

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2017

Call to Order

Township Clerk Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Township Clerk read the following OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

This meeting of the Fairfield Township Committee shall come to order. The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests are discussed or acted upon. This Reorganization Meeting held on January 4, 2017 at the Fairfield Township Municipal Building in Fairton, New Jersey is being held pursuant to notice of date, time and place of same having been transmitted to The South Jersey Times, The Press of Atlantic City and The Daily Journal on December 29, 2016 and also duly posted on the bulletin board in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Building.

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Township Clerk Gonzales.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Clarence E. Dixon, Jr.

Oath of Office to Newly Re-Elected and Newly Elected Officials

Township Clerk Gonzales gave the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Township Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and also newly elected Township Committeeman David Gonzalez for a three (3) year term.

Roll Call:

The Township Clerk called for roll call and recorded as follows:

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Committeeman Tommy Clark Jr.; Committeeman David Gonzalez; Committeeman Bernard A. Manson and Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Also Present:

Township Administrator Surrency and Administrative Assistant Wymbys.

Nominations and Appointment of Mayor/Chairperson for 2017

The Clerk entertained a motion for nomination of appointment for Mayor/Chairperson for 2017.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Benjamin Byrd Sr., as Mayor/Chairperson for 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson.

The Township Clerk entertained motion to close of nominations. Committeeman Clark moved to close the nomination seconded by Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Byrd, yes; Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes and Pierce, yes.

Oath of Office to Mayor/Chairperson

The oath of Office was given to Mayor Benjamin Byrd Sr., by Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Presiding

Mayor Byrd now presides the meeting.

Nominations and Appointment of Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson for 2017

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for nomination of appointment of Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman for 2017.

Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman for 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark.

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

Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson

The Oath of Office was given to Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman Marvin Pierce, Jr., by Township Clerk Gonzales.

1. Resolutions / Professional Contracts One (1) Year Term

- Resolution No. 1 - 2017 Appointing Cresse & Carr Counsellors At Law as Township Solicitor moved by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 1 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 2 - 2017 Appointing DeSimone Law Offices as Township Conflict Solicitor moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 2 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 3 - 2017 Appointing Ford Scott & Associates, LLC as Township Auditor moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 3 - 2017 and seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 4 - 2017 Appointing Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Engineer moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 4 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 5 - 2017 Appointing Consulting and Municipal Engineers as Conflict Township Engineer moved by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 5 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 6 - 2017 Appointing Fralinger Engineers PA as Certified Public Works Manager moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 6 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 7 - 2017 Appointing Consulting and Municipal Engineers as Township Planner moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 7 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 8 - 2017 Appointing Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Surveyor seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 8 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 9 - 2017 Appointing Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Storm Water Management Engineer moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 9 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 10 - 2017 Appointing Corporate Employee Benefits, LLC as Risk Management Consultant moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 10 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 11 - 2017 Appointing Fleishman Daniels Law Offices, LLC as Bond Counsel moved by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 11 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 12 - 2017 Appointing Cresse & Carr Counsellors At Law as Tax Appeal Attorney moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 12 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 13 - 2017 Appointing Long Marmero & Associates, LLP as Tax Foreclosure Attorney moved by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 13 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, abstain.

- Resolution No. 14 - 2017 Appointing Tri-County Animal Control as Animal Control Officer moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 14 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
2. Resolutions / Annual Business
- Resolution No. 15 - 2017 Establish Dates and Times for Regular and Work Session Meeting of the Township Committee for the year 2017 and Reorganization Meeting for the Township Committee for 2018 moved by Mayor Byrd to adopt Resolution No. 15 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 16 - 2017 Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings moved by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 16 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 17 - 2017 Establish dates and times of the Fairfield Township Local Emergency Planning Committee moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 17 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 18 - 2017 Designation of Official Newspaper(s) moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 18 - 2017 and seconded Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 19 - 2017 Adopting A Cash Management Plan moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 19 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 20 - 2017 Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2017 moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 20 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 21 - 2017 Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 21 - 2017 and seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 22 - 2017 Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2016 moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 22 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 23 - 2017 Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 23 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 24 - 2017 Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 24 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 25 - 2017 Cancelation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00 moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 25 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
  - Resolution No. 26 - 2017 Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2016 moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 26 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

- Resolution No. 27 - 2017 Transfer 2016 Tax Overpayments to 2017 Open Balances moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 27 – 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 28 - 2017 Appointment of a Tax Search Officer moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 28 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 29 - 2017 Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 29 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 30 - 2017 Appointment of JIF Fund Commissioner & Alternate moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 30 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 31 - 2017 Appointment of JIF Safety Coordinator & Deputy moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 31 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 32 - 2017 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer moved by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 32 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

3. Resolutions / Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Positions One (1) Year Term

- Resolution No. 33 - 2017 Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and staff members to the Fairfield Township Office of Emergency Management moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 33 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 34 - 2017 Appointment of NIMS Coordinator moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 34 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 35 - 2017 Appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 35 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 36 - 2017 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class I Member; Class II Member and Class III Member moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 36 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 37 - 2017 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class IV Member; Class IV Alternate I Member and Class IV Alternate II Member moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 37 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson.
- Resolution No. 38 - 2017 Appointment of a CDL Drug Testing Lab moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 38 – 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 39 - 2017 Appointment of Primary Care Physician moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 39 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

- Resolution No. 40 - 2017 Appointment of Standing Sub-Committees moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 40 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 41 - 2017 Establishing Standing Township Committee Liaisons moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 41 - 2017 and seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 42 - 2017 Appointments to Environmental Commission moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 42 - 2017 and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- Resolution No. 43 - 2017 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator moved by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 43 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- New Business
- Resolution No. 44 - 2017 Authorizing Payment of Township Bills In The Amount of \$36,502.84 moved by Committeeman Manson to adopt Resolution No. 44 - 2017 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Public Comment

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

The Committee welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals during regular, work sessions 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 speakers 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 to the public.

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

John G. DeSimone, DeSimone Law Offices appeared and thanked the Township Committee for his appointment as Township Solicitor.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the meeting to the public. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Committee Remarks

Committeeman Clark wished everyone a Happy New Year and gave thanks to the residents for being professional and respectful.

Committeeman Gonzalez wished everyone a Happy New Year and gave his thanks to the residents for their confidence in electing him into office and that he will continue to do his best and treat everyone fairly.

Committeeman Manson wished everyone a Happy New and gave his thanks to the residents for their participation in attending the meetings.

Deputy Mayor Pierce wished everyone a Happy New Year and also gave thanks to the residents for their participation in coming out to the Township Committee meetings.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Byrd wished everyone a Happy New Year and also indicated that the job they have is not easy and he thanked the Township Committee for giving up their time to serve on the Township Committee and that everyone's opinion should be considered.

Benediction

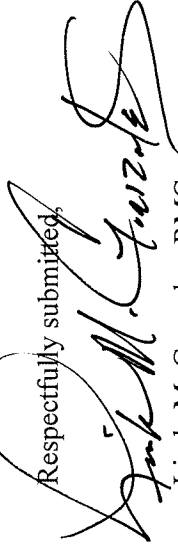
The Benediction was given by Clarence Dixon.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mayor Byrd announced that refreshments are provided and welcomed everyone to serve themselves.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk