

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 January 3, 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Byrd, yes.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Gonzalez.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes. Committeeman Mark K. Pierce went into the record that he had no questions other than he would abstain from the Regular and Closed Session of December 12, 2018 and the Emergency Meeting of December 31, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2018 AND CLOSED SESSION OF DECEMBER 12, 2018  
Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the Regular and Closed Session minutes of December 12, 2018 as written seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

EMERGENCY MEETING OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

The minutes for this meeting were deferred as Committeeman Gonzalez was not present tonight to vote leaving only two members Committeeman Clark and Mayor Byrd who can vote but motion would have failed as Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., would vote abstain as he was not present at the December 31, 2018.

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2019

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2019 as written seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., 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 for payable to South State, Inc.

At this time Township Solicitor Carr invoked the Doctrine of Necessity into the record.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 39 - 2019 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 39 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$501,983.31

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 39 - 2019 seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes, Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 1 - 2019 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2017 AMENDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TERMS REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

There were none.

Mayor Byrd read into the record 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 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared and indicated that he received correspondence from Doug Long, Attorney for Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP regarding a court cancelation date and wanted to know why he received it from Mr. Long and not from John G. Carr, Township Solicitor.

Mr. Pierce was informed that there was a schedule conflict for Township Solicitor Carr.

Geneva Griffin appeared to question the bill list presented tonight. She inquired what position does Doug Long work for the Township and what does it have to do with the firewood complaint.

Ms. Griffin was advised that there was a schedule conflict with Township Solicitor Carr and Doug Long is the Labor Attorney. Ms. Griffin made references to picking your "own cronies" and she made referenced to the bills payable to Grace Marmero & Associates Law Firm. Ms. Griffin also questioned the payable for the Christmas Party and why did it cost so much money. She stated that the Christmas Party could have been held at the Municipal Building and it wouldn't of cost that much. Mr. Griffin was advised that the Municipal Building would not accommodate a party of 50 or more.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Township is paying a load of attorney fees at tax payer's expense. She advised that the taxes in Fairfield were much higher than Millville and that the citizens in Fairfield are told that taxes have not gone up. She made referenced to a document that shows otherwise.

At this time, Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Griffin that her 5 minutes were up.

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road appeared and stated the Township did not need to pay all these attorney fees as we have a prosecutor to handle matters for the Township.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the newly elected Township Committeeman and newly re-elected Township Committeeman. Ms. Ridgeway stated that the Township held an Emergency Meeting and asked for what purpose. She was advised for budget transfer.

Ms. Ridgeway also inquired on bill payable for \$125.00 for pictures taken at the Reorganization Meeting.

She was advised that there were pictures of the Mayor and Township Committee to be displayed in the Municipal Building.

Ms. Ridgeway reminded the Township Committee that we have a Municipal Court Shared Service Agreement with the City of Bridgeton and they have prosecutors there to represent the Township and that we shouldn't have to pay other prosecutors.

Treemanisha Stewart appeared to discuss a scope of research that she would like to implement. Ms. Stewart explained she is working towards obtaining her Phd and as part of that would include a thesis project. She explained the purpose of her study would determine how residents and employees feel about Fairfield Township implementing an E-Government system. This would consist of doing virtually everything online that a resident come in for such as complaints, paying taxes and filing marriage certificates and others. She indicated that the end results will be a comprehensive look at all the pros, cons, strengths and barriers to implementing an E-Government System. She explained that the Township would be under no obligation to do anything with the results of her research, nor would there be any monetary cost associated with her project.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### RESOLUTION NO. 40 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARCUS FORTUNE TO SERVE AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ON THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 40 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LOREN JOYNES AS ALTERNATE IV MEMBER ON THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 41 - 2019 seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 42 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARION KENNEDY, JR. AS THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 42 - 2019 seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 43 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MIKE PETERSON AS CHAIRPERSON ON THE RECREATION BOARD

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 43 - 2019 seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 44 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM MOSLEY AS THE NIMS COORDINATOR

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 44 - 2018 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

##### RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 45 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A JUNK YARD LICENSE TO B&M AUTO SALVAGE, LLC

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 46 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 - 2019

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$911.78 TO CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution NO. 47 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2019

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$38.60 TO ROBERT AND DEBBIE AMARANTO

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 48 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 49 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR PHILIP P. HOFFMAN

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 50 - 2019 seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 51 - 2019

A TRICO-JIF RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOR THE 2019 FUND YEAR

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 51 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2019

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

NJSA 10:4-12 (b)(4) Collective Bargaining Agreement / Fairfield Township & NJCSA Cumberland Council #18

NJSA 10:4-12 (b) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship /Interview of a Part-Time Planning & Zoning Board Secretary; Additional EMT'S and Ambulance Service

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 52 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, yes; and Mayor Byrd, yes.

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

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

The Township Committee convened into Open Session with all members present. Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open at 7:48 pm after having discussed Personnel Matters and Contractual Matters.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had none to report at this time.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. had none to report at this time.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. inquired on any updates regarding the Fairfield Township Landfill. Acting Township Administrator Burden advised that we are waiting for response from the Township Engineer. Concerns of were raised due to the fact that the Township cleared brush and debris as mandated by the State and vegetation will be growing up again.

Mayor Byrd had none to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL BUILDING HEATING UNIT QUOTES PROVIDED BY ACTING TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Acting Township Administrator Burden provided quotes for the heating unit for the Municipal Building. Discussion ensued regarding their options of new system vs replacement of heater exchange and warranties. This matter will be re-addressed at the next scheduled meeting to allow the Acting Township Administrator to explore further.

Mayor Byrd nor the Township Committee had any New Business to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. had no report to give at this time and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and addressing their concerns.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for everyone to please drive home safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

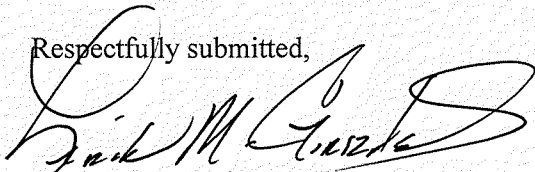
Mayor Byrd announced into the record, that disruption in the meeting will not be tolerated. He advised the Public Portion Meeting is going to adhere to the 5 minute rule and we are to going to respect the residents and they residents will show the same respect. Meetings will be held and conducted professionally and the State Police will be contacted should they need to as disruption will not be tolerated at all.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk