

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
MAY 2, 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 2nd day of May 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 Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Gonzalez, present; Deputy Mayor Pierce, present and Mayor Byrd, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Manson.

Committeeman Clark arrived to the meeting at 7:18 p.m. immediately prior to Resolution No. 86 - 2018 Adoption of the 2018 Municipal Budget.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING APRIL 18, 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of April 18, 2018. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: 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. Deputy Mayor Pierce entered conflict into the record in regards to building and equipment allotment payable to the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 - Fairton.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 87 - 2018 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 87 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$903,362.76

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 87 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

There were none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 1 - 2018 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2018

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1 - 2018.

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

There were no comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1 - 2018.

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

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1 - 2018 on second and final reading.

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

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

Sharon Ridgeway, 868 E. Commerce Street, Lot 98, Bridgeton reported an issue with standing water at the St. John Fordville Church cemetery entrance situated at 680 Fordville Road.

Mayor Byrd advised Mrs. Ridgeway that the Acting Township Administrator will contact the Township Engineer to assess the matter and see what needs to be done to correct this issue.

Matt Ridgeway, 868 E. Commerce Street, Lot 98, Bridgeton reported a speed limit concern on Fordville Road especially during church or funeral services held at the St. John Church.

Mr. Ridgeway indicated that there are no speed limit signs posted and that he was informed by the State Police that the speed limit was 50 mph.

Mayor Byrd directed Acting Township Administrator Burden to make an inquiry with the County as to what the speed limit regulation is on Fordville Road and also to request the installation of speed limit signs.

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

Mayor Byrd read the following Resolutions into the record as follows and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PROFESSIONAL FIRM TO ASSIST FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 7- 2017 REGARDING

MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 88 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT OF STEPHEN M. BATEMAN, DIRECTOR, FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SERVICE

Committee Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 89 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2018

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SERVICE, SQUAD 16, FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution NO. 90 -2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes, Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2018

A RESOLUTUION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 - GOULDTOWN CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR CHARITABLE ROADWAY SOLICITATIONS

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 91 - 2018 seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table Resolution No. 92 - 2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 92 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR TO THE FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 - GOULDTOWN

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to table Resolution No. 92 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Nancy Sbrolla, Audit Manager for Ford-Scott Associates, LLC appointed by the Township Committee to perform this year's Municipal Audit and to assist in the 2018 Municipal Budget.

Mrs. Sbrolla advised that thus far the municipal audit is 90% percent complete. She indicated that the Township is in very good financial condition at this point and because of that, the Chief Financial Officer was able to put together a budget that has a zero tax increase along with coming in well below both the levy cap and spending cap.

Mrs. Sbrolla asked the Township Committee if they had any questions for her.

There were no questions from the Township Committee and none from the public.

Mayor Byrd thanked Mrs. Sbrolla for her presentation.

Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer reiterated just as Mrs. Sbrolla just indicated a zero tax increase this year.

Mr. Young explained that we worked hard to get it down to that. He advised that the Township has the same amount of services. He also explained that we did have to increase the ambulance service from where now we are collecting and running those fees for the weekends as well, whereby we had not had done in the past, which increased that line item some, however we did find ways to save money which resulted in this zero tax increase. Mr. Young thanked the Township Committee and the Administration for working on a great budget.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee and staff members if they had any questions for the Chief Financial Officer. There were none.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 86 - 2018 in the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 86 - 2018
ADOPTION OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion at adopt Resolution No. 86 - 2018.

At this time, Committeeman Clark arrived and took his seat at the dais at 7:18 p.m.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 86 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Gonzalez announced his daughter's wedding and as a result of his daughter's upcoming wedding, he will not be present at the next scheduled Township Committee meeting.

Committeeman Clark congratulated Committeeman Gonzalez on his daughter's wedding and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked the residents for coming out tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked the Chief Financial Officer for all his work in the preparation of the municipal budget and hopefully next year we will be just as prosperous and thanked the residents for coming out tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

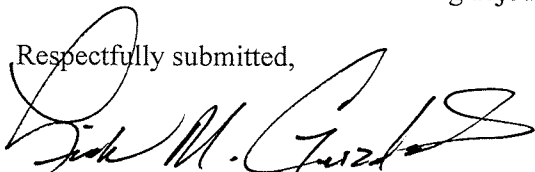
There was no need for an Executive Session.

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. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk