

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION / ACTION MEETING
JUNE 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the OPMA Statement 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 7th 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 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 attending his son's graduation tonight and asked if the Township Committee had any objections. There were none indicated.

ALSO PRESENT

Administrative Assistant Wymbs, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd asked if the Township Committee had any questions on the minutes. There were none indicated. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING MAY 17, 2017

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

At this time, Mayor Byrd read into the record the following Ordinances presented for introduction.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST 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 introduce Ordinance No. 6 - 2017 on first reading.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to introduce Ordinance No. 6 - 2017 on first reading seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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 introduce Ordinance No. 7 - 2017 on first reading.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to introduce Ordinance No. 7 - 2017 on first reading seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES 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 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 89 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,254.45

Mayor Byrd and Committeeman Clark approved all the bills with the exception of a bill payable to South State Incorporated due to an interest conflict.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he approves the bill list as presented but would abstain on the bill payable for the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, Gouldtown Annual BBQ.

Township Solicitor Carr recited the Doctrine of Necessity and advised that he has brought this conflict issue to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and has not received a response, however, the Committee votes in order for the bills to be paid accordingly.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 89 - 2017 in the amount of \$95,254.45 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes on all bills except bill payable to South State Incorporated; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes, but abstains on bill payable to Gouldtown Annual BBQ and Mayor Byrd, yes, but abstains on bill payable to South State, Incorporated.

RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2017

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$657.06 TO CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE FOR 431 FAIRTON-MILLVILLE ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 11, LOT 11.01

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 90 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2017

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A:4-87 FY 2017 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 91 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ACCEPTING THE MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 92 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 93 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY CONSENTING A CHARITABLE ROADWAY SOLICITATION

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 93 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 94 - 2017

A RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-003-002 TO TERRIGNO FAIRFIELD INN, LLC LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2017 - 2018

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 94 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 95 - 2017

A RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-001-003 TO MILMER CORPORATION LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2017 - 2018

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 95 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2017

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 96 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2017

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD APPOINTING A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 97 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 98 - 2017

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 98 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals during work session/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 Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Charles Pierce, 431 Fairton--Millville Road appeared to report complaints he has reported regarding his neighbor allowing their dogs to run at large, defecating on his property, drinking and loud music and a pony living in a trailer.

Geneva Griffin, Fairfield Township resident appeared to inquire the specifics of Resolution No. 98 - 2017. Ms. Griffin was advised it is a settlement agreement and release of the former Township Administrator. Ms. Griffin asked who the Deputy Municipal Clerk was. Ms. Griffin was advised that it was the former Township Administrator.

Ms. Griffin inquired if Resolution No. 98 - 2017 and the execution of the confidential settlement agreement and general release readily available to the public through a Government Record Request. Ms. Griffin was advised affirmative.

Ms. Griffin asked what the status of an Administrator is presently. Ms. Griffin was advised that Steven R. Wymbs was appointed as an Acting Township Administrator.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road, appeared to state that the Township roads are looking good. He indicated that the dam is rising at Clarks Pond Road. He also stated that the potholes that he had previously reported were taken care of immediately and also to keep up the good work.

Cindi Zirkle, 24 Back Neck Road, appeared to say thanks for the introduction of Ordinance No. 7 - 2017, however it does not touch on burnt down houses or habituating in trailers without moving them off the premises. Ms. Zirkle was advised that the Township Code Enforcement Officer is looking at these matters and has already issued a summons for a property in the Township whereby it is now being addressed through the court system.

There being no further comments to be received, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment. Deputy Mayor Pierce moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had no Old Business to report or discuss.

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Mayor Byrd asked Mr. Wymbs, Acting Administrator to give an update on his ongoing list.

Mr. Wymbs gave an update regarding the Township has received a grant from the NJDO in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Holly Way. A proposal has been received from Fralinger Engineer for the Engineering, Surveying and Inspection/Contract Administration Services for that project.

The Township also received a Clean Communities Grant and plans are for an aggressive Clean Community.

The Main Street Bridge work has had not activity due to an unexpected UST that is being monitored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental. Completion of the bridge is expected in the fall.

The Clearing of Trees and Brush at the Convenience Center has been awarded to C & H Disposal Services and the clearing is expected to commence in a few weeks.

An application authorizing energy interconnect has been made for the Municipal Complex and the Senior Center that would save the township approximately 55% in energy costs.

A violation notice regarding the removal of tires is expected to be completed by next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had no report to give at this time.

Committeeman announced on the Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shredding Days hosted by the Cumberland County Improvement Authority. He encouraged the public to take advantage of this event on June 10, 2017 and there will be another one on September 9, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no report to give at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thanked all the registered voters for voting as their vote does count and to continue with their professionalism conduct during the meetings.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to have a safe trip home.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS
PROCLAMATION

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2017

Mayor Byrd announced that he received correspondence from the Fairfield Township Elementary School whereby every year a Valedictorian, Salutatorian and The Don McCloud recipients are honored. The Township in previous years has shown their symbol of honor and appreciation to the Valedictorian, Salutatorian and The Don McCloud and asked the Township Committee if they had any objections in the issuance of a proclamation and a check issued to them. The Valedictorian will receive \$100.00, the Salutatorian will receive \$50.00 and The Don McCloud Academic Achievement Award will receive \$25.00.

There were no objections from the Township Committee. The Mayor will present the proclamations at the 8th graduation to be held at the Fairfield Township Elementary School on June 14, 2017.

Committeeman Gonzalez indicated into the record a Basketball Tournament was previously held at the Fairfield Township Municipal Basketball Court. The event was great for our community. Committeeman Gonzalez attended as well as Mayor Byrd.

Acting Township Administrator advised that the host who organized the Basketball tournament were extremely respectful in cleaning up after their event and there is an entertainment to host another event in the near future.

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

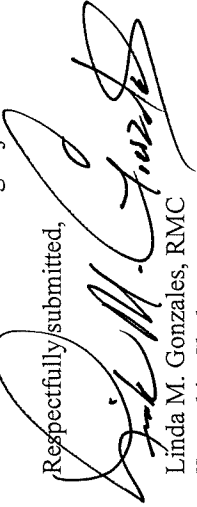
There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn and seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk