

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2018 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, 2018 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 Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Manson, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting as written seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, 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 listed provided by the Chief Financial Officer. Deputy Mayor Pierce announced his abstention on bill payable to the Fairfield Fire Company #2. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 61 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$662,683.42  
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 61 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson.  
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes with the exception of Fairfield Fire Company #2 payable, and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Mayor Byrd read 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 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

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

Ben D'Agostino, 143 Bridgeton-Fairton Road came to revisit his complaint issued regarding illegal car sale businesses and temporary tags being affixed to cars and being transferred to another potential car sale. Mayor Byrd directed the Township Administrator to obtain status from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue inquired as to when the 2019 Municipal Budget will be introduced. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that it is forthcoming.

Cindy Zirkle, Back Neck Road advised the Township Committee that as they are preparing the 2019 Municipal Budget that they put in more money in Code Enforcement for the 100 plus properties that have code violations. She advised that the fines will pay for the budget increase in respect to enforcing our regulations. She also suggested that the Township post on its website the code violations ordinance.

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

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

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

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 1 - 2018 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE AT 711 ELMER AVENUE  
Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 62 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.  
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HOLLY WAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 63 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 64 - 2018

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRALINGER ENGINEERING TO PERFORM METHANE MONITORING QUARTERLY SAMPLING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT NJDEP METHANE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL 4 QUARTERS OF 2018 AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP LANDFILL  
Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 64 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson.  
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Gonzalez, also the local union of president of AFGE Council of Prison reported on the budget cuts that will affect the Fairton Correctional Institute and across the country whereby Federal prisons are and will be dangerously understaffed. Committeeman Gonzalez urged the residents to contact Congressman Frank LoBiondo as he also has meet with the Congressman and the Congressman has expressed his support on this issue.

Committeeman Clark has no New Business to report at this time.

Committeeman Manson had no New Business to report at this time.

Deputy Mayor Pierce had no New Business to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committee Clark thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to drive home safe.

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Committeeman Manson thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for their support.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out tonight and that the Township Committee will look into tonight's comments received by the residents.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Township Administrator Wymbs announced that last year the Cumberland County SPCA had planned to close its doors as an animal impound/shelter. Mr. Wymbs was previously selected to Chair the Cumberland/Salem Municipal Shared Service Consortium. The consortium consists of 25 municipalities.

Mr. Wymbs reported on his consortium meeting held tonight prior to arriving to the Township Committee meeting. A new contract has been received by the Cumberland County SPCA in the amount of \$17,033.00 this amount calculates to \$1,7033.00 per month from March 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 between the Cumberland County SPCA and Fairfield Township. Mr. Wymbs indicated that previously the Cumberland County SPCA sent the Township a contract for \$20,543.00. Upon his review of the contract, he questioned the calculations. It was found that the calculations included the prison population, thereby the original contract had to be revised.

Unfortunately at this time, our hands are tied and there are no other resources but to sign the contract and hopes that the Cumberland County SPCA is willing to sit down to hear our concerns for a better formula for 2019. The contract will be going before the Township Committee for adoption and execution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (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 the meeting seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk