

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
APRIL 4, 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 4th day of April 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; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Manson.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Township Administrator Burden, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MARCH 26, 2018

SPECIAL REGULAR ACTION MEETING MARCH 26, 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Special Budget Work Session Meeting March 26, 2018 and the Special Regular Action Meeting March 26, 2018.

There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, 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. Mayor Byrd and Committeeman Clark stated into the record their conflict regarding payable to South State, Inc. Deputy Mayor Pierce stated into the record his conflict regarding payable to Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Township Solicitor Carr cited the Doctrine of Necessity and that those members who have a conflict are placed on record, however the Committee votes in order for the bills to be paid accordingly.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 73 - 2018 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 73 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING

THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,511.19

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 73 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

Mayor Byrd read the 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 & Non Agenda Items.

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

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared to inquire on the status of the eroding soil on Clarks Pond Road and also the status on the potholes on Husted-Landing Road.

Mr. Pierce also reported that he noticed that Committeeman Manson was not present at tonight's meeting and that he understands that Mr. Manson put in a nomination petition to run again for Township Committee and asked how many meetings has Mr. Manson missed since he was elected. Mr. Pierce was advised to put his request via OPRA.

Cindy Zirkle, Back Neck Road spoke on whereby the governing body shall cause to be paid to the Administrator forthwith any unpaid balance of his salary and benefits as Administrator for the next three (3) calendar months following adoption of the Resolution. Mrs. Zirkle was advised that the governing body has to comply as it is codified under state statute.

Mrs. Zirkle noted into the record the qualifications of the position of the Township Administrator and inquired if the Acting Township Administrator met those qualifications and would the Acting Township Administrator have to comply as like an Administrator. She also inquired if the Township was hiring an Acting Township Administrator to oversee the Township until the Township hires a permanent Administrator.

Mrs. Zirkle expressed her opposition in the removal of the Township Administrator.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and stated that for the past 12 years she has been coming to Township Committee Meetings and that she has seen and heard lots of things such as law suits, employees being dismissed and that she hopes that the Township Committee will reconsider Resolution No. 74 - 2018 terminating the Township Administrator from office of Township Administrator.

Ben D'Agostino appeared to convey the same sentiments that Nancy Ridgway put on record.

Dennis Pierce, Clarks Pond Road appeared and stated that the Township was making a big mistake on the removal of the Township Administrator. He advised that the Township has the authority to make their decision on who they hire and that he hopes that the Township will send the Acting Township Administrator to get the knowledge he needs to perform his duties. He stated that the Township needs continuity.

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.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2018

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RATIFYING A MOTION TERMINATING STEVEN WYMBBS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-138 ET SEQ.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to table Resolution No. 74 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2018

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RATIFYING A MOTION APPOINTING AN ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD
Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 75 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2018

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RATIFYING A MOTION ESTABLISHING HOURS AND RATE OF HOURLY PAY OF THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP DEPUTY CLERK

Committee Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 76 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2018

2018 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROXIMATION RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 77 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that Resolution No. 78 - 2018 will be addressed after Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2018

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

OLD BUSINESS

MINOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL FIELD REQUEST

Said item was tabled.

There were no Old Business to report from the Township Committee or Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Gonzalez announced that the Little League Baseball is looking for sponsorships. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Tammy Viola.

There was no New Business to report from the rest of the Township Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked the residents for coming out tonight and to see their support.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the residents for coming out tonight and thanked them for their comments and concerns.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd conveyed the same sentiments that the Township Committee stated tonight and that we are trying to do the best we can. He advised that we follow a process and as elected officials we do the best we can. For those that come to the meetings and point their finger at us are the same individuals who will not run for office.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session and action is anticipated.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 79 - 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8)

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS

MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 79 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present at 7:27 p.m.

The Township Solicitor announced that the doors are now open and the Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed personnel matters.

Mayor Byrd announced that as a result of the Executive Session, the Township Committee will act on Resolution No. 78 - 2018 as recommended by the Fairton Fire Chief Steve Bateman and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2018

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

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 78 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll

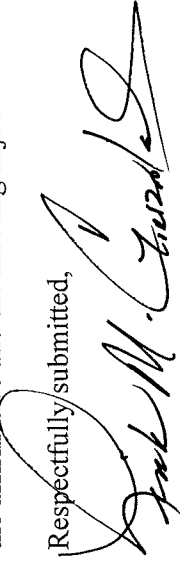
Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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 Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk