

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION / ACTION MEETING
JULY 5, 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 5th day of July, 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.

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JUNE 21, 2017

CLOSED SESSION JUNE 21, 2017

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Clark, abstain, Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Manson, abstain; Deputy Mayor 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. Committeeman Clark; Committeeman Manson and Mayor Byrd entered into the record their conflict on the bill payable to South State, Incorporated.

Township Solicitor Carr noted into the record given that three (3) members are associated with South State, a local contractor, is the doctrine of necessity whereby given that a majority of the five (5) person Committee must recuse themselves from voting, the standard is that they actually put their conflict on the record and then vote.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 103 - 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 103 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,655.33
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 103 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 6 - 2017 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADDING SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2-20, PRIMARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL, FOR THE PROVISION OF "FIRE PREVENTION, REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES AND MATERIALS FOR FIRE CALLS" RENDERED BY FAIRTON VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANY NO. 1 OF FAIRTON AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 OF GOULDTOWN

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 6 - 2017

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and advised that she had read the ordinance in full and raised some concerns regarding the effect it would have on homeowner's insurance. Fairton Fire Chief Bateman explained the design of the ordinance whereby structures would be billed to the insurance company and that it had no effect on house insurance.

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

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6 - 2017 on final reading.

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

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 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and inquired if Resolution No. 106 - 2017 pertained to the advertised Public Land Sale. Ms. Ridgway was advised affirmative.

Ms. Ridgway asked what the emergency purchase pertained to on Resolution No. 107 - 2017. Township Administrator Wymbs explained to Ms. Ridgway that a few emergencies occurred that were not anticipated such as the two (2) sump pumps that failed whereby the basement was flooded followed by a week later the main air conditioner condenser unit failed and had to be replaced.

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

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

Mayor Byrd read the following resolutions into the record as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 104 - 2017

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 / STATE OF NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT / GENERATOR Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 104 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes

RESOLUTION NO. 105 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR, GAS PIPING, ELECTRICAL SWITCHBOX AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORK AS DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 105 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 106 - 2017

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 AUTHORIZING TERMS RELATED TO THE ADVERTISEMMENT AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE SITUATE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 106 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 107 - 2017

A RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY PURCHASES NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE 2017 BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 107 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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 Public Comment.

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

Mr. Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to request an update on the parking area at the Cohanzick Country Club. Township Administrator advised Mr. Pierce that he will be meeting with the head of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that handles open space purchases and also to discuss the concerns regarding a pull off parking areas and the illegal dumping at the Cohanzick Country Club site.

Mr. Pierce reported high grass/weeds on right-of-ways that are in need of clearing as well as illegal dumping throughout the township. Mr. Pierce reported that Back Neck Road needs to be looked at.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had no Old Business to report at this time.

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Deputy Mayor Pierce requested an update on the Likanchuk's property. Township Administrator Wymbs reported that the clean-up work is almost complete. He advised that the Public Works Department located a large sum of buried and charred tires in the debris. There were approximately 175 tires that were removed. Mr. Wymbs advised that the Department of Environmental Protection will be here in approximately two (2) weeks for an onsite visit at the property.

Mayor Byrd gave an update on a letter of support from a township resident. The Township Committee has reviewed the letter of support and the Township Committee concurs with the support as requested. The following resolution of support is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 109 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COHANZICK ENTERTAINMENT, LLC TO OBTAIN PROPERTY OR EASEMENTS OVER SAME, WITH POTENTIAL LAND SWAP, ON PROPERTY OWNED BY NJDEP KNOWN FORMALLY AS THE COHANZICK COUNTRY CLUB
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 109 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

There were no reports/remarks at this time from the Township Committee

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd had no report or remarks to make at this time.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session for the following matters and entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 108 - 2017
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**)

MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.(b)(8)
CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE, PENSION/PAYROLL CLERK, PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

The Township Committee returned to open session with all members present at 7:45 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open and the Township Committee is back in open session after having interviews conducted in Executive Session.

The following resolution was read into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 110 - 2017
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE (ADMINISTRATIVE), PENSION/PAYROLL CLERK, PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY COMBINED POSITION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

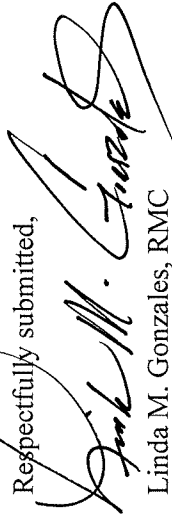
Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 110 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk