are an ordinance. Ms. Griffin stated so what and who are you after to increase the fines on someone to place this ordinance up for vote.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Griffin that the Township Solicitor was just explaining the Flood Ordinance and for us to be in compliance.

Ms. Griffin stated yes the Flood Ordinance. She stated that it is just like the Business License application cost increase for an unknown reason from \$50.00 to \$75.00 that went on for a couple years prepared by Township Solicitor Carr and that approved by the members of the Township Committee that they raised it from \$50.00 to \$75.00 on people and now you do not want to follow it yourself. She indicated that how can you vote to approve because she has been to court 5 or 6 times to court being postponed that the Mayor does not has a business license.

Ms. Griffin stated how you can impose an ordinance increase on someone else for anything, flood water, clean water, dirty water and dog license and you do not do it yourself.

Mayor Byrd stated is that not in court right now. Ms. Griffin stated yes and why.

There being no further comments to be received, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

Committeeman Clark moved to close seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8 - 2016 on final reading. Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 8 - 2016 on final reading seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes. Piece, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (ONE)

ORDINANCE NO. 9 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2016, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND THE IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES ORIGINALLY SET FORTH IN SUCH BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE CAPPING OF THE TOWNSHIP LANDFILL

Committeeman Clark moved to introduce seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

In order for the Committee to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all inclusive to comment on any agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee, but only on items specified on the agenda listed for the current meeting. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Committeeman Clark moved to open the meeting to the public for comment on current agenda items only seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Gouldtown Fire Chief Harris appeared and advised that he had a question on the bill list and advised that it happened a lot last year. He asked if the ambulance company had their own budget to pay their own bills. He indicated that there is a reimbursement to the Fairfield Fire/EMS. He stated he we keep reimbursing the Fire Department for ambulance bills and indicated that if we have a budget for the Fire Company itself how the bills are supposed to be paid. He advised that you are supposed to submit a voucher and get the bills paid through the Township.

Mayor Byrd inquired with the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer indicated that the Fire Department pays the bill upfront and the Township reimburses the Fire Company.

Fire Chief Harris asked how much was indicated in the line item for the ambulance. The Chief Financial Officer advised that \$25,000.00. Fire Chief Harris advised then why are they paying up front and having to be reimbursed when they have the funds in their budget. Fire Chief Harris indicated that by putting money back into the Fire Department whereby this creates an increase for them. The Chief Financial Officer advised that since he has been here that is how this has happened and is something that we need to look into the future.

Deputy Mayor Pierce advised that the reimbursement money is coming out of the ambulance budget and is not coming to the Fire Department as an increase.

Ed Kimley, 84 Seabreeze Road appeared and advised that on the bill list indicated as \$6,400.00 for Siciliano & Associates listed as various legal services and inquired how that bill so high is. The Chief Financial Officer advised that they are Planning/Zoning Escrow Fees for applications. Mr. Kimley inquired if the bill was broken down. The Chief Financial Officer advised that it is and Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Kimley that he can OPRA should he desire.

Mr. Ed Kimley advised that he had a question to Township Solicitor Carr. He stated you are the liaison for the Bob Hulitt case. Solicitor Carr indicated that he represents the Township. Mr. Kimley stated that he thought the insurance company was representing him. Solicitor Carr advised that the insurance company is not representing the Township.

Mr. Kimley advised that at the last meeting he had asked Mr. Siciliano if he was representing the Township on February 3, 2016 in which Mr. Siciliano stated that he was not that he was the liaison. Mr. Kimley stated so far there has been \$20,000.00 worth of legal bills from Mr. Siciliano on the Sharp case. Mr. Kimley stated that Mr. Siciliano has file no motion, no papers or anything and that the Township needs to find out what Mr. Siciliano has done for \$20,000.00 and further that if an insurance company lawyer submits a bill, the Township needs to see what that they did because none of them filed and submitted any paper work either. He advised that the Township Committee has a right to look at bills and ask questions.

Mr. Kimley stated that Mr. Siciliano answered phone calls and emails and we have a \$20,000.00 bill for it and that the Township Committee has right to ask why.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and stated that she did not get an answer to her question about the number of full time and part time employees. The Chief Financial Officer advised Ms. Ridgway if she would like to come to his office after the meeting he could provide the information to her as he does not have it in front of him. Ms. Ridgway indicated that most of the township's put that number in with their legal advertisement for their budget how many employees they have.

Ms. Ridgway stated that she also would like to know how many of the Township Committee members are on the Finance Committee of Fairfield Township. She stated that all the Township Committee they approved the budget and not one of them made one single comment if this budget was good or bad, you worked hard on it or you didn't.

Mayor Byrd stated each one of us took the time and went over the budget and that he assumes that is why they all voted for the budget because we are satisfied with it. Ms. Ridgway asked where your voices are. Ms. Ridgway indicated that you're each individuals and each one of you should have a voice to tell your citizenship. She stated that the audience is listening and advised

that there are (5) of members on the Township Committee and that they are not talking and that they are not talking to us. Ms. Ridgway advised that the citizens are listening and deserved to be talked to know what is going on.

Ms. Ridgway indicated that we just introduced an ordinance to amend a bond ordinance with no discussion. She asked are you increasing this amount of money, are you decreasing this amount of money, what is it going to be used for and that the public and the Township Committee needs to know and what you're doing.

Ms. Ridgway indicated that the public has a right to know what is going on in this Township and why and that the public deserves an answer as to why we are amending the bond ordinance that was just introduced.

JoAnne Servais appeared and indicated that she was not going to say anything but since the Township Committee is all proud on this budget that you just passed. Ms. Servais indicated that the Township should have sent the residents some kind of note how much was actually spent on the Sharp case. Ms. Servais stated with \$145,000.00 in the budget plus the \$20,000.00 that Mr. Siciliano took from everybody and that the other lawyers will be sending them a bill as well. Ms. Servais stated that perhaps everybody should send you a Thank You for increasing their taxes.

Geneva Griffin, Fairfield Township appeared and stated that she does not come to the Township meetings to try to talk down to the Township Committee. Ms. Griffin stated that she wants them to understand that there is more to this position than slicking your way into office and then that you have so many people with conflicts that you cannot even approve a bill. She indicated your conflict is as much with South State, Inc., as it is with Ben Byrd and your obligations to the township residents.

Ms. Griffin indicated that if you knew when you were elected and appointed that you were going to have a quorum of conflict because of South State, Inc., or did they think that nobody else would know. She advised that nobody cares or that it does not matter. She indicated that she guarantees them that when they get in trouble and you're going to get yourself in trouble and that they are all in trouble their selves to remember who did it, that they did it to themselves. She stated that they are trying to bring them out the state that they are in where someone can write you a memo or an email that you become aware of and they tell you that they do not believe that blacks can govern and somebody is so ignorant enough to think that they are less black than the people that they were talking about. She advised to appoint them to something else by a unanimous vote and that the Township Committee should be ashamed of themselves and that they disgust her with all their YES and that they do not try to do better and try to know better.

Virginia LeMatty, 9 LeMatty Way appeared and stated that she had a question. She indicated that she has never understood how the ambulance is operated. She advised that she has lived here for 50 years and that they have used the ambulance once. She advised that when they used the ambulance her insurance company paid for and then they also received a letter in the mail to join the association and they paid to join the association. Ms. LeMatty indicated that a lot of people opt to not use the ambulance unless they must.

Ms. LeMatty advised that she noticed on the bill list that we are paying Millville Rescue for training. The Chief Financial Officer advised that we are paying for their services for training.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Committeeman Clark moved to close the meeting seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that we go to Resolution No. 96 - 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE AND COUNTY CONSENTING THE CHARITABLE ROADWAY SOLICITATION

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 96 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2.

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 97 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 98 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM RUDCO PRODUCTS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 30 CUBIC YARD OPEN TOP CONTAINERS

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 98 - 2016 seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark indicated that he had none.

Committeeman Gonzalez indicated that he believes that we should look into the Shared Court Agreement. He advised that when he was going over the budget with the Chief Financial Officer he noticed a big increase. He indicated that we lost more money than what we anticipated and therefore we should revisit with the City of Bridgeton to see if can get a better deal for the Township.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he also agrees and that he also looked at it and that we need to meet with the City of Bridgeton and look at other options whether it be moving the court elsewhere or bring the court back to Fairfield because he does not believe the amount is that we lost that we cannot continue to have that type of loss.

Committeeman Manson indicated that he also looked into the matter and that he concurs that we could do much better.

Committeeman Clark indicated that according to the Audit Report he does not know if we can do anything as it appears as a no win situation.

Mayor Byrd concurs and that we did receive a letter from the City of Bridgeton to schedule a meeting with them but during that time we were waiting for the results from the Auditor. Mayor Byrd indicated that a lot of municipalities are experiencing the same.

OLD BUSINESS (TABLED FROM APRIL 6, 2016)

RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIASON COMMITTEES

Said resolution was deferred for the next meeting.

Committeeman Clark inquired on the shed status at the Convenience Center. Administrative Assistant Wymbs advised that we have obtained two (2) quotes. He advised that a memorandum was prepared describing both quotes and the recommendations from the staff for the one purpose. He indicated that at this point and time we are working on a capital budget for 2016 that the sheds would be included in. He advised that we would like to share that capital budget with the Chief Financial Officer first and then speak to the Mayor and Finance Company to discuss the items that we as staff are looking for purchasing in 2016.

Committeeman Gonzalez indicated that he had none.

Committeeman Manson indicated none.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated none.

Township Administrator Surrency advised that at the last meeting, Ms. Griffin had inquired about the shirts purchased for the Emergency Management. He advised that he has the information in front of him and provided the information as to the size, amount and setup fee.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

The Committee welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals during work session/action, regular/action and special meetings. However, in order to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all inclusive, including all dialogue, questions, and responses from both the speaker and the Committee for the designated public portion of the meeting. There may be no transference of a speaker's time to other attendees. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open the meeting to the public seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Gouldtown Fire Chief Harris appeared and inquired what steps the Township is taking to stop these increases on our taxes. Mayor Byrd advised that what we try to do is hold our spending down to a minimum and try to stick to our budget. He indicated that increases are inevitable with different increases that the Township has to deal with. He advised that last year's budget we came within \$7,000.00. He advised we try to hold our budget as tight as we can. He advised it is tough to come up with ways to not have to do increases in some of the different departments such as health benefits, employee salaries, & contractual. He indicated that we try to look for grants as much as possible. Mayor Byrd stated that we try to cut cost as much as we can and we cannot control with the lawsuits that go on and we cannot control what is going on at our landfill. Mayor Byrd advised that we are working on holding a public land sale.

Chief Harris inquired how much money the Township is loosing on these township owned vacant properties. The Township Administrator advised Chief Harris that he will try to have the information for him at the next meeting.

Chief Harris reported that we are not utilizing the county for road repairs, street sweeping, high grass, trash and so forth as we do pay enough taxes to the County.

Administrative Assistant Wymbs advised that he himself and the Public Works Supervisor met with the County Engineer and the County PWD Supervisor last Tuesday over these issues. It was indicated that the County is coming out to the intersection of Walden Drive and Reeves Road and they are going to clean the two (2) drains out. He spoke with them about their capital improvement plan in which they indicated they have a Federal grant coming in to pave 553 South of 49 from 49 down to the 5 points traffic light and they also have an application in to pave the northern section in front of the school.

Mr. Wymbs advised that discussion was held regarding additional shared services to assist the Township and the County is willing to increase their availability to Fairfield Township.

Committeeman Clark made reference to the resident on Shoemaker Road regarding the drainage issue. Mr. Wymbs advised that he did reach out to the County Engineer about the resident's complaint. He stated currently with the work being done, the SJGC is installing piping in that area and did not want to do anything incase if the roadway is damaged but that they are looking at the matter.

Geneva Griffin appeared and stated that she looked at the budget and listened first to Chief Harris questions and that the actual answers that he received are not actual accurate according to the budget. She stated that the health benefits for FT actually decreased. Ms. Griffin spoke on the grant indicated in the budget. She spoke on the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Ms. Griffin touched on Robert's Rules of Order, courses for the Township Committee and also the filing of the Financial Disclosure Statements.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and she advised that she still wants to know what Ordinance No. 9 - 2016 is. Administrative Assistant Wymbs explained to Ms. Ridgway after he read the original bond ordinance it is the intent of the Township Committee to utilize Township personnel as much as possible to clear the top of the landfill as required by the DEP, therefore the original bond ordinance did not allow us to purchase equipment out of the ordinance. He advised we are not

increasing the dollar value of the bond we are only amending it to add equipment purchases up to \$5,000.00 under that \$160,000 bond. Mr. Wymbs advised that this allows us to purchase equipment out of the existing funds that were bonded so that we can utilize our own personnel and try to save money on this project.

Ms. Ridgway made reference to an Administrator's Report.

Russell Pierce, 378 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared and inquired if the Township is going to open up Old Burlington Road. He stated that the former Engineer advised this is a Township easement and if the township was going to clean it up.

Mr. Pierce indicated that there has been a lot of shootings in the township and would like to know how come the public is not being informed.

Township Administrator Surrency advised Mr. Russell that we are trying to minimize and increase our safety to our residents.

Cindi Zirkle, 24 Back Neck Road appeared and inquired about the codification of the Municipal Code Book. The Clerk explained the status to Ms. Zirkle. Ms. Zirkle advised that she has not studied the budget but wanted to know if there was an increase in Code Enforcement. Mayor Byrd advised that there was no increase.

Mrs. Zirkle indicated that she listened to Gouldtown Fire Chief Harris statement regarding public land sale. Ms. Zirkle indicated to use caution when proceeding with the land sale so that we do not repeat the same issues from the last public land sale.

Gouldtown Fire Chief Harris indicated that approximately 4 years ago the State Police was contacted for assistance regarding people parking on the streets unless it was a holiday or public affair. The State Police had indicated that an ordinance would need to be adopted for enforcement. Chief Harris advised that creates a hardship for emergency vehicles to get through.

At this time, Geneva Griffin appeared and stated she forgot to mention the homicides and started passing out some documents to the Township Committee.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Committeeman Clark moved to close the meeting to the public seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMENTS

Committeeman Clark had no report or comment at this time.

Committeeman Gonzalez stated that his objective here is since he was called out is to do the work for the Township and do the right thing to do. He advised that he is not here to go back and forth. Committeeman Gonzalez advised that his resume speaks for itself of being involved in a national organization with over 40,000.00 persons from coast to coast. He indicated that he is willing to talk, listen and even learn.

Committeeman Gonzalez stated that he is going to say this and one time only, he is here to do the work for the Township, listen to the residents, investigate and improve the quality of life for everyone. He advised that he got involved in office for this reason and that he is not intimidated by the insults.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no report or comments at this time.

Committeeman Manson had no report or comment at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COMMENTS

Mayor Byrd stated that he appreciates the public for coming out and voicing your opinion. He indicated that sometimes the reason why you might not get the answer that you want is because is the way you ask the question. He indicated that sometimes when sit up here you are under attack all the time and the same people that insult you want you to treat them with respect.

Mayor Byrd advised that last year and the year before sitting up on the dais and several years before he saw the back and forth disrespect and it gets you nowhere and does no good for the Township.

Mayor Byrd advised that we are human just like the rest and we are doing the best that we can and that is all the residents can asked of the Committee to do the best that you can and as long as the Committee up here know that they are doing the best they can, that is all that the five of them can ask of each other.

Mayor Byrd lastly thanked the public for coming out tonight and that he hopes that they heard what he had to say.

At this time, Committeeman Manson spoke on the safety for our residents. He indicated that he lives by where the shooting took place and that Mr. Surrency brought up the plan on addressing this matter and advised that it is going to take all of us to collectively work together. He indicated we may not be able to stop these, but at least help to deter in order to make our residents save.

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to enter into Executive Session seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Byrd announced the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss litigation matters regarding Griner vs Fairfield Township and Hullis vs Fairfield Township and is anticipated no action from the Closed Session.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present at 9:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk