

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
JUNE 21, 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 21st day of June, 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 Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Clark and Committeeman Manson.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION / ACTION MEETING JUNE 7, 2017

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 Work Session / Action Minutes of June 7, 2017.

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (TWO)

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 table the public hearing on Ordinance No. 6 - 2017 to the next scheduled meeting as a result of a lack of a quorum and a conflict as Deputy Mayor Pierce would not be able to vote as he is associated with the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 of Gouldtown.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to table the public hearing on Ordinance No. 6 - 2017 to the next scheduled meeting seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 7 - 2017 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2017
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AMENDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TERMS REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 7 - 2017.

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

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue, appeared and indicated that she has carefully read this ordinance and she believes it is a good ordinance. She indicated that something needs to include if there is no mortgage and the property was vacated.

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

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7 - 2017 on final reading.

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

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 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

There were no 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 Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,786.01
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 99 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 100 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COPIER LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY NJ AND KDI INC., KEYSTONE DIGITAL IMAGING INCORPORATED
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 100 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no Old Business to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Gonzalez reported on the Little League Closing Banquet. He advised that it was well attended. The season is over. Additional information will be coming in the near future.

Committeeman Gonzalez reported on the Cumberland County Vo-Tech expansion attended by himself and Township Administrator Wymbs on June 14, 2017. He advised that the Cumberland County Board of Chosen

Freeholders were present as well. Additional information on how this will affect the Township will be forthcoming in the near future.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he had no New Business to report at this time.

Township Administrator Wymbs reported that the Engineer's Office will prepare the specifications for the Reconstruction of Holly Way Avenue.

The Main Street bridge construction which came to halt due to an UST is scheduled to start work again next week.

The Clearing of Trees and Brush at the Convenience Center is being staked out by the Engineer's Office. We have commenced on removing old dumpster on site.

Bids were received and opened today for a New Generator. A total of four (4) bids were received where someone will be challenging a bid. Mr. Wymbs advised that the bids received fall under the \$75,000.00 FEMA grant.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is comfortable with the progress being made on the Corrective Action Plan regarding the removal of tires.

The Municipal Building sump pump has failed and we are waiting on a second quote.

The main air conditioning unit at the Municipal Building failed approximately 2 weeks ago. Estimates have been received for the repairs.

Mr. Wymbs attended an Abandon Property Seminar and an ordinance will be introduced to compliment Ordinance No.

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 open the meeting for Public Comment.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue, appeared to advise that she attended the recent Planning and Zoning Board meeting and that variances were issued for Pole Barns that are outside of the Township Ordinance. She recommended that they look at the size.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road, appeared in reference to a letter of support addressed to the Township Administrator and Township Committee regarding the Cohanzick Country Club. Mr. Pierce indicated that he settled on the buildings and remaining property back in March 2017. Mr. Pierce advised that he has been trying to get the Fish, Game and Wildlife to agree to a land trade that will allow them to get 12 acres with an easement that borders their conservatory property on Ramah Road. The piece of property that Mr. Pierce is requesting is less than 3 acres. He indicated that he has replaced 2 doors at \$800.00.

Mr. Pierce advised that in his letter of support he attached topographical maps of the 2 properties, one of the County Club proposed land to be traded and the land on Ramah Road that he would trade.

Mayor Byrd requested that the Township Committee be allowed to review the packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez inquired on the status of the shed for the Convenience Center. Mr. Wymbs advised that in speaking with the Chief Financial Officer, the shed for the Convenience Center will be purchased through Capital Improvement Fund. Revised quotes will be forthcoming.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no reports or remarks at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd had no report or remarks at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 101 - 2017 into the record as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 101 - 2017
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE 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)
CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR AND PART TIME DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 101 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

The Township Committee has returned back into Regular Session from the Executive Session with all members present at 7:52 p.m.

Township Solicitor announced that the doors are now open at 7:52 p.m. and the Township Committee is now in Regular Session after having discussed Personnel Matters in Executive Session.

Mayor Byrd announced that as a result of the Executive Session, interviews were conducted for the position of Township Administrator and Deputy Municipal Clerk and the following action as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 102 - 2017
A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR/DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK APPOINTING STEVEN R. WYMBS
Motion made by Mayor Byrd seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Mayor Byrd thanked the two (2) applicants for coming out tonight to conduct their interviews for the position and advised them that there are other employment positions pending.

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 and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk