

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Byrd read the OPMA 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 19th day of October 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; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Gonzalez and Committeeman Manson. There were no objections from the Township Committee for being excused.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2016
CLOSED SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 5, 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 minutes of Work Action and Closed Session Meeting of October 5, 2016.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, 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. There were none.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There was none.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,040.98

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 160 - 2016 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 161 - 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND THE NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION; CUMBERLAND COUNCIL #18
Said item was tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 162 - 2016

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX PAYMENT OF \$1,371.10 TO TARON HART, 21 WALDENS DRIVE KNOWN AS BLOCK 19.09, LOT 22

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 162 - 2016 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 163 - 2016

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR NOTIFICATION OF TAX APPEAL FILING BY TAX ASSESSOR TO THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 163 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 164 - 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD SETTING DATE AND HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREAT 2016

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 164 - 2016 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There were none indicated by the Township Committee nor the Mayor.

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

Fire Chief Harris, Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 appeared for an update on the status of conducting a Public Land Sale. Township Administrator Surrency advised Chief Harris that we are getting close to having a sale.

He advised that some of the properties that were looked into had to be removed from the potential sale at the request of the Tax Assessor and that before we establish a date and time we need to ensure that those potential properties are clear before placing them on the Public Land Sale.

Fire Chief Harris reported a loitering problem on King Street. He indicated that the street is being over taken by the youths parking on both sides of the street just hanging around smoking and drinking.

Fire Chief Harris made referenced to a JIF complaint form. In the form, he explained that when a complaint is made that the person who made the complaint receives a response to their complaint. He indicated that he has submitted several complaints whereby he did not receive a response. Mayor Byrd asked Chief Harris if he could provide a copy of the form for the committee's review.

Administrative Assistant Wymbs reported that the Township Clerk has placed request/complaints forms in the municipal building for the public's use. The JIF form that Chief Harris talks about is not what the Township Clerk placed out but is similar, however it is not by JIF as mentioned by Chief Harris.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, appeared and made referenced to the two (2) Township Committee members absent tonight.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark gave thanks to the public for attending tonight's meeting.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no reports / remarks at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd announced on a *Safe Conduct During a Motor Vehicle Stop Flyer*. The Township Committee had no objections on the safety tip flyer.

Mayor Byrd indicated that Fairfield Township has produced this flyer in consultation with Law Enforcement in an effort to ensure the safety of driver's passengers and Officers during a motor vehicle stop. Copies of the flyer will be placed in the municipal building.

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 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, 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 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda M. Gonzales, RMC

Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk