

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2018

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of Buena Vista Township was held on January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at 70 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, Fairton, New Jersey.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales read the following announcement: On December 27, 2017 Notice of this meeting was electronically submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City and duly posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Building. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales led the flag salute.

Committeeman Clark performed the Invocation.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales administered the Oath of Office to Township Committee Tommy Clark, Jr for a three (3) year term.

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Clark, present; Committeeman Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Pierce, present and Committeeman Byrd, Sr., present.

Committeeman Absent: Committeeman Manson.

Motion to Nominatate Deputy Mayor/Chairperson for 2018

On a motion of Committeeman Clark, seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez, Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. was nominated and approved for Mayor / Chairperson.

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

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

Mayor Byrd presides the meeting.

Motion to Nominatate Deputy Mayor /Vice Chairperson for 2018

On a motion of Committeeman Clark, seconded Mayor Byrd, Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr., was nominated and approved for Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairperson.

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

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Mayor Byrd read the following Public Comment statement 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 & Non Agenda Items.

On a motion of Committeeman Gonzalez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue and congratulated Committeeman Clark for his re-election as Township Committeeman and also congratulated both Mayor Byrd as Chairperson and Deputy Mayor Pierce as Deputy Chairperson. Ms. Ridgway made reference to Resolution No. 14 - 2018 on tonight's agenda and inquired if there were any expected changes. Ms. Ridgway was advised that the adoption of the said resolution is by way of formality and if any changes that it would be discussed with the Township Committee.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road congratulated Committeeman Clark, Mayor Byrd and Deputy Mayor Pierce and wished them the best of luck. Mr. Pierce reported on the passing of Arlene Ridgway, wife of former Public Works Department employee, William Ridgway who passed away last year.

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

On a motion of Committeeman Clark, seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd announced the grouping of Resolutions No. 1 - 2018 through Resolution No. 12 - 2018 and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolutions No. 1 - 2018 through Resolution No. 12 - 2018.

Resolutions / Professional Contracts

- No. 1 - 2018 Appointment of Township Solicitor & Tax Appeal Attorney / Cresse & Carr Counsellors At Law
- No. 2 - 2018 Appointment of Township Conflict Solicitor / DeSimone Law Offices
- No. 3 - 2018 Appointment of Township Auditor / Ford-Scott & Associates
- No. 4 - 2018 Appointment of Township Engineer / Fralinger Engineering PA
- No. 5 - 2018 Appointment of Township Conflict Engineer / Consulting & Municipal Engineers
- No. 6 - 2018 Appointment of Township Planner / Consulting & Municipal Engineers
- No. 7 - 2018 Appointment of Township Surveyor / Fralinger Engineering PA
- No. 8 - 2018 Appointment of Township Stormwater Management Engineer / Fralinger Engineering PA
- No. 9 - 2018 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant / Broker of Record Corporate Employees Benefits, LLC
- No. 10 - 2018 Appointment of Bond Counsel / Fleishman-Daniels, Law Offices, LLC
- No. 11 - 2018 Appointment of Tax Foreclosure Attorney / Grace, Marmo & Associates, LLP
- No. 12 - 2018 Appointment of Animal Control Officer / Tri County Animal Control Services

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Consent Agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Township Committee. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. Resolution No. 13 - 2018 through Resolution No. 40 - 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as Resolution No. 13 - 2018 through Resolution No. 40 - 2018.

On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Clark to approve the Consent Agenda as Resolution No. 13 - 2018 through Resolution No. 40 - 2018. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

- No. 13 - 2018 Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2018 Calendar Year Including 2019 Reorganization Meeting
- No. 14 - 2018 Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings
- No. 15 - 2018 Establish dates and times of the Fairfield Township Hazard Work Group & Local Emergency Planning Committee
- No. 16 - 2018 Designation of Official Newspaper(s)
- No. 17 - 2018 Adopting A Cash Management Plan
- No. 18 - 2018 Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2018
- No. 19 - 2018 Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks
- No. 20 - 2018 Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2018
- No. 21 - 2018 Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository
- No. 22 - 2018 Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale
- No. 23 - 2018 Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00
- No. 24 - 2018 Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2018
- No. 25 - 2018 Transfer 2017 Tax Overpayments to 2018 Open Balances
- No. 26 - 2018 Appointment of a Tax Search Officer
- No. 27 - 2018 Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals
- No. 28 - 2018 Appointment of JIF Fund Commissioner & Alternate Fund Commissioner
- No. 29 - 2018 Appointment of JIF Safety Coordinator & Deputy Safety Coordinator
- No. 30 - 2018 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- No. 31 - 2018 Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and A Staff Member to the Fairfield Township Office of Emergency Management
- No. 32 - 2018 Appointment of NIMS Coordinator
- No. 33 - 2018 Appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- No. 34 - 2018 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class I Member; Class II Member and Class III Member
- No. 35 - 2018 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class IV Members, Alternate Class I Member and Alternate Class II Member
- No. 36 - 2018 Appointment of a CDL Drug Testing Lab
- No. 37 - 2018 Appointment of Primary Care Physician
- No. 38 - 2018 Appointment of a Medical Director for the Township of Fairfield, Cumberland County, New Jersey

- No. 39 - 2018 Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaison Committees & Additional Volunteer Sub Committees
- No. 40 - 2018 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator & A Clean Communities Coordinator

New Business

Mayor Byrd read into the record the following Resolutions under New Business as follows:

- No. 41 - 2018 A Resolution of the Annual Designation of Municipal Holidays for Fairfield Township Committee and Establishing the Date of Halloween Recognition along with Trick-or-Treat Hours
On a motion of Committeeman Clark, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce to adopt Resolution No. 41 - 2018. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- 42 - 2018 A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 To The Contract For The Installation of Emergency Generator, Natural Gas Regulators and All Associated Work At The Fairfield Township Municipal Building
On a motion of Committeeman Clark, seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 42 - 2018. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor, Byrd, yes.
- 43 - 2018 A Resolution Authorizing A Cooperative Pricing and Purchasing Agreement Between The Township of Fairfield and The Region 8 Education Service Center, Interlocal Purchasing System, TIPS Purchasing Cooperative as Lead Agency
On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 43 - 2018. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- 44 - 2018 A Resolution Authorizing The Committee To Go Into Executive Session Not Open To The Public Under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12
Matters Relating to Employment Relationship - N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (8)
On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 44 - 2018. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.
- 45 - 2018 A Resolution Appointment of Mayor Declaring Marion Kennedy, Jr. As The Chairperson for the Environmental Commission
On a motion of Committeeman Gonzalez, seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 45 - 2018. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session pursuant to Resolution No. 44 - 2018 to discuss matters relating to Employment Relationship and that action is anticipated.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session.

On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Clark to enter into Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open to the Public as a result of the Township Committee being in Executive Session to conduct interviews for part time EMT's for the Fairton Rescue Squad and a part time Public Works Laborer for the Convenience Center.

Mayor Byrd announced the following as a result from the interviews and discussion held in Executive Session. The following Resolutions were read into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2018
A RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PART-TIME TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Clark to adopt Resolution No. 46 - 2017. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 - 2018

A RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ASSIGNED TO THE FAIRTON AMBULANCE SERVICE

On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

COMMITTEE REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked everyone for coming out tonight and his wished everyone a Happy New Year and for their continued support.

Committeeman Gonzalez wished everyone a happy and safe Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight and hope that everyone had a good holiday and to be safe in this upcoming storm.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked the Township Committee for all their efforts. Mayor Byrd indicated that for the past few years he has asked the Township Committee if they would like the opportunity to serve as Mayor because he believes that everyone on the Township Committee should be given that opportunity. The members of the Township Committee presently at this time do not want to hold that position and they indicated to him that they have full confidence in him to serve as the Mayor and I respect their decision.

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, seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk