

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 at the Fairfield Municipal Building in Fairton New Jersey is held pursuant to notice of date, time and place of same was 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 Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Manson, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Clark

ALSO PRESENT:

Township Administrator Surrency; Administrative Assistant Wymb; Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 of Regular Action Meeting December 14, 2016; Closed Session Minutes December 14, 2017 and the Reorganization Minutes January 4, 2017.

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

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE 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.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455,166.44  
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 45 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call  
Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At this time, Committeeman Clark arrived at the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TRICO MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AGREEMENT  
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 46 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call  
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2017 BUSINESS LICENSE TO HANNAH'S YARD SALE, LLC D/B/A/ HANNAH'S FLEA MARKET, LLC  
Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 47 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call  
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (CHAIRWOMAN DR. NICOLE KING AND CINDI ZIRKLE)  
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 48 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. 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 report or discuss. There were none indicated.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any New Business to report or discuss.

Committeeman Clark inquired on the Little League Opening Day.

Committeeman Gonzalez advised that we are working with the Little League on putting some things in place prior to April for the opening day. He indicated that as soon as the weather breaks, there will be some sprucing up done on our ballfields. He advised part of the plan is to utilize the Township employees to do some painting and utilize our daily release prisoners to work on the ballfields as well as the Township will be seeking assistance from our residents.

Township Administrator Surrency reported 65 Cumberland Regional youths who participated in the City of Bridgeton clean - up day. The event was a successful one and can be seen on Face Book. He advised that the youths would be very helpful in assisting us not in just the ballfields but also concentrating on cleaning up some areas identified in need of litter clean up.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had none to report at this time.

Committeeman Manson announced that the Township of Fairfield appointed a new animal control services as Tri-County Animal Control Services.

Mayor Byrd announced that he had a few matters consisting of Old and New Business. Mayor Byrd advised that the Township Solicitor is working on the following ordinances for introduction such as Parking and Abandoned Houses. Mayor Byrd announced that the potential property listings for a future Public Land Sale was provided and reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Board has given the Township Committee their blessing to proceed with the sale.

Mayor Byrd also announced in speaking with the Chief Financial Officer we will start to introducing the budget in a couple of weeks from now.

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; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road appeared to inquire if the Township has set a price for the properties to be sold. Mayor Byrd advised that they had not yet. Mr. Kimley indicated that he had a copy of the listing with the prices. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Kimley that he did not know what copy Mr. Kimley was referring to. Mr. Kimley stated that the copy he was referring to allegedly came from the Township Hall. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Kimley again that he did not know what he was talking about and that perhaps the prices that Mr. Kimley is talking about is the assess value rather than the asking bidding price of the properties.

Mr. Kimley brought up the matter regarding the purchasing of dirt whereby Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Kimley that there was no secret about the purchase of dirt to be used at our Convenience Center.

Approximately 6 residents from Holly Way appeared to plead with the Township Committee for their assistance on repairing Holly Way in need of road repairs. The residents were as follows:  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bullock, 5 Holly Way; 51 Holly Way; 21 Holly Way; Carol Miller, 11 Holly Way.

Mayor Byrd directed the Township Administrator to take a look at it and to have the Public Works Department to go out there tomorrow and see what can be done.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any reports or remarks

Committeeman Clark conveyed his thanks for coming out tonight and for everyone to have a good evening

Committeeman Gonzalez conveyed his thanks for their voice and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce conveyed his thanks to the residents for reporting the condition of Holly Way and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Committeeman Manson conveyed this thanks for voice and that the Township will look in to Holly Way.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd advised that truly what the public has to say it is very important to us. He advised that the Township had no documentation to prove that Holly Way is a township road. He indicated that he just received information on Holly Way and the Township will be submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Holly Way and that we would have manpower out there tomorrow and thanked the residents for their patience.

Mayor Byrd announced that this concludes our business for tonight and entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Resolution No. 49 - 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER N.J.S.A 10:4-12 (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AFTER)

MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 49 - 2017 seconded by Committee Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Byrd announced the following as a result from the Executive Session and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 50-2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2017

**A RESOLUTION TO HIRE CLARENCE DIXSON AS PART TIME HOUSING, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NOISE ORDINANCE OFFICER AT \$17.00 PER HOUR**

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 50 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call

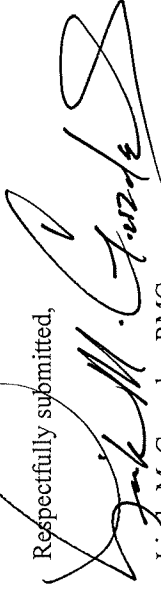
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Clark. All committee members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk