

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Byrd read the OPMPA into record as follows:

This meeting of the Fairfield Township Committee shall come to order. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure 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 7th day of September 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 and a moment of silence given by Committeeman Clark in memory of Hazel E. Pitts.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Manson

ALSO PRESENT:

Township Administrator Surrency; Administrative Assistant Wymb; Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record:

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 17, 2016

Committee Gonzalez moved to approve the Regular Action Minutes of August 17, 2016 as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPLACING A SECTION OF CHAPTER III, "POLICE REGULATIONS", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 3-9 ET SEQ., NOISE, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to introduce Ordinance No. 13-2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2016 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE SALARIES AND / OR WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and indicated that she noticed a lot of ranges for the municipal court and inquired if this wouldn't be a municipal court being that we have a shared service agreement with the City of

Bridgeton. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that the pay ranges are in place in the event that Fairfield Township should decide to bring their municipal court back. Ms. Ridgway advised that she believes that the pay range is awful big.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to close the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Ordinance No. 11 - 2016 on second and final reading seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER IX, "BUILDING AND HOUSING", SECTION 9-1.9, SCHEDULE OF FEES, SUBSECTION 13-10.6 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD SETTING FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

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

There being no comments to be received, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12 - 2016 on second and final reading seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record:

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.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and inquired if the Township collects the fees for review and inspection fees for street opening permits. The Township Clerk answered her inquiry that the review and inspections fees are collected from South Jersey Gas Company as per the Township Engineer's review and recommendation on the street opening permits.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 149 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRIFELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,374.26

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 149 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 150 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRIFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE N.J. STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION (***DARNELL A. LAMAR -GOULDTOWN FIRE COMPANY NO. 2***)

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 150 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any Old Business for discussion.

Committeeman Clark inquired on the status of the shelter for the Convenience Center. Administrator Assistant Wymbs advised Committeeman Clark that we do not have a capital ordinance at the moment and that a budget review for the 3rd quarter will determine if we can purchase the shelter from capital expenses.

Committeeman Gonzalez indicated that he had none.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he had none.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

LOITERING ORDINANCE

Mayor Byrd announced that the Loitering Ordinance will be tabled for the Township Solicitor's review.

Mayor Byrd announced that Ms. Stewart, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator provided the public with good information during a meeting held in the Municipal Building on September 2016. He advised that pamphlets are available for the public and they were welcomed to have a copy. He advised the meeting was well received by the residents and he gave thanks for the public attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record:

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.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Comment.

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

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, appeared and inquired why Committeeman Manson was not present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Pierce indicated that Committeeman Manson has missed three (3) meetings and would like to know what the policy is for a committee members not being present at the meetings. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Pierce that he could submit an OPRA Request to his inquiry.

Mr. Pierce also inquired as to the status of Clarks Pond Road. Township Administrator Surrency advised Mr. Pierce that he had gone out to the location and took some photographs. Mr. Surrency indicated that it appears that the road was repaired once, but that it does needs to be addressed.

Mr. Pierce reported that our roads and right-of-way brush needs to be addressed.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment.

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

Mayor Byrd announced that this concludes the Regular Meeting and the Committee Reports will follow after the Executive Session.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion authorizing the Township Committee to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Resolution No. 151 - 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 151 - 2016

AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7) (ACTION NOT ANTICIPATED)

A. CONTRACTURAL MATTERS

B. LITIGATION & LEGAL MATTERS

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 151 - 2016 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

The Township Committee returned back into Open Session at 7:51 p.m. with all members present.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed Geneva Griffin vs Fairfield Township and a proposal to present to the County of Cumberland.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked the public for coming out tonight with their concerns.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd stated that he appreciates everyone coming out and that they are doing the best they can do.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn and seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk