

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. 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 20th day of March 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

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

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 and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MARCH 6, 2019

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Work Session Action Minutes of March 6, 2019. There were none. Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session of March 6, 2019 as written seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

CLOSED SESSION MEETING MARCH 6, 2019

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Closed Session minutes of March 6, 2019. There were none. Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the Closed Session minutes of March 6, 2019 as written seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the CFO. Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. indicated that he had a potential conflict with the payable bill for South State, Inc.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 69 - 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 69 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$376,952.49

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 69 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, but abstained for payable to South State, Inc., Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. 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.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to open the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved and 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 and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

George Harris, 409 East Avenue reported harassment by the Animal Control Officer. He indicated that approximately 3 weeks ago the Animal Control Services were at his residence and then 7 days later, 2 State Troopers and the Prosecutor were at his place of residence for allegedly dog(s) inhumane conditions. The Township Committee directed the Acting Township Administrator to look into Mr. Harris complaint.

Mr. Harris also reported shrubbery obstructing the view at East Avenue and Reeves Road. Township Committee advised him that the vicinity is in the jurisdiction of Deerfield Township. Deerfield Township will be contacted to report this obstruction of view.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road advised that he has yet to receive a response to his complaint. He made reference to a structure that was installed and that as a property owner was not notified as required and he asked if there was a zoning permit obtained for the structure.

Mr. Pierce reported that he has been summons to court 5 times over the seasonal firewood and that his attorney advised him that his business registration was rescinded and requested who has the authority to revoke a business registration.

Mr. Pierce stated that he put in an OPRA Request for the job description of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Geneva Griffin, Shoemaker Lane stated that she does not see on the Agenda the reflection of discussion or introduction of the current municipal year budget. Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. advised Ms. Griffin that the budget is still being worked on and is forthcoming. Ms. Griffin indicated that the Township was late in introducing the budget and asked the Township Clerk for clarification. Township Clerk Gonzales advised Ms. Griffin that in accordance to the Local Finance Notice 2018-28 states that it must be completed by the next regularly scheduled meeting after March 29th, that being said for us that means we must introduce the budget by April 3rd meeting. Ms. Griffin asked if the Township Committee was going to hold a Budget Work Session on April 3rd. Ms. Griffin was advised affirmative.

Ms. Griffin made referenced to Resolution No. 71 - 2019 indicated on the agenda for a raffle license. She said recognition was in order for the local Indian Tribe from a recent announcement and congratulated them.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Township Committee needs to pay attention to when it comes to targeting just one person. It must be applied to all and not one individual.

She advised that it is not fair nor is it beneficial as a whole and it is the Committee's responsibility to look into those matters.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to close seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

RESOLUTIONS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. read the following Resolutions into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 70 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING AN OFF - PREMISE MERCHANDISE LICENSE TO NANTICOKE LENNI-LENAPE INDIANS OF NJ, INC.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 71 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

NJSA 10:4-12 (b)(4) UPDATE / FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP & NJCSA CUMBERLAND COUNCIL #18 UNION CONTRACT

NJSA 10:4-12 (b)(6) UPDATE / BUILDING SECURITY

NJSA 10:4-12(b)(7) ATTORNEY CLIENT LITIGATION DON ROGERS, INC. AND AMBULANCE SQUAD

NJSA 10:4-12(b)(8) PERSONNEL MATTERS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 72 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session and is expected to return back into Open Session and asked the general public to clear room to discuss matters as indicated on Resolution No. 72 - 2019.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present. Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open at 8:03 p.m. after having discussed Union Negotiation Contract, Building Security Updates and Employee Training. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL BUILDING BASEMENT HEATER QUOTES

Felipe Maisonave was present to discuss heater quotes for the Municipal Building. Quotes presented were for a new heater and quotes for a heat exchange. After further discussion, the Township Committee indicated that they would like to see the 2019 budget first. Mr. Maisonave was directed to report back with his findings when the vendor returns back to do his service as a follow up in order to make a determination as to what direction the Township wants to move forward with.

The Township Committee did not have any Old Business at this time to report.

The road condition at the Marina that was recently reported at a prior meeting has been addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr inquired the estimated time of completion for the solar project. Acting Township Administrator advised it is anticipated by May 1st. Committeeman Clark advised the Township Administrator to ensure that the contractors rope off their work station/equipment and etc., if not completed by May 1st as a precaution when summer league commences.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked everyone also for coming out tonight.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and hopes to see them again at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

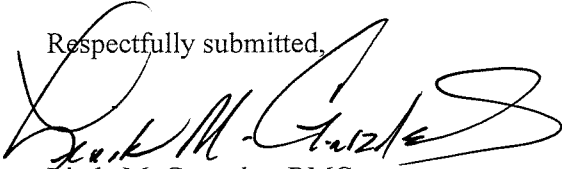
Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to bear with him as Deputy Chairperson as he is getting accumulated in chairing the meetings and thanked the general public for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk