

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 14th day of December 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

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 Steve Wymbs, John G. DeSimone, DeSimone Law Offices in place of Township Solicitor John G. Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 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 of November 16, 2016.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016 as written seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, 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)

There was none.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There was none.

Mayor Byrd read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only 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.

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

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to inquire on the status of the Public Land Sale. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that the potential list of properties to be placed on a Public Land Sale were provided to the Planning & Zoning Board for their review, information, questions and or concerns and their recommendation to the Township Committee.

Ms. Ridgway inquired if the new Solicitor present tonight was going to be introduced to the public. Mayor Byrd advised that Mr. DeSimone would be introduced later tonight.

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

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

Mayor Byrd announced for the record, that we have John G. DeSimone, DeSimone Law Offices present tonight in place of our Township Solicitor John G. Carr.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 172 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,838.68
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 172 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 173 - 2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$1,596.29 TO CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE FOR 481 GOULDTOWN-WOODRUFF ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 23, LOT 26, BLOCK 23, LOT 25 AND BLOCK 23, LOT 26.01
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 173 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 174 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 9 - 2016 - EMERGENCY REPAIR - FINLAW AVENUE
Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 174 - 2016 and seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 175 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING/ZONING BOARD / CLASS IV MEMBER / DANNY LEE

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 175 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 176 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND APPROVING MEMBERSHIPS IN THE N.J. STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 176 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE "BORROWER" MIQUEL AND SHARON RODRIQUEZ "LENDER"
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP HOME PROGRAM
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 177 - 2016 and seconded by Mayor Byrd. 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 to discuss or report. There were none indicated by the Township Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RECEIPT OF 2017 RFP/RFQ FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township has received responses responsive to the 2017 RFP/RFQ for 2017 Professional Services for the Township Committee for their review and consideration.

B. FORWARD DESIGNATED TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES TO PLANNING/ZONING BOARD FOR REVIEW FOR LAND SALE

Mayor Byrd announced that the potential listing of proposed properties to be considered for a Public Land Sale have been forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Board for their review. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none indicated.

Mayor Byrd read the Public Comment into the record 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 Comment.

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

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road appeared to report on the bills payable to Siciliano and Associates for legal representation on the Michael Sharp vs Fairfield Township whereby Mr. Siciliano had indicated before that he was not a representative for the Township.

Mr. Kimley made referenced to Resolution No. 168 - 2016 previously adopted by the Township Committee. Mr. Kimley advised the Township Committee that the Wrestling Coach was being indicted by the Federals for a dog fighting ring and suggested that the Township Committee look into the matter.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to inquire if the Township has completed the work at the Convenience Center. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that it is not completed due to funding not being available to complete the scope of work. He advised that solicitation of bids would be solicited for the work.

Dennis Pierce reported that according to the Environmental Protection Agency there has been some progress made at the Convenience Center. Mr. Pierce suggested that the Township look into a Quarterly Community Dispute Day whereby some of these complaints being aired can be addressed.

Dennis Pierce wished the Public Works Supervisor Nate Dunn a speedy recovery.

Russell Pierce, Fairton/Gouldtown Road appeared to report a complaint once again regarding a cable running across Old Burlington Road to keep traffic out whereby this matter allegedly has been disputed in court regarding ownership. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Pierce that according to the title company this particular road was never dedicated to the Township. Mr. Pierce stated that he would be submitting an OPRA Request for the title search.

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce 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 announced that the Township Committee will now enter into Executive Session. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Resolution No. 178 - 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2016

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

MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP NJSA 10:4-12 (b)(8) INTERVIEWS FOR VACANT POSITIONS

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 178 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

The Township Committee convened into Open Session from Executive Session with all members present at 8:32 p.m.

Mayor Byrd announced the following as a result held in Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 179 - 2016

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE COURTNEY WARTERS AS PUBLIC WORKS PART TIME CONVENIENCE CENTER EMPLOYEE AT \$9.69 PER HOUR

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 179 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 180 - 2016

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE JASMINE RUSSELL AS PART TIME COMBINED PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SECRETARY & ZONING AT \$14.00 PER HOUR / 20 HOUR WORK WEEK
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 180 - 2016 and seconded by Committeeman Manson.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that this concludes our hiring at this time; a decision will be made shortly to fill the position of Housing & Code Enforcement.

Mayor Byrd announced that this concludes our meeting for tonight and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn and seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk