

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 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 3rd day of October 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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Minutes of September 19, 2018. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Regular Minutes.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to approve the Regular Minutes of September 19, 2018 as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the September 19, 2018 Closed Session Minutes. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 19, 2018 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. There were none.

Mayor Byrd read into the record Resolution No. 143 - 2018 and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,578.94

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 143 - 2018 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) - (TWO)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 4 - 2018 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SPECIFICALLY THE REZONING OF BLOCK 52, LOT 35 AND TRACT 8 AS PART OF THE MRCW (MARINE RECREATION CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE ZONE)

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

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 5 - 2018 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2018

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HUSTED LANDING ROAD

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

Mayor Byrd read into the record 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 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.

George Hicks, 5 Hartz Drive reported his concern regarding the mining operation on Reeves Road. A circulated petition signed by residents requesting the Township involvement in the matter and requesting a written answer to each of the question presented on the petition.

Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Hicks that they have been informed about the mining operation and that the Township is looking into the complaint both at legal and safe aspects.

Bren Fredrick reported the unprofessional conduct of the Animal Control Officer, Tri-County Animal Control Services, LLC. Ms. Fredrick indicated that several calls were made to the Animal Control Officer reporting a small malnourished Chihuahua dog that was either abandoned or running at large on August 26, 2018 at the corner of Burlington and Shoemaker Road. She advised that she waited at the site for the Animal Control Officer who never showed up. She advised that she called the Animal Control Officer again and was not received well and that she was told by the Animal Control Officer to leave the dog alone, that the dog would find its way home. She advised that she was concerned for the dog's safety and winded up transporting the dog in her own vehicle to the Cumberland County Animal Shelter.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items 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 into the record the following Resolutions as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 144 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ACCEPTING A SALES CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE BUYER AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH REGARD TO THAT PUBLIC SALE OF LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 19, LOT 45.01 HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND SALE LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ ON JULY 19, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to adopt Resolution No. 144 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 2018

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM

Committeeman Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 145 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez.
Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table Resolution No. 146 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 2018

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Deputy Mayor Pierce moved to table Resolution No. 146 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

Acting Township Administrator Michael Burden reported on the updated Personnel Handbook.

Mr. Burden explained that the MEL has extended the deadline to November 1, 2018 and recommended that this be adopted at the next schedule Township Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark thanked the residences for coming out tonight with their support in the Township and the community.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residences for coming out tonight and to drive home safe and have a nice Columbus Day holiday.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd stated that it is nice to see new faces at our meeting and thanked the residences for coming out tonight. He thanked the resident for reporting the issue regarding the Animal Control Officer and to please feel free to contact us.

Mayor Byrd thanked Clarence Dixon, Code Enforcement Officer for attending tonight's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

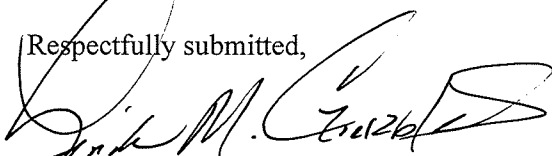
There was no need for an Executive Session.

AJOURNMENT

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 Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk