

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
JUNE 13, 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 13th day of June 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. A moment of silence was held in the memory of Township resident Virginia LeMatty.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

Committeeman Manson arrived at 7:29 pm prior to Executive Session.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MAY 2, 2018

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING MAY 16, 2018

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2018 as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, abstain, 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. Committeeman Clark and Mayor Byrd entered into the record their conflict pertaining to bill payable to South State Inc. At this time, Township Solicitor invoked the Doctrine of Necessity.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 96 - 2018 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,462.66

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 96 - 2018.

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 96 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. 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 & 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.

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

Dream Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road reported an issue at the Fairfield Township Convenience Center. The issue was regarding small pieces of sheet rock that she had taken to the Convenience Center and was informed that she could not bring this in as it was advised by her that it was construction material.

Mrs. Pierce indicated that she took the small pieces of sheet rock to the Cumberland County Landfill and was told by the County Landfill why did she not take it to the Fairfield Township Convenience Center where she would not have to pay by utilizing the County Landfill.

Mayor Byrd advised Mrs. Pierce that this would be looked into.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road reported inappropriate behavior at the Fairfield Township Convenience Center. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Pierce that he would have the Acting Township Administrator to investigate Mr. Pierce's complaint.

Dennis Pierce also reported that he has paid the County twice already for a deed as a result to an error. He advised that he has been waiting on the Tax Assessor's Office to get him what he needs to move forward and still has not received. Mayor Byrd directed the Acting Township Administrator to contact the Tax Assessor's Office regarding Mr. Pierce's request.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road reported the Convenience Center employees were just sitting around on benches under the umbrellas.

Mr. Russell Pierce reported potholes in front of South State, Incorporated. He also reported that asphalt was needed near 203 Clarks Pond Road.

Cindi Zirkle, 24 Back Neck Road announced matters regarding the new Vocational Technical school. She advised that the taxation alone to build this new school will impact the taxpayers more than they realize. She encouraged that the Township Committee get involved in this very important matter as the taxpayers cannot afford any more taxes.

Committeeman Gonzalez advised that he and the former Township Administrator did attend a recent meeting regarding this matter.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue touched on what Mrs. Zirkle announced. She advised this is a \$26 Million Bond that for the new school. Ms. Ridgeway advised that the Township Committee needs to be more involved.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD ADOPTING THE FORM OF THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED TO BE UTILIZED BY CLAIMANTS FOR THE FILING OF NOTICES OF TORT CLAIM AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY

TORT CLAIMS ACT, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6 AND DESIGNATING QUAL-LYNX AS THE AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO PROVIDE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL OF THE CLAIMANTS AND TO RECEIVE THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE CLAIMANTS
Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 97 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 98 - 2018

A RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-001-004 TO RIVERS EDGE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2018-2019 LICENSING TERM

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 98 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WALTER L. BROWN + JOYCE CLEGG T/C REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #09-24 IN INSTALLMENTS

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 99 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 100 - 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 Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 100 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, abstain and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

PUNCH CARDS

Code Enforcement Officer Clarence Dixon advised that punch cards were utilized once upon a time at the Convenience Center to curb the amount of entry in to the Convenience Center. He advised that this was very effective practice. He indicated that 90% of the residents who take their refuse to the center do not have placards. The use of punch cards would stop the complaints of traffic coming in more than they are allowed. There is a concern that a lot of trash is being brought in to the Convenience Center and that most likely a lot of this refuse is not generated here in Fairfield Township but being brought in from outside of the Township.

The Township Committee indicated that they were not opposed to the punch cards but raised a concern regarding manpower to govern the gate entry. It was indicated that no matter what we do, we do need to change the logistics in order to have a better handle on this matter.

At this time, Committeeman Manson arrived at the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Byrd advised that the Township Committee will re-visit this matter at the next meeting.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will convene into Executive Session.

Mayor Byrd read the following Resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 101 - 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)

MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 101 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Manson, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At 7:30 p.m. the Township Committee convened into Executive Session with all members present.

At 7:38 p.m. the Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open at 7:38 p.m. and that the Township

Committee is now in Open Session after having discussion in Executive Session regarding two (2) Personnel Matters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

There were no Committee Reports from the Township Committee. The Township Committee thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and to drive home safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

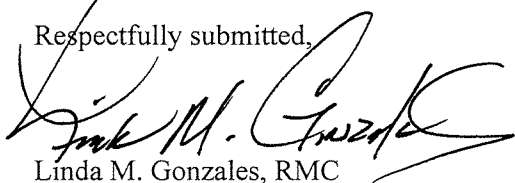
Mayor Byrd announced reported that a recommendation from the Personnel Committee is forthcoming to the Township Committee for the position of Full Time Township Administrator.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk