

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR / ACTION MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 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 on January 11, 2017 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; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Manson

Mayor Byrd announced that Committeeman Manson reported earlier on that due to a schedule conflict, he requested to be excused from tonight's meeting. There were no objections from the Township Committee.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Surrency, Administrative Assistant Wymbs, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes. There were none indicated. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING APRIL 5, 2017

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

Mayor Byrd announced that Nancy Sbrolla, Municipal Auditor was present tonight to address any questions that the public may have regarding the Presentation and Public Hearing of the 2017 Municipal Budget. Mayor Byrd announced that our Chief Financial Officer was present at the April 5, 2017 during the Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget and the meeting was well attended by the public and input from the public was received and answered accordingly. He advised for those tonight that were not present at the April 5, 2017 meeting can address their questions tonight while our Municipal Auditor is present.

Mayor Byrd read the Public Hearing on the Presentation and Public Hearing of 2017 Municipal Budget into the record as follows:

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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 Hearing.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to give her thanks to the Township Committee for holding a review meeting on the Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget and for having copies available for the general public's information and review.

Cindy Zirkle, 24 Back Neck Road appeared to state that the Township needs more Code Enforcement to address property nuisances throughout the Township. She advised that the Township carefully look into putting some funds to clean up the town.

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

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 read into the record the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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

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

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2017

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 78 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2017

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 79 - 2017 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 indicated.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 80 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,511.02

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 80 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 81 - 2017

A RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR 2016 FOR BLOCK 35 LOT 10.04 AND ISSUING A CREDIT OF TAX OVERPAYMENT TO THIRD QUARTER 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,569.88

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 81 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes

RESOLUTION NO. 82 - 2017  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD EMPLOYEE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS  
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 82 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call  
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark did not have any Old Business to report at this time.

Committeeman Gonzalez reported on the progress being made at the Fairfield Township Little League Baseball Fields and could not have been done without the support of the Mayor, the Township Committee and also the municipal staff. Committeeman Gonzalez announced that opening day will be held this Saturday commencing at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed the community to come out and celebrate. Committeeman Gonzalez advised that after the festivities are held, the ballgames will commence.

Deputy Mayor Pierce inquired if we had obtained the information needed on the signs requested on Burlington Road. Administrative Assistant advised that the County Assistant Engineer is looking into the matter as well as looking at potential weight restriction established on Burlington Road.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to report or discuss.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Public Comment as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mayor Byrd entertained a motion open the meeting for Public Comments.

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

Andrea Bullock, 5 Holly Way appeared to report more potholes on Holly Way. Ms. Bullock asked if the Township has applied for funding to reconstruct Holly Way Road. She also reported that a street sign for Holly Way needs to be installed.

Administrative Assistant advised that the Township has applied for two (2) roadway grants. He indicated that the Township should be hearing back about the grant application by next month. He advised that we are also checking on a 2012 FEMA grant to see if it is still usable.

Mayor Byrd directed the Township Administrator to have the Public Works Department to patch the potholes.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to indicate that there has never been a weight limit sign posted on Burlington Road and inquired if the Township could enact an ordinance establishing the weight limit.

Mr. Pierce was advised by Mayor Byrd that we could not enact an ordinance due to Burlington Road is in the jurisdiction of the County. Mr. Pierce advised that shaking is caused by vibration from heavy truck traffic traveling on Burlington Road.

Mr. Pierce inquired on the status of the parking lot by the Country Golf Course. Mr. Pierce was advised that discussions are being held with the State excessive trash, parking area and walking trails and overall conditions of the Golf Course.

Mr. Pierce reported potholes on Husted Landing Road. The Township Administrator advised that he will check into the reported potholes.

James Salmon, 51 Holly Way appeared to thank the Township Committee for applying for a grant to get Holly Way Road repaved. It was explained to the resident that we are looking at some time in the fall on whether the grant was approved for both roadways.

Charles Berger, 17 Holly Way Road appeared to state that the staff at the Convenience Center is doing a good job and that he hopes that Holly Way is approved for the grant as the road is in dire need of resurfacing.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to state that we need to take into consideration a one penny tax to cover road construction.

Ms. Ridgway indicated she read the introduction of Ordinance No. 2 - 2017 "Amending the Business License Ordinance" whereby it was tabled at a previous meeting. She advised that while the ordinance is still on the table, she advised that she hopes that the Township Committee looks at licensing such businesses such as childcare or home baked goods.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that the Ordinance was tabled in order to revisit the ordinance.

Ms. Ridgway reported that although the 2017 Local Budget has a zero increase, she reported that on the County's website, the County is raising Fairfield Township's tax rate up to .53 cents.

A suggestion to put on the Township website is a pie chart for the general public's information on where your tax dollars go.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked the public for coming out tonight and their participation in making changes to the Township. Committeeman Clark reported on the huge Easter Egg Hunt success. He advised that everyone enjoyed and the lawn looked great for this special occasion and that he hopes that we continue to do this every year.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the public for coming out tonight and thanked them for their great ideas.

Deputy Mayor Pierce reiterated the same and thanked the public for their comments and concerns.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Mayor Byrd reported on two (2) certificates that will be given to Allen Morris, Jr. and Twisdale Morris for their donated countless hours of time and efforts in preparing and upgrading the Fairfield Township Little League Baseball Fields. The certificates will be given at the Fairfield Township Little League Baseball grand opening day on April 22, 2017.

Mayor Byrd stated that he would like to reiterate the same sentiments given by the Township Committee. He indicated that the Township belongs to all of us and he appreciates all the great ideas given to the Committee to make things work.

Mayor Byrd reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt. He advised that the expenses incurred to hold this special event was through the Township Committee and the Democratic Committee.

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

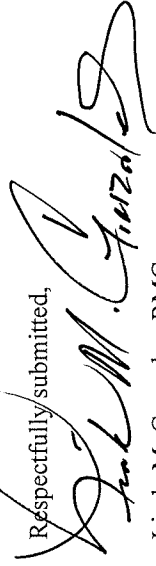
There was no need for an Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn the meeting by Committeeman Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk