

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 6th 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 Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Manson, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Clark.

Mayor Byrd announced that Committeeman Clark would not be attending tonight's meeting as a result of a personal matter. There were no objections received from the Township Committee for his absence.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Byrd read the following minutes presented for approval. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the minutes of the Work Action Meeting of August 2, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING AUGUST 2, 2017

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to table the Work Session Action minutes of August 2, 2017 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Regular Action minutes of August 16, 2017.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 16, 2017

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of August 16, 2017 as written seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, abstain.

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. 139 - 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 139 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,059.02

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 139 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

Mayor Byrd read and explained the combined Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items into the record 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 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items and Non Agenda Items.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to open the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items and Non Agenda Items seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mr. Ed Kimley, 84 Seabreeze, approached regarding the previous adoption of Resolution No. 134 - 2017, 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. His question to the resolution at the time it was adopted, if the recreation activities covered wrestling and he was advised that it did. Mr. Kimley brought up again an individual who serves as a wrestling coach who was charged with dog fighting and if that individual had a background check. According to Mr. Kimley had indicated that he had went to the Fairfield Township School Board Meeting and had brought the matter up and was advised that that they conducted a background check and that the findings were okay. Mr. Kimley indicated that this individual has been charged with armed robbery and assault and has a criminal record since he was 7 years old. Mr. Kimley was advised that the school board may not be aware of this alleged armed robbery and assault that he has brought up and that he should bring this complaint to the Fairfield Township School Board.

Mr. Kimley also brought up the matter regarding the \$10,000.00 legal bill in the matter of Wayne Byrd vs Fairfield Township. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Kimley that he would not be making a comment on this matter, but for the record, there have been other lawsuits against the Township that failed.

Mr. Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, approached to inquire on the status of his deed for the purchase of land at a previous land sale. Mr. Pierce was advised that his deed along with the others who purchased parcel of land at the previously and sale are in progress and will be forthcoming.

Russell Pierce reported the potholes at the Husted Landing marina need to be re-patched. The potholes will be put on the pothole list for patching.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road, approached with an invitation for a tour of the former Cohanze Country Club that he has acquired. The tour will be held on September 13, 2017. Refreshments will be provided.

Dennis Pierce reported an altercation held on his property known as the former Cohanze Country Club. A 17 year old boy was attached with baseball bats.

Dennis Pierce reported on the tree removal progress being made at the former Cohanze Country Club.

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

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

Paul J. Miola, Area Executive Vice President, Arthur J. Gallagher & Company introduced himself to the Mayor and Township Committee and presented snapshot of the 2016 State of the Fund along with the 2017 Member Visitation Program update. Mr. Miola lastly indicated that if we intended to compare the JIF to other programs, he suggested that we contact their office as comparing insurance programs can be a difficult and confusing process. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Miola's presentation, he asked the Mayor and Township Committee members if they had any questions.

Mayor Byrd thanked Mr. Miola for coming out tonight and advised him that they had no questions at this time as the Township Administration had brief the Committee and brought them up to speed on various discussions and research.

Mr. Miola thanked the Mayor and Township Committee and left the meeting.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2017

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 TO CENTURY SAVINGS BANK FOR THE 2017 - 2018 LICENSE TERM

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 14- 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call  
Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 - 2017

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 141 - 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call  
Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 142 - 2017 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call  
Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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Deputy Mayor Pierce inquired on the status of the Reconstruction of Holly Way. The Township Administrator advised that the design of the road construction is being designed by the Township Engineer and then will be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for their approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Gonzalez reported that a Back to School function was held here in the municipal building last Saturday. He thanked Mayor Byrd's wife and the Mayor for spearheading this successful event. Committeeman Gonzalez advised that he was not able to attend. He reported that free haircuts were provided, face paintings and book bags were provided to the children.

Committeeman Manson reported also on the Back to School function and how well it was attended. He advised that he was present and he thanked the Mayor and the Mayor's wife and all the township residents that volunteered their time.

Mayor Byrd thanked the Township Committee for their donations for the Back to School Event function held here at the Municipal Building. He also thanked his wife especially for taking the lead to make this a special day for our children. Mayor Byrd advised that approximately 120 book bags were given away along with pencils, free water ice, free haircuts and refreshments were provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for their input and to drive safe tonight.

Committeeman Manson thanked the residents for coming out tonight and to also make it home safe.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the residents for their concerns and input and also to drive safe home.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked the residents for their participation and to drive safe home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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

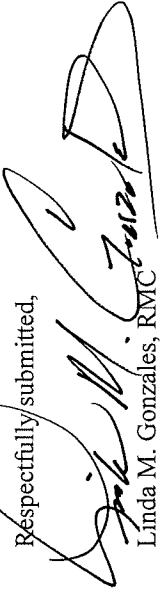
There was no need for an Executive Session.

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 and seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk