

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
MARCH 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Byrd read the OPMA Act 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 15th day of March, 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 and Mayor Byrd, present.

ALSO PRESENT

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

At this time at 7:04 p.m., Deputy Mayor Pierce and Committeeman Manson arrived to the meeting.

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 following minutes:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2017

NO MEETING HELD ON MARCH 1, 2017

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Action Meeting of February 15, 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, 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. Mayor Byrd and Committeeman Clark indicated their conflict into the record regarding a bill payable to South State, Incorporated. Township Solicitor Carr recited the Doctrine of Necessity into the record.

PROCLAMATIONS

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1. / EMS RESCUE SQUAD

Mayor Byrd announced into the record the above proclamations to be presented to Fire Chief Steven Bateman for his 40 years of service with the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad No. 1 in Fairton and 25 years of service as the Fire Chief Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad No. 1 in Fairton and also a 75th Anniversary proclamation for the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad.

Mayor Byrd also announced the presentation of a proclamation to honor Hometown Hero Thomas C. Lane, IV to be presented on April 1, 2017 at the Centerton Country Club.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced into the record that Deputy Mayor Pierce and Committeeman Manson have arrived to the meeting.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the following ordinances presented tonight for introduction:

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) 1 THROUGH 4

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AS TO STORAGE OF FIREWOOD

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1 - 2017
Committeeman Gonzalez moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2 - 2017
Committeeman Clark moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes;
Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 7-3.4, "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS
ON CERTAIN STREETS" OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC"

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 3 - 2017.
Committeeman Gonzalez moved and seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez,
yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 4 - 2017.
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes;
Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

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.

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

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to inquire on the introduction of Ordinance No. 1 - 2017, An Ordinance As To Storage of Firewood. Mr. Pierce raised issues about other property maintenance and was advised that he can raise his questions/concerns at a Public Hearing.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road appeared to inquire on the Business Ordinance.

Cindi Zirkle, Back Neck Road appeared to inquire on several of the ordinance being introduced tonight and questioned if comments will be heard at the next scheduled meeting. Mayor Byrd advised that comments will be heard at a Public Hearing.

Mrs. Zirkle indicated that Dr. Nicole King has distributed the Tree Ordinance to the Environmental Commission.

Ms. Zirkle asked if there is going to be any discussion tonight on the Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget.
Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Zirkle that discussion/comments will be received at the Public Hearing.

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road appeared to report on a fallen down house near the Post Office that needs to be cleaned up.

Resident of 110 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to discuss a natural trail for walkers be opened at the former Cohanzey Country Club Golf Course.

Mrs. Robertson, Assistant Coordinator for the Fairfield Township Baseball appeared to indicate that they do conduct background checks and looking at conducting a more extensive background check on their volunteers. She announced the opening day will be held on April 22, 2017 at 9:30 am. She advised that Congressman LoBiondo is scheduled to be in attendance and is requesting that Mayor Byrd pitch the first ball on opening day.

Ernest Zirkle, Back Neck Road appeared and asked if the Township is going to post the ordinances on the Township website. Mayor Byrd advised that they would be posted.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road appeared to say that the work being on the ballfields are looking great. He also reported that these meetings are getting to be out of control. He advised that if you have a legitimate complaint, do not attack workers or anyone else for that matter. He advised if you have a legitimate complaint to do it in a correct way.

Russell Pierce sitting in the audience was making reference to a cable running across Burlington Road.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to inquire on the Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget. Ms. Ridgway asked if copies will be available to the general public during the Public Hearing. She asked if the Township Committee has reviewed the budget. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that they have.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that Fire Chief Bateman was present in the audience and asked the general public in attendance to please give Chief Bateman an applause for his years of service to the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad No. 1. The audience gave their applause into the record.

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

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

Mayor Byrd read the following resolutions into the record:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 63 - 2017 and Resolution No. 64 - 2017 were adopted as consent agenda as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,764.93

RESOLUTION NO. 64 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,648.41

Committeeman Gonzalez moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 63 - 2017 and Resolution No. 64 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 - 2017

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Committeeman Clark moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 65 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 - 2017

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAURICE RIVER FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR AS REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION AGENT REGARDING ANNUAL TONNAGE REPORTS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67 - 2017

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD APPROVING A 2015 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 67 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 68 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 1 - 2017

INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICES AT 27 COOMBS DRIVE

Committeeman Manson moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 68 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 69 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 69 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2017

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION RECEIVES ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE AID AND / OR GENERAL PUBLIC BENEFITS

Committeeman Clark moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 70 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Gonzalez gave an update on the new dugouts at our ball park. He advised that the project is moving along and will continue for modifications. Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the volunteers for their work and dedication. The general public in attendance gave a nice applause.

Committeeman Clark indicated he had no Old Business for now.

Committeeman Manson indicated that he had no Old Business for now.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he had no Old Business for now.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to report at this time.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the following Public Comment:

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.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Each of the members of the Township Committee thanked the general public in attendance for coming out tonight and to continue to bring their matters of concerns to the Township Committee and to have a safe drive going home.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd announced on the following ordinances being reviewed for introduction, a Tree Ordinance and also an ordinance on Abandoned Properties. The Tree Ordinance will be provided to the Fairfield Township Environmental Commission for their review and input.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Township Administrator reported on trash found dumped in our Township. The Public Works found some mail and has reported it to the proper authorities.

There was no Executive Session held tonight.

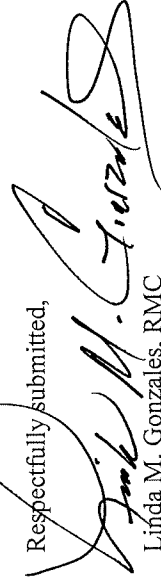
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk