

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
APRIL 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the OPMA Statement 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 April 2019 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 March 22, 2019 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 Tommy Clark, Jr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Township Administrator Burden, Township Clerk Gonzales, Chief Financial Officer Young and Auditor Sbrolla.

Mayor Byrd read into the record the Public Comment on Current Agenda Item as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEM

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 current agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee 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 Item.

Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. moved to open Public Comment on Current Agenda Item seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

There being no public in attendance, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Item seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzales, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

REVIEW / DISCUSSION

CALENDAR YEAR 2019 PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Nancy Sbrolla from Ford Scott & Associates, LLC and Neil Young Chief Financial Officer gave a brief overall on the 2019 Municipal Budget. A budget entails less than a penny increase. The increase is based on the payment of bonds for the Fairton Ambulance Squad and Fire Truck for the Gouldtown Fire Company. Township Auditor stated that the last tax increase for Fairfield Township was back in 2016 and no increase for calendar year 2017 - 2018. She advised that the Township has been very conservative and is glad to see this as she recalls when the Township had no money and that we are in a good financial balance.

Chief Financial Officer Neil Young explained in detail each budget line item to comparison of last year's. Upon the budget presentation, Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

At this time, Ms. Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue arrived at the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Byrd and the Township Committee thanked Nancy Sbrolla and Neil Young for being present tonight. The Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget will be held at 7:00 pm tonight.

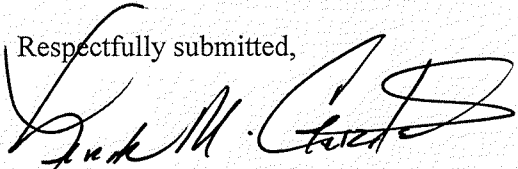
Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer will be present for the 7:00 pm meeting in the event there are any proposed questions concerning the municipal budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the Budget Work Session Meeting.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adjourn seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk