

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 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 15th day of February, 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 is excused from tonight's meeting due to schedule conflict. There were no objections from the Township Committee present.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrative Assistant Wymbys and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Township Administrator Surrency and Township Solicitor Carr were not present for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes. Committeeman Clark and Committeeman Gonzalez indicated that they would abstain as they were not present at the February 1, 2017 meeting. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORKSESSION ACTION MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2017

CLOSED SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2017

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

Mayor Byrd indicated into the record that he approves the bill list except bill payable to South State Incorporated whereby he has a conflict.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated into the record that he approves the bill list except for bill payable to for the First Quarter Allotment for Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2. whereby he has a conflict.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$467,375.60

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 58 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes on all bills but abstains on bill payable to Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 and Mayor Byrd, yes on all bills but abstains on bill payable to South State Incorporated.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2017

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMPLOYEE EVALUATION PERIOD OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 59 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes an Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD REGARDING THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 60 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR B&M AUTO & TOWING, LLC AND MISS INEZ CHILDRENS HOUSE

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 61 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 2017

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$1008.63 TO CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE FOR 431 FAIRTON-MILLVILLE ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 11 LOT 11.01

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 62 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC LAND SALE

A date and time was established for the Public Land Sale on March 15, 2017. The Land Sale will follow after the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any Old Business to discuss.

Committeeman Gonzalez gave an update on the Little League ballfields. He advised that approximately three (3) weeks ago he and Tammy Viola, Recreation member did a spot check on the fields and are moving forward. He advised that volunteers will be sought for in the next few weeks. Committeeman Gonzalez indicated that he would report back at the next scheduled meeting for further updates.

Committeeman Clark indicated that he had no Old Business.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he had no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

David McCarron, Senior Consultant, IT Consulting was present on behalf of Kim Geller, Specialist RE/REG Verizon Wireless was present to advise the Township Committee regarding Verizon Wireless is in the process of planning to upgrade and enhance its network for 2017 by deploying small network nodes in the public right-of-way. Mr. McCarron explained that part of the planning process is securing the permission necessary for the deployment.

Verizon Wireless would like to obtain consent from the Township to locate and operate in the right-of-way by attaching to existing and new utility poles, and later obtain any required site specific consents for each node through the building departments.

Verizon Wireless has provided a fact sheet with the details of their proposal and a proposed form of resolution for adoption by the Township Committee.

Mayor Byrd and the Township Committee thanked Mr. McCarron for attending tonight's meeting and advised him that they would look into their proposal.

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.

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

Ed Kimley appeared and inquired if a business can expand. Mr. Kimley also inquired if background checks are conducted for volunteers. Mr. Kimley made reference to a school employee who was indicted for dog fighting.

Russell Pierce, Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared and indicated that he had heard that the Township has acquired some volunteers and wanted to know if they were given a background check as he had to have one when he was a volunteer. Mr. Pierce was advised by Committeeman Gonzalez that if that is the policy of the Township to conduct background checks, then we follow the policy.

Mr. Pierce also reported that the weight limits signs posted on Clarks Pond Road and Burlington Road are missing.

Mr. Pierce reported that the State purchased the land on the Country Golf Course and that there is a concern regarding traffic/parking and that we should look into putting a parking area.

Geneva Griffin, Shoemaker Lane appeared to discuss the Township's Business License Ordinance. Ms. Griffin spoke about increasing the liquor license fees.

Mrs. Griffin inquired on the status of her money due to her from a previous land sale.

Mrs. Griffin indicated that she was going to place an injunction on the Township for the Land Sale scheduled for March 15, 2017.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark gave thanks to the public for coming out tonight and to continue to support the Township.

Committeeman Gonzalez gave thanks to the public for coming out tonight and thanked them for bringing their concerns to them tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce gave thanks to the public for also coming out tonight and thanked them for their comments and concerns.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked the public and their comments and concerns and advised that the Township would look into those matters.

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

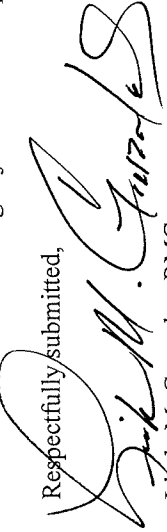
There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk