

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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 1st day of August 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 Deputy Mayor Pierce.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Manson, Deputy Mayor Pierce and Mayor Byrd.

Mayor Byrd announced that Committeeman Clark would be arriving late and Committeeman Gonzalez has been excused.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING JULY 11, 2018

CLOSED SESSION JULY 11, 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if there were any questions on the Regular and Closed Session Minutes of July 11, 2018. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the Regular and Closed Session minutes of July 11, 2018 as written seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: 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 list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 108 - 2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 108 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$975,883.65

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 108 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson.

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (2)

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2018

AN ORDINANCE FORMALIZING SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING DEEDING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO WILDLIFE PRESERVES, INC. AND TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF WILDLIFE PRESERVES, INC. V. NJDEP, FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AND TRI-STATE DREDGING COMPANY UNDER DOCKET NO: CUM-L-000698-10

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2 - 2018 on first reading seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2018

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS BEACH AVENUE LOCATED IN SEABREEZE, NEW JERSEY UNDER DOCKET NO: CUM-L-000698-10

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to introduce Ordinance No. 3 - 2018 on first reading seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

MODERN REMEDIES, LLC

Michael Testa, Jr. representing South State Inc. and Modern Remedies was presented to speak on a proposed application. The concept of Modern Remedies, LLC is a treatment center and is expected to open 64 jobs to Fairfield Township residents and clean ratables. He indicated that he realizes that he will need to seek all land use and any existing ordinances and future ordinances in order to seek the approval for this facility. Tonight's presentation was to introduce the concept and requests a Letter of Support from the governing body. The proposed facility will be on Gouldtown-Woodruff Road area.

For the record, Mayor Byrd indicated his conflict as well as Committeeman Manson. At this time, Township Solicitor invoked the Doctrine of Necessity being that there are 5 members on the Township Committee with 3 having a conflict, the third is Committeeman Clark who is not present, but will be in a little and another Committeeman who is absent. Township Carr suggested that we come back to this when Committeeman Clark arrives to the meeting.

EAST NILE FARMS

Harvel Brown spoke on the East Nile Farms and its nurseys specifics how they are harvested. This will bring in skilled employees and will be sustainable. It is anticipated to bring in 150-200 jobs.

Otis Nell, President of East Nile Farms elaborated on the process of harvesting without dirt. This is done by water only and no chemicals. The facility is housed inside. This will sell wholesale as well as retail. He also advised that he understands that this will need to go before the Planning and Zoning Board to seek the necessary approvals, and for now he is requesting a Letter of Support from the governing body. There were no objections from Committeeman Manson, Deputy Mayor Pierce or Mayor Byrd.

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 Manson. Roll Call Vote: Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Byrd, yes.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road appeared to advise that he owns both sides of the road at the Marina. He talked about vacating part of Husted Road for marina security purposes and would like to start this fall. Mr. Pierce was advised to submit his survey in order for the governing body to review his intent.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared regarding the Municipal Court Shared Services Agreement.

Mr. Pierce stated that he heard the Township was trying to get rid of the Township Ambulance Service.

Mr. Pierce was advised that the Township is facing some issues that we need to address, however that does not indicate that we are trying to get rid of anyone. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Pierce that the Township has a right to investigate in their financial business.

Cindy Zirkle, 24 Back Neck Road inquired as to when will the Seabreeze Wall be removed as this is concerning to Environmental groups.

Mrs. Zirkle advised that it will take a full time person to handle the Vacant & Abandoned Properties and also the enforcement of garage sales without a permit and dogs not being licensed.

Mrs. Zirkle suggested fliers be mailed with the tax bills indicating matters that require licensing and permitting.

Mrs. Zirkle referenced the appointment of Labor Counsel whereby she contacted Upper Deerfield Human Resources that charges \$75.00 per hour and suggested the Township look into that.

Mrs. Zirkle remarked on the Township's Ambulance Squad and how they have saved lives including her husband recently. She asked that the Township not hurt our Ambulance Squad.

Ernest Zirkle, 24 Back Neck Road appeared to indicate that he meant what he said at the previous meeting regarding our fabulous Ambulance Squad. He advised that had we not had our own Ambulance Squad and had to call a private one, that by the time they arrived, he does not believe he would be standing here tonight.

At this time Committeeman Clark arrived at the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

At this time, the Township Committee circled back to the Modern Remedies, LLC presentation in order to abreast Committeeman Clark as he was not present during this presentation.

Michael Testa, Jr., introduced himself as representative of South State Inc., and Modern Remedies, LLC and briefly re-announced on the proposed concept application from Modern Remedies, LLC.

Committeeman Clark asked if they had already obtained their license. Mr. Testa advised that no yet until they received a Letter of Support from the governing body. Committeeman Clark indicated that he had no objection in supporting this endeavor.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee for a vote on supplying a Letter of Support. The following vote was recorded as follows: Clark, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 109 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO THE FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FAIRTON TO MAKE AN APPLICATION CONSENTING A CHARITABLE ROADWAY SOLICITATION

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 109 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTION NO. 110 - 2018 THRU RESOLUTON NO. 114 - 2018

The Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial & 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.

There were no objections to the Consent Agenda. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion approving the Consent Agenda as Resolution No. 110 - 2018 through Resolution No. 114 - 2018.

Committeeman Clark moved to approve Resolution No. 110 - 2018 through Resolution No. 114 - 2018 as Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman Manson. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes, Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 110 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND APPROVING OF HOUSING REHABILITATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND ADOPTION OF STATE MODEL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 112 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 113 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND IDENTIFYING SMALL CITIES FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 114 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND APPROVING HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mayor Byrd read the following Resolutions into the record as follows

RESOLUTION NO. 115 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY SERVICES

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 115 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 116 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 116 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 117 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND APPOINTMENT OF LABOR COUNSEL

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 117 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will convene into Executive Session to discuss the following and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 118 - 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 118 - 2018 (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER N.J.S.A 10:4-12 (b)(5)

PURCHASE / LEASE / OR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY / DOLLAR GENERAL STORE DEAL - N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP (AMBULANCE SQUAD) AND (PATHSTONE CORPORATION)

Committeeman Manson moved to adopt Resolution No. 118 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Manson.

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

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the Township Committee is now in Open Session at 8:06 p.m. and the doors are now open after having discussed Sale of Property and Personnel Matters in Executive Session and that no action is taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for their support.

Committeeman Manson thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for their concerns and thoughts.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

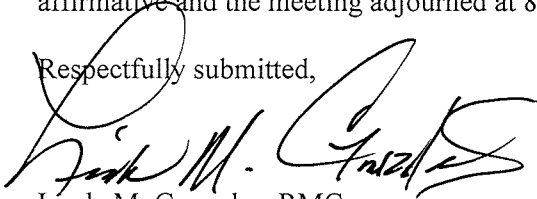
Mayor Byrd thanked Mr. Dixon for taking his time to come to the meeting tonight and also thanked the residents for their comments and concerns.

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 seconded by Committeeman Manson. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk