

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 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 15th day of November 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.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes of Work Session Meeting September 6, 2017, Regular Action Meeting of September 20, 2017, Work Session Action Meeting of October 4, 2017 and Work Session Meeting of November 1, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2017

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes except abstains for the minutes of the Work Session Action Meeting of November 1, 2017.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the minutes of the Regular Action Meeting of October 18, 2017.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2017

Committeeman Clark moved to table the minutes of the Regular Action Meeting of October 18, 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; 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. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 164 - 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 164 - 2017
A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,558.63

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution NO. 164 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd read the following Ordinances for introduction as follows:

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) - (TWO)

ORDINANCE NO. 10 - 2017
A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR REPAIRS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTIES AND ACQUISITION OF SHELTER FOR CONVENIENCE CENTER AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE AMOUNT OF \$26,600.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

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

Mayor Byrd announced that Ordinance No. 11 - 2017 was recommended by the Planning/Zoning Board to amend Section 13-7.4 (c) and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2017
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 13-7.4 (c), GARAGES, CARPORTS, STORAGE BUILDINGS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS FOR DOMESTIC PETS: MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOWED, OF THE CODES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

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

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS & NON AGENDA ITEMS

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 and any non-agenda items 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 on Current Agenda & Non Agenda Items Only.

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

Ben D'Agostino, 143 Bridgeton-Fairton Road reported illegal car sale businesses and temporary tags being affixed to cars and being transferred to another potential car sale. Mr. D'Agostino was advised to contact the Township Code Enforcement Officer to investigate his complaints.

Claude Rucker, Coombs Drive, reported a Hazardous and Life Safety Hazard issue at the Federal Correctional Prison Facility whereby the situation is grounds for a riot. Mr. Rucker requested a letter of support from the Township. Mr. Rucker was advised to contact the Township Administrator with his concerns for a letter of support.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road congratulated Tommy Clark for his re-election on the Fairfield Township Committee.

Mr. Pierce inquired on the status of the four (4) deeds from a previous Public Land Sale. Mr. Pierce was advised that the deeds are in the progress.

Gary W. Whyte, 289 Old Tote Road, Mountainside, NJ, appeared to speak about Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva [FOP]. Mr. Whyte explained the rare genetic disease whereby his daughter is affected by this disease. As part of his FOP Awareness Initiative he was one of 25 individuals who was presented The Jefferson Award for Public Service by Governor Chris Christie on behalf of the volunteer work he has been doing for the past 16 years for the Orphan Disease called Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva.

Mr. Whyte indicated that out of 566 municipalities as of this date they have received a Proclamation or Resolution from 506 municipalities. In Cumberland County, which is comprised of 14 municipalities, seven (7) municipalities have adopted a Proclamation or Resolution in support of their FOP Awareness Initiative and respectfully requested that we join in the support. Mayor Byrd requested a summary of the FOP be provided to our Township Administrator to be taken under advisement. Mr. Whyte thanked the Township Committee for allowing him the opportunity to speak about the FOP Awareness Initiative.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue, advised that she attended last night's Planning and Zoning Board meeting regarding the introduction of Ordinance No. 11 - 2017. She inquired if the ordinance would cover tree houses, portable sheds. Ms. Ridgway was advised that is the intent of the ordinance whereby it should be temporary or not. Ms. Ridgway advised that the ordinance should conform to such.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 165 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 5 - 2017 EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR / 719 EDWINA ROAD

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution NO. 165 - 2017.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 165 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for coming out tonight and also thanked them for their vote his vote in his re-election as Township Committeeman and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out tonight and to drive home safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the residents for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

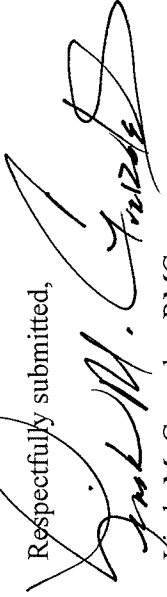
There was no need for an Executive Session.

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 seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk