

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION / ACTION MEETING
MAY 3, 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 3rd day of May, 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 would not be present due to a conflict schedule. There were no objections from the Township Committee.

ALSO PRESENT

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

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 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING APRIL 19, 2017

Committeeman Clark moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; 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. Mayor Byrd announced that the bill list payable to South State in the amount of \$396.72 be pulled due to a discrepancy. Deputy Mayor Pierce abstained on the bill payable to the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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 meeting for Public Comment on Current Agendas Items Only.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to inquire on Resolution No. 84 - 2017. Township Solicitor Carr explained the matter being an ongoing property issue relating to a Township Land Sale held in 2004 whereby no formal transfer of the properties were recorded.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 83 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$898,703.20
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 83 - 2017 minus the \$396.72 payable to South State Incorporated seconded by Committeeman Clark. The total bill list amount approved is for \$898,306.48. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and abstained on bill payable to the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 84 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF QUIT CLAIM DEEDS FOR BLOCK 52, LOT 103 AND BLOCK 52, LOT 106
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 84 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 2017

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$881.72 TO CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE FOR 1484 BRIDGETON-MILLVILLE PIKE KNOWN AS BLOCK 5.03, LOT 1
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 85 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd made an announcement regarding the Fairfield Township Little League opening day that was held last weekend. He indicated that Volunteer Recognition certificates were given during the opening day to thank the volunteers for their in preparing and updating the recreational field for opening day. Mayor Byrd reported that Ricky Durham, an additional volunteer will receive a Volunteer Recognition certificate for his efforts.

Committeeman Gonzalez announced that opening day was represented very well and the event was a success. He stated that the ballfield looked great and he gave thanks to the volunteers and the support received by the community and also thanks to the Mayor and the Township Committee members for their support.

Committeeman Clark stated that he also would like to reiterate the same sentiments as Mayor Byrd and Committeeman Gonzalez regarding the successful Little League Opening Day over the weekend. Committeeman Clark stated that he was very proud to see our recreational grounds and the Township Hall looking great by all of us working together to make it happen and that everyday should be treated as Opening Day.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to report from either the Township Committee or Mayor Byrd.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Public Comment 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 meeting for Public Comment.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to report that she had received some information regarding a letter sent to the Township Committee from the Cumberland County Improvement Authority regarding Resolution No. 2017-080 adopted by the Cumberland County Improvement Authority at its April 26, 2017 meeting whereby the Authority desires to execute a Letter Agreement with Fairfield Township to enter into a formal agreement for the purchase of the land by the Authority for the purchase price of \$175,000.00 for a new correctional facility. The properties indicated as Block 12, Lot 27.02 ("Lot 27"0 and Block 12, Lot 29 ("Lot 29").

The letter states that it is their understanding that Lot 27 is currently owned by the Fairfield Board of Education. Ms. Ridgway stated that in the letter agreement it is stated that the purchase of the land by Cumberland County Improvement Authority shall be contingent upon Fairfield Township first obtaining title to Lot 27 from the Board of Education. Ms. Ridgway indicated that if the Township enters into such an agreement, this will not be tax ratable or revenue for the Township and recommended that the Township take this matter under careful consideration.

Mr. Roscoe Hall appeared to report that Mount Construction Company was working on the bridge on Clarks Pond Road whereby there has been no activity and inquired if the Township was aware. Mr. Hall was advised that an issue arose that was not expected therefore the construction came to a halt to address the issue regarding an underground storage tank that was not in the original plans.

Mr. Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road appeared to reiterate the sentiments stated earlier on that everyday should be treated as Opening Day.

Mr. Pierce made reference to the condition of Husted Landing Road. He indicated that he would at this expense purchase some clam shells to be placed on the road if the Township would haul the dirt and spread as a temporary repair during the interim as the Township awaits information from the title company as to who owns this road.

A resident from Longview Drive appeared to inquire on the promise that was made to the resident of Longview Drive that the Township would be replacing the former swings that used to be at the park. The resident was advised that the matter would be looked into by first contacting the Township's insurance carrier.

Mr. Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, appeared to inquire on the status of the parking at the former Country Club. Mr. Pierce was advised that the Township has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the request as well as addressing a number of issues at the site. Mr. Pierce also mentioned that the bridge project on Clarks Pond Road started a week ago and the construction company has not been around.

Mr. Pierce also reported the potholes on Husted Landing Road need to be addressed. He advised that the holidays are approaching and avid fishermen go fishing on Husted Landing. He also reported that the Township needs to brush-hog the right-of-way on Husted Landing Road as well. The growth of grass has expanded out towards the road making the road narrow to travel upon.

Committeeman Gonzalez advised Mr. Pierce that the Township is working on those issues and has obtained permission to utilize the Daily Prisoner Release's for four (4) days a week vs twice a week to assist the Township in mowing and road patching. Committeeman Gonzalez indicated that a Road Program is being implementing to address roads in need of repair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the public for coming out tonight and providing their input tonight and for everyone to be safe going home.

Committeeman Clark thanked the public for their teamwork demonstrated tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the public for coming out tonight to share their comments and their concerns.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd gave his thanks and appreciation for all their assistance and input and commented on the new faces present at tonight's meeting and to please come again. Mayor Byrd advised that we try our best to do the best we can.

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

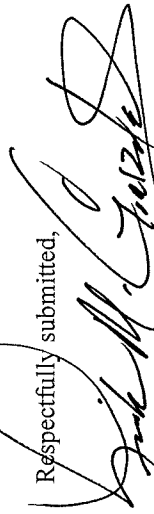
There was no need for an Executive Session.

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 the meeting seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk