

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 19th day of September 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

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 15, 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Committeeman if they had any questions on the minutes for Regular Meeting August 15, 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: 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. Committeeman Clark and Mayor Byrd enter into the record their conflict on the bill payable to South State, Inc.

At this time, Township Solicitor explained that there being a membership of 5 on the Township Committee with 2 who entered their conflict into the record and absent member Committeeman Manson who also may have a potential conflict invoked the Doctrine of Necessity into the record in order for the Township to pay the bill.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 132 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684,577.74

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 132 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.

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

ORDINANCES 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 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: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue inquired if the Township had a budget line item for the appointment of Labor Counsel. Ms. Irving was advised that one does exist. Ms. Ridgeway asked if the appointment would be advertised. Ms. Irving was advised that the appointment would be published in the newspaper.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road commented on the great township wide clean up job done by Public Works Supervisor Nate Dunn and Public Works Department employee John Gonzales before the holiday.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road added Acting Township Administrator Michael Burden to the compliment made by Russell Pierce.

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.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 133 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COOMBS DRIVE

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 133 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 134 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 4 - 2018 / INSTALL GAS SERVICE / 377 GOULD AVENUE

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 134 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COPIN DRIVE, DUCHESS PLACE, SEENA DRIVE, LEE DRIVE AND BAREND STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 135 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 136 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO UPDATE THE 2018 TAX LIST TO REFLECT A MINOR SUBDIVISION

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 136 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Gonzalez, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 2018

TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND CANCELS CERTAIN TAX AMOUNTS FOR BLOCK 44, LOT 7.03 KNOWN AS 35 WESTCOTT STATION ROAD

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 137 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 138 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 TO CENTURY SAVING BANK FOR THE 2018-2019 LICENSE TERM

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 138 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL REDEVELOPMENT ZONE AND TO CREATE A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 139 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session to discuss the following matters indicated under Resolution No. 140 - 2018 and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 140 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2018 (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7) ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE - POTENTIAL LITIGATION/DON ROGERS, INC. AND CONTRACTUAL / DOLLAR GENERAL STORE

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8) PERSONNEL MATTERS - EMS FIRE RESCUE SQUAD, CONVENIENCE CENTER, PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE (ADMINISTRATIVE) AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL MANUAL

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 140 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

The Township Committee convened into Open Session with all members present at 7:37 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the Township Committee is back into Open Session and the doors are now open at 7:37 pm after having discussion on Potential Litigation/Contractual Matter and Personnel Matters. As a result of the discussion, Mayor Byrd read the following Resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 141 - 2018

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

[ALBERT MILETTA, JR. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2018]

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 141 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2018

A RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE

[MIKE RUIZ EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2018]

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 142 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for their continued support. Committeeman Clark also thanked the public for their compliments made on our Public Works Department.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to drive home safe.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

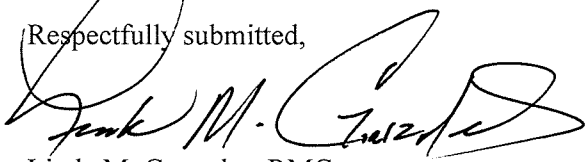
Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out tonight and appreciates everyone's participation and we look forward to seeing you again.

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 Clark. All members voted in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk