

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2016

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

Mayor Byrd read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

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 16th day of November 2016 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 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; Committeeman Manson, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2016

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 Regular Acting Minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting.

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

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

BILL LIST FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$828,426.06

BILL LIST FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,544.93

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list.

Committeeman Clark, Committeeman Manson and Mayor Byrd indicated into the record that they have a conflict on the payables to South State, Inc. Township Solicitor advised the Township Committee that he has written to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs regarding the conflicts on hand. There is a Doctrine of Necessity whereby the governing body must act in order to conduct business.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 165 - 2016 and Resolution No. 166 - 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 165 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$828,426.06

RESOLUTION NO. 166 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,544.93

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 165 - 2016 and Resolution No. 166 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCE 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 for Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 167 - 2016

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND CONFIRMING THE REVIEW AND SUBMISSION OF THE BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY FOR 2016

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 167 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 168 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 168 - 2016 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 169 - 2016

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION - 2016 BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 169 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 170 - 2016

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A:4-87 - FY2015 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 171 - 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NJ AND THE NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION, CUMBERLAND COUNCIL #18

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 171 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had none.

Committeeman Gonzalez had none.

Deputy Mayor Pierce inquired on the status of the parking issues. Township Administrator advised that he spoke with the desk sergeant whereby he issued his recommendations. Said recommendations will be provided to the Township Committee for their review.

Committeeman Manson had none.

NEW BUSINESS
DISCUSSION / REVIEW
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2017
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved authorizing the Township Clerk to advertise for Request for Proposals/Qualifications for Professional Services for 2107 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any New Business.

Committeeman Clark had none.

Committeeman Gonzalez announced that in the near future they will be asking assistance from the residents as we prepare over the winter to get the ballfields ready for the spring time for opening day ceremony which is scheduled in April.

Committeeman Manson had none.

Deputy Mayor Pierce indicated that he would like to remind the Planning/Zoning Board members to be mindful of their attendance to the Planning/Zoning Board meetings. It was indicated that a previous meeting had to be canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

Committeeman Manson had none.

Mayor Byrd advised that the Chair of the Planning/Zoning Board has scheduled a special Planning/Zoning Board meeting to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

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 to open the meeting to the public.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open the meeting to the public seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes, Pierce, yes and Gonzalez, yes.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared to inquire what kind of special meeting is going to be held tomorrow.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that the Chairman of the Planning/Zoning Board has called for a Special Planning/Zoning Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Ridgway inquired if the meeting was advertised. Ms. Ridgway was informed that it was transmitted to the newspapers.

Ms. Ridgway indicated that she attends all of the Planning/Zoning Board meetings and that she very seldom misses the Planning/Zoning Board meeting. She advised that a lot of the members have hardly attended any of the meetings in the whole year. She made reference to Mr. Hands was appointed and only attended one meeting in June and has since resigned and has not been replaced. She advised that if the appointed members do not show up for the meetings that they should be replaced with citizens who are interested.

Mary Walinski, 19 Fairton-Cedarville Road appeared and advised that the Township Committee meetings were changed to Wednesday nights and that a lot of people in the Township are not aware of this. Ms. Walinski suggested that we post our Agendas at the Post Office.

There were no further comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the meeting to the public.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out and to be safe going home. Mr. Gonzalez thanked the registered voters for voting him into office and that he will work hard for the residents.

Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for coming out and for their support. He congratulated the Mayor and Committeeman Gonzalez for their re-election. He indicated for them and the municipal staff to continue to work hard to improve and move the Township forward.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Committeeman Manson thanked everyone for coming out tonight and that he appreciates the comments, thoughts, concerns conveyed by the residents and that they are being taken into consideration.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out tonight and also to remind everyone that we are doing the best that we can and that there are times that we have no control over some things and that in conclusion it seems that no matter what they do, it is not going to be good enough.

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

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Byrd announced that this concludes the meeting and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk