

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 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 18th day of October 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 Manson, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Gonzalez and Deputy Mayor Pierce.

ALSO PRESENT

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

At this time, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the minutes for the Work Session Meeting, September 6, 2017, Regular Action Meeting of September 20, 2017 and the Work Session Action Meeting of October 4, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2017

Committeeman Clark moved to table said minutes seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, 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 read Resolution No. 157 - 2017 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 157 - 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 157 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$295,750.08

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 157 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson.

Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) - (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 9 - 2017 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 9 - 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 \$22,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mayor Byrd announced into the record that tonight we will conduct the public hearing for comments to be received, however, the Township Committee will not be adopting Ordinance No. 9 – 2017 tonight as it requires a 2/3 affirmative votes of the full membership of the governing body for final adoption. The public hearing was advertised as prescribed by law and the second reading for final adoption will be placed on the November 1, 2017 agenda.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the public hearing.

Committeeman Clark moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 9 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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

Committeeman Manson moved to close the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, 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.

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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared for clarification on Resolution No. 158 - 2017 as indicated on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Clerk to explain said resolution into the record.

Township Clerk Gonzales explained the currently pending 2 bills before the State Legislators, one which would revise the Open Public Meetings Act and one that that would revise the Open Public Records Act. The Clerk advised that both of these bills have been opposed by both the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Municipal Clerk's Association and respectfully request that this resolution be supported by the Fairfield Township Committee.

Ms. Ridgway indicated that the governing body should support the opposition of these two (2) proposed amendments.

There being no further comments to be received. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the meeting for Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non Agenda Items.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2017
A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT
Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 158 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any discussion or questions regarding their review of the Best Practices Inventory. There were none.

RESOLUTION NO. 159 - 2017
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CERTIFYING REVIEW OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEST PRACTICES CHECK LIST
Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 159 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 2017
THIS IS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 160 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that tonight, Melanie Garrison will be providing a presentation on Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Melanie Garrison approached and thanked the Township Committee for having her tonight. Ms. Garrison introduced herself into the record and presented an overview of municipal alliances and the communities that the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) serves such as Hopewell, Greenwich, Stow Creek, Shiloh, Deerfield, Upper Deerfield and Fairfield Township.

Ms. Garrison reported on the current programs such as Life Skills Training; Dialogue Night; Rx Safe Disposal Boxes; Senior Citizen Education; Poster/Billboard Contest and also seeking volunteers from each township to help with the services provided.

Ms. Garrison asked the Township Committee if they had any questions for her. There were none. Mayor Byrd and the Township Committee thanked Ms. Garrison for her presentation.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS
Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for coming out tonight and for their support.

Committeeman Manson stated it was good to see everyone tonight and to have a safe trip home.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS
Mayor Byrd thanked the residents for coming out tonight and appreciates all their support.

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

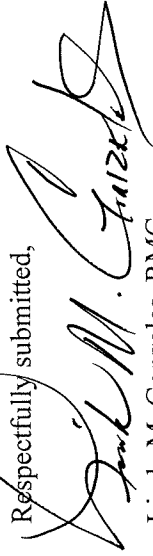
There was no need for an Executive Session tonight.

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 seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk