

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION / ACTION MEETING
APRIL 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Byrd read the OPMA Act 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 5th 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; Committeeman Manson, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

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 following minutes:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING MARCH 15, 2017

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

Mayor Byrd announced into the record that Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer is present tonight for the review of the introduced 2017 Municipal Budget. Mayor Byrd announced that comments from the public will be received tonight and to please address your concerns/comments to our Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Public Comment on the Review of the 2017 Municipal Budget as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT / REVIEW OF THE INTRODUCED 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 Comment on the Review of the Introduced 2017 Municipal Budget.

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

Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer reported that the budget holds a zero increase as to the local purpose tax. The Chief Financial Officer explained in depth the Current Fund Appropriations and indicated that we are within "CAPS" from page 12 to Page 20 indicated on the introduced 2017 Municipal Budget.

At this time, Nancy Ridgway recommended that Township put some funds in the Capital Improvement Fund for road improvements.

The Chief Financial Officer covered the Municipal Debt Service excluded from "CAPS" and advised that the Township was able to save approximately \$5,500.00 on the Bond Anticipation Notes by refunding those bonds. The Chief Financial Officer also pointed out that under the Deferred Charges Excluded from "CAPS" we received \$3,180.00 as a result from the \$16,000.00 Master Plan.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on the Review of the Introduced 2017 Municipal Budget.

Committeeman Clark moved and seconded by Committee Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, 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 regarding the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none indicated.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

Mayor Byrd read the following ordinance presented tonight for introduction:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF SAME PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ.
Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 5 - 2017 on first reading.

Committeeman Clark moved to introduce Ordinance No. 5 - 2017 on first reading seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AS TO STORAGE OF FIREWOOD

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1 - 2017.

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

At this time, Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared and indicated that he owed an apology from the previous meeting held regarding the discussion held on the introduction of Ordinance No. 1 - 2017.

There being no further comment, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1 - 2017.

Committeeman Clark moved to close and 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. 1 - 2017 on final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table Ordinance No. 2 - 2017 at this time.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 7-3.4, "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS" OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC"
Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 3 - 2017.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. 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 on Ordinance No. 3 - 2017.

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3 - 2017 on final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2017
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4 - 2017.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. 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 on Ordinance No. 4 - 2017.

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4 - 2017 on final reading.

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

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

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road appeared to inquire the location indicated on Resolution No. 73 - 2017. Administrative Assistant Wymbs advised Mr. Pierce that it was located on Shoemaker Lane. Mr. Pierce also inquired on the date of the Public Land Sale. Mr. Pierce was advised that it is anticipated on July 19, 2017.

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road appeared to inquire on a bill payable as indicated on the bill list tonight to Salvatore Siciliano when he no longer represents the Township. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Kimley that the bills are for payable during the 2016 calendar year.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to give thanks for having copies of the ordinances for the general public tonight and also clarification on Resolution No. 75 - 2017. Ms. Ridgway was advised the resolution represents the petition that Verizon New Jersey Inc. has failed and refused to provide adequate and proper service. A total of seventeen towns have filed the petitions filed with the Board of Public Utilities requesting that it investigate the issues raised in the petitions. Mr. Ridgway indicated that it would be a good idea for the Township Committee to make their representation.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,464.84

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 71 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR AUTOMOBILE/LIGHT TRUCK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 72 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION 73 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEED OF CONSOLIDATION FOR BLOCK 30, LOTS 9, 9.01 AND 10 TO BE KNOWN HEREAFTER AS BLOCK 30, LOT 10
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 73 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR A TEMPORARY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF WELDING SERVICES
Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 74 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD
Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 75 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2017

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF HOMESTEAD BENEFIT OF \$351.56 TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 431 FAIRTON-MILLVILLE ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 11, LOT 11.01
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 76 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2017

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$2,508.38 TO LERETA c/o CELINK REVERSE MORTGAGE FOR 818 MARK DRIVE KNOWN AS BLOCK 4, LOT 18
Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 77 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had no report to give at this time.

Committeeman Gonzalez reported on the progress being made at the Fairfield Township Little League Baseball Field. Mr. Gonzalez gave his thanks to all the volunteers for their dedication and also reminded everyone that opening day at the ball field will be held on April 22, 2017.

Committeeman Manson had no report to give at this time.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no report to give at this time.

Mayor Byrd stated that he would like to reiterate Committeeman Gonzalez's comment regarding the progress being made at the Fairfield Township Little League Baseball Fields. Mayor Byrd advised that the volunteers and the Daily Release Prisoners have done a fine job with the upgrades.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had no New Business to report at this time.

Committeeman Gonzalez had no New Business to report at this time.

Committeeman Manson had no New Business to report at this time.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no New Business to report at this time.

Mayor Byrd announced that this year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and asked if the Township Committee had any objections with the date and time. There were none indicated. Mayor Byrd announced that Easter baskets and treats will be provided and welcomed the community to attend.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 Comments.

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

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road appeared to report branches that were cut by the contractor hired through Atlantic City Electric last year are still at the property on Clarks Pond Road by Shoemaker Lane & Buckshutem Road and also at 483 Back Neck Road.

Russell Pierce, Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to report that a weight limit sign needs to be posted at Burlington and Clarks Pond Road. He advised that there used to be a weight limit sign and speed limit sign posted at the location. Mr. Pierce was advised that the Township Administrator and the Administrative Assistant will contact the County Engineer about the matter.

Mr. Pierce reported illegal trash dumping at Country Club and Reeves Road. The Administrator advised Mr. Pierce that he has reached out to the County officials about the matter.

Mr. Pierce also reported potholes on Route 553. Mayor Byrd recommended that Mr. Pierce come to the Municipal Building and complete a complaint form indicating where the potholes are on Route 553.

Charles Pierce appeared and advised that there was a weight limit sign on Burlington Road and one on Clarks Pond Road.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road appeared and advised that the signs are not missing more like stolen.

There being no further comments to be received, 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; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for their team work demonstrated tonight.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out tonight and to be safe going home and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Committeeman Manson thanked the residents as well for their input demonstrated tonight and wished everyone a safe and Happy Easter.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the residents for their comments and concerns given tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked the residents for their input on the introduced budget and also gave thanks to the Township Committee for their work on the budget. Mayor Byrd advised that tonight's engagement with the Committee in a respective manner. Mayor Byrd stated that the community belongs to all of us.

There was no Executive Session held tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

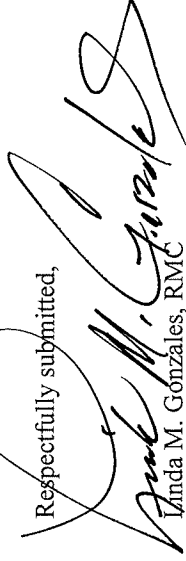
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn and seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Township Clerk