

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION ACTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 OPMA Statement 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 21st 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 given by Committeeman Clark.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Administrative Assistant Wymbys; Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

ABSENT

Township Administrator Surrency.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

CLOSED SESSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

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.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, abstained; 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) - NONE

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND 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

Committeeman Gonzalez 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.

There were no comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Pierce 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.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13 - 2016 on final reading.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt on final reading seconded by Committeeman Clark. 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 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.

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

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

There were no comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 152 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRIFELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$458,355.10

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 152 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, abstain; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 153- 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND ADOPTING THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MITIGATION PLAN FOR FOUR (4) NEW JERSEY COUNTIES

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 153 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33: 1-12:39 TO CENTURY SAVINGS BANK FOR THE 2016-2017 LICENSE TERM

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 154 - 2016 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any Old Business for discussion. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any New Business for discussion. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the meeting for Public Comment.

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

Virginia LeMatty, 9 LeMatty Way appeared to state that the employees at the Convenience Center are kind and courteous and that they need to be applauded for their time of service.

Ms. LeMatty stated that Committeeman Manson has missed several meetings and asked if he is getting paid. Township Solicitor advised Ms. LeMatty that the state law indicates that a member who misses four (4) consecutive meetings without being excused.

Ms. LeMatty inquired on the status of the "No Dumping" sign on Lummis Mill Road that she has requested several times.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to inquire on the status of the Township website. Ms. Ridgway was advised that the agendas, minutes and ordinances have been forwarded to the website company and is in progress.

Viola Thomas-Hughes, 493 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to report a concern with excessive speeding on Fairton-Gouldtown Road from Buckshutem Road to the Pike.

Ms. Thomas-Hughes inquired as to why the State Police have not been attended the Township Committee meetings to give their report on Fairfield Township. She indicated that by having the State Police present the citizen could voice their concerns to the State Police.

Ms. Thomas-Hughes inquired as to why the Ordinances are read by title and not explained to the public. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Thomas-Hughes that the public has an opportunity to inquire.

Charles Pierce, 431 Fairton-Millville Road appeared to inquire if Ordinance No. 13 - 2016 is an update to the current Noise Ordinance. Mr. Pierce reported a complaint that was filed in Superior Court against his neighbor who plays their music excessively loud late at night to early in the morning. He indicated that the State Police has been contacted and dispatched three (3) times to his neighbors to address the loud music

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Each member of the Township Committee conveyed their appreciation and thanks to the public for coming out tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd had no report or remarks to give at this time.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Closed Session to discuss the following and entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Resolution No. 155 - 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 155 - 2016

AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

MATTERS RELATING TO THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7)

- A. CONTRACTUAL
- B. LITIGATION / GRINER VS FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)

- A. PERSONNEL / INTERVIEW FOR PUBLIC WORK LABORER

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 155 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present at 7:52 p.m.

Township Solicitor announced that the Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed a contractual manner, Griner vs Fairfield Township litigation and also interviewed an applicant for the position of Public Works Laborer. There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk