

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
7:00 P.M.

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 20th day of September, 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 Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Clark, present; Committeeman Gonzalez, present; and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Manson and Deputy Mayor Pierce.

Mayor Byrd announced that due to schedule conflicts, Committeeman Manson and Deputy Mayor Pierce would not be present at tonight's meeting. There were no objections.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the Work Session Action Meeting minutes of August 2, 2017 and the Work Session Action Meeting minutes of September 6, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING AUGUST 2, 2017

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Committeeman Clark moved to table the minutes of the Work Session Action Meeting of August 2, 2017 and Work Session Action Meeting of September 6, 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

The Township Committee reviewed the bill list. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 143 - 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 -2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,718.67

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 143 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the introduction of Ordinance No. 9 - 2017 due to a lack of quorum,

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)
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

Committeeman Clark moved to table the introduction of Ordinance No. 9 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

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 Items and Non Agenda Items.

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

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, appeared to inquire on the status of his deed for the purchase of parcels purchased at the Public Land Sale held on July 19, 2017. Mr. Pierce was advised that his deed along with the others that purchased parcels of land is forthcoming by the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Pierce spoke about background checks and indicated that the Township needs to look into the Code Office if they have not already and further that he was going to file an Ethics Complaint.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue, appeared to request clarification on Resolution No. 147 - 2017. Mrs. Ridgway was advised that this resolution would give the Township to hire its volunteers and be responsible for conducting background checks.

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road, appeared to report that the Eagle Manor is conducting special events and are serving food and alcohol without any permits. Mr. Kimley was advised by the Mayor to file his complaint in writing.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road, appeared to inquire as to why Ordinance No. 9 – 2017 was being tabled tonight as it is in need. Mr. Pierce was advised that there are only 3 members present tonight and by law it requires at least 4 members to vote for introduction.

Mr. Pierce thanked everyone who coming out to see their progress being made to the Rivers Edge Entertainment facility formerly known as the Cohanzey Golf and Country Club.

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 144 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 0605-33-001-003 FROM MILMER CORPORATION TO RIVERS EDGE ENTERTAINMENT INCORPORATED

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 144 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MARK DRIVE

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 145 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COOMBS DRIVE

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 146 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 147 - 2017
THIS IS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 147 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 2017
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF AN *I/M REM TAX FORECLOSURE*
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 148 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call
Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Clark had no Old Business to report or discuss at this time.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out tonight and to pray for those in Houston, Texas, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Florida who lost their homes and their perished families.

Committeeman Gonzalez announced that he will be absent a few meetings next month as a result to his outside employment as he is an instructor as is being deployed for union training.

Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for coming out tonight and to keep our thoughts and prayers for all the families here in the United States and abroad who perished and those who survived and lost everything they had.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd reiterated the same as Committeeman Clark and Committeeman Gonzalez and to please drive home safe.

Mayor Byrd thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pierce for their invitation to the Rivers Edge Entertainment formerly known as the Cohanzey Golf and Country Club. Mayor Byrd indicated that the work that the new owners, Dennis and Dream Pierce are coming along good and the place looks very nice.

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.

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk