

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Pierce presided the Regular Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pierce 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 16th day of August, 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 FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Deputy Mayor 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 and Deputy Mayor Pierce, present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Mayor Byrd

Deputy Mayor Pierce announced that Mayor Byrd would not be present as a result of a personal matter that he had to tend to. There were no objections received by the Township Committee.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Wymbs, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 2, 2017

Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to defer the minutes of the August 2, 2017 meeting to the next regular scheduled meeting.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to defer the approval of minutes of the August 2, 2017 meeting to the next regular scheduled meeting seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes and Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Deputy Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none. Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he would abstain on the 3rd quarter allotment payment to Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 - Gouldtown as he is associated with the fire company.

Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 133 - 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,368.87

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 133 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes and Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes, but abstains on payable for the 3rd quarter allotment to Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 - Gouldtown

Deputy Mayor Pierce read the following into the record as follows:

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

Deputy Mayor Pierce presented the Public Hearing with regard to Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program by Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates.

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

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Mr. Blauer of Blauer Associates conducted the Public Hearing in regards to potential New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Blauer stated that he is a grant writer and is working for the Township of Fairfield on a grant application that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has opened up for FY 2018. He stated the program known as the Small Cities Program is a program operated by the State where money is made available to the State of New Jersey to fund projects that primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. He advised that this program assists qualified homeowners with repairs to their home. The program provides finance assistance in the form of half grant and half loan that would be repaid when the property is sold or refinanced. Mr. Blauer advised that Fairfield Township is implementing a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, Project #16-0159-00 in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be used for rehabilitation of their owned homes. He explained that according to the guidelines of the Community Development Citizen Participation requirements, a public hearing is being held in order to review the performance and status of activities and to identify future Community Development activities for the Small Cities Program and further that this second hearing is in addition to a public hearing that was held during the development of this project prior to submission of the Small Cities application. Mr. Blauer encouraged all interested persons to attend the hearing on August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Fairfield Township Municipal Building.

At this time, the floor was opened to the public for their comments.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road inquired as to how the funds are allocated. Mr. Blauer advised that the funds are allocated on a first come first basis and the applicant meeting the guidelines for eligibility. Mr. Pierce asked if this program was in conjunction with the Federal Home Program in the City of Vineland. Mr. Blauer advised this program is not associated with the City of Vineland.

There being no further comments.

Mr. Blauer conducted the second hearing of the Small Cities Community Development Program. Mr. Blauer announced that the Township of Fairfield is proposing an application in an amount not to exceed \$200,00.00 for a Housing Rehabilitation Fund application to provide home rehabilitation loans to low and moderate income homeowners and explained the purpose of the hearing as to explaining federal and state guidelines and to review eligible and proposed activities and also to consider proposals for an application under the Small Cities Community Block Grant as well as to receive citizen comments and recommendations. Mr. Blauer advised that a public hearing is scheduled for August 24, 2017 at 6:15 pm at the Fairfield Township Municipal Building and encouraged all interested persons to attend this hearing.

At this time the floor was opened to the public for their comments.

Nancy Ridgeway, Irving Avenue appeared and advised that this is a good program and that Fairfield Township is in need for this grant.

There were no further comments. Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to close the public hearing.

Committeeman Clark moved to close seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative.

The Township Committee thanked Mr. Blauer for coming out tonight to present the announcement of the Small Cities Community Block Grant Program.

Deputy Mayor Pierce read the following Public Comment on Current Agenda Items into the record 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.

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

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

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road approached to inquire on Resolution No. 134 - 2017 as it pertains to supporting a request to the Fairfield Township Board of Education for recreation activities to be held at the Fairfield Township School. He asked if that covered Wrestling and Basketball.

Mr. Kimley was advised that it did. Mr. Kimley stated that the Township should be conducting background checks on persons involved in recreational activities as a result of a person who was charged with aggravated and armed robbery assault. Mr. Kimley was advised that the Township Committee would look into this matter.

There being no further comments. Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce read the following resolution into the record as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 134 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 134 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes and Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes.

Deputy Mayor Pierce read the following Consent Agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Township Committee. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Pierce announced grouping Resolution No. 135 - 2017 through Resolution No. 138 - 2017 as a Consent Agenda as this resolutions are similar resolutions pertaining to the Land Sale and do not involve expenditures to the Township. There were no objections. Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approving the Consent Agenda.

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 135 - 2017 through Resolution No. 138 - 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 135 - 2017

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SALES CONTRACT OFFERED TO FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH REGARD TO THAT PUBLIC LAND SALE OF LANDS KNOWN AS BLOCK 11, LOT 31 HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND SALE LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ

RESOLUTION NO. 136 - 2017

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SALES CONTRACT OFFERED TO FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH REGARD TO THAT PUBLIC LAND SALE OF LANDS KNOWN AS BLOCK 11, LOT 32 HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND SALE LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ

RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 2017

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SALES CONTRACT OFFERED TO FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH REGARD TO THAT PUBLIC SALE OF LANDS KNOWN AS BLOCK 34, LOT 34 HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND SALE LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ

RESOLUTION NO. 138 - 2017

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SALES CONTRACT OFFERED TO FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH REGARD TO THAT PUBLIC LAND SALE OF LANDS KNOWN AS BLOCK 55, LOT 16 HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND SALE LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 135 - 2017 through Resolution No. 138 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes and Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes.

Deputy Mayor Pierce read into the record the Public Comment statement 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.

Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open the meeting to the public.

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

Ed Kimley, 84 Seabreeze Road approached to inquire if the Township was liable to pay the \$10,000.00 legal fees in the Wayne Byrd vs Fairfield Township lawsuit. Mr. Kimley was advised that the Township Committee would look into this matter.

Patrick Conahay, 240 Fairton-Cedarville Road, approached to state that the Township website has not been updated. Mr. Conahay was advised that an individual is being trained for updating the website and will be done as soon as possible.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road approached to report potholes on Husted Landing Road by the boat ramp. Mr. Pierce again requested the need of a weight limit sign on Burlington Road.

The Township Administrator indicated that this request has been brought up on numerous times and the Township has contacted the County Engineer. The County has no record of a weight limit sign installed on this road. After further discussion, it was indicated that a request by motion be forwarded to the County requesting to study the road and bridge for consideration of installing a weight limit sign. Mr. Russell was advised that in making this request to the County does not guarantee that it will happen as it will depend on the County's traffic study if it is warranted.

Russell Pierce inquired on the status of an ordinance that mandates that all vehicles must be tarped when hauling their trash to the Convenience Center. Mr. Pierce was advised that the Township is working on this.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road approached and advised that he spoke with the Township's grant writer and was advised that the resolutions were passed for the Small Cities Community Block Grant Program and that he was happy to hear this because the Township is in need of this grant as he knows several residents who are in need to have some rehabilitation work on their homes.

Mr. Dennis Pierce reported that the motorcyclist and the ATV's are out of control in the Township. He encountered a few of them riding recklessly as he was coming to the municipal building for tonight's meeting.

Township Committeeman Gonzalez directed the Township Administrator to contact the State Police.

Geneva Griffin, 129 Shoemaker Road, approached to inquire on the status of a prison being brought to Fairfield Township as she feels this would not benefit our community. Mr. Griffin was advised that approximately one week ago an article appeared in the newspaper that Fairfield Township is no longer considered for the prison facility location and that it was going to be placed in Bridgeton.

Ms. Griffin made referenced to some land that the Board of Education is holding that is of no benefit to the Township. This land was acquired for a school building that never came to fruition. Ms. Griffin stated that the Township should take the land and sell this land to recoup some revenue as it is just sitting there.

At this time, Ms. Griffin was advised that her five (5) minutes were up. Ms. Griffin made a referenced that this was a violation of her First Amendment Rights.

There being no further comments. Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to close the public comment.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out tonight and always is appreciative of their support and concerns.

Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for coming out tonight and also thanked them for staying professional and to please keep coming back.

Committeeman Manson thanked the residents for coming out tonight and that he has missed some meetings due to working nights. Committeeman stated that we do our best to explore and expedite everyone's concerns and suggestions.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the residents for coming out tonight and as he stated earlier in the meeting, the concerns that were brought up will be looked into and for everyone to have a safe trip home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

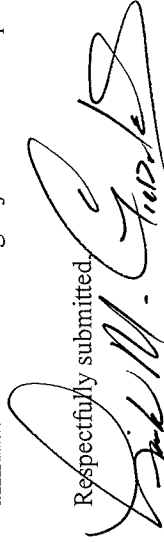
There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk