

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
MAY 15, 2019

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 15th day of May 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., present; Committeeman Mark K. Piece, Sr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER NOT PRESENT

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Work Session and Closed Session minutes of May 1, 2019. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MAY 1, 2019

CLOSED SESSION MEETING MAY 1, 2019

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., moved to approve the Work Session Action and Closed Session minutes of May 1, 2019 as written seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., abstain, Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., 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 no questions. Mayor Byrd entered into the record his conflict on bill payable to South State, Inc.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 86 - 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 86 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,776.04

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 86 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstained on bill payable to South State, Inc.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

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.

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

Ed Kimley, Seabreeze Road asked for clarification on Resolution No. 88 - 2019. Mr. Kimley was advised that proposals are being solicited for professional engineering services for the Municipal Building & Recreation Complex for ADA Compliance.

Mr. Kimley made referenced to a payable to Labor Counsel in the amount of \$1,275.00 for one day of service.

George Hicks, 5 Hartz Drive stated that he prepared some notes for the Township Committee to review. The notes were handed over to Acting Township Administrator.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road reported that as the Memorial holiday is approaching there are some potholes at the marina boat ramp that need to be filled and also tall grass on right-of-way that need to be cut.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda and Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non Agenda Items seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 5 - 2019 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE/ 31 WALDEN DRIVE [741' S C/L OF REEVES ROAD]

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 87 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACTING TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 88 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 - 2019

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

MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP / N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)
AMBULANCE SERVICE

PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE (ADMINISTRATIVE)
UPDATE BACH ENGINEERING

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 89 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session to discuss matters as indicated on Resolution No. 89 - 2019 and that action is anticipated. The Township Committee will return back into Open Session.

The Township Committee convened into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open at 8:14 p.m. and the Township Committee is now Open Session after having discussed personnel matters in Executive Session.

Mayor Byrd announced the following as a result from Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT PART TIME TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 90 - 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 Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd announced the following as a result from Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART TIME EMT'S FOR THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SQUAD

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 91 - 2019 seconded by David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Jr. thanked the residents for coming out tonight and welcomed the new hires.

Committeeman David Gonzalez wished everyone a safe Memorial Holiday and welcomed the new employees.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. apologized for being late, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed the new hires.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

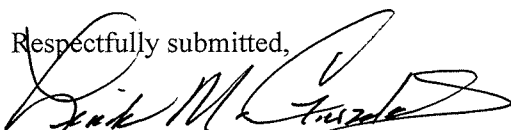
Mayor Byrd reiterated the same sentiments as given by the Township Committee and thanked Chief Bateman for running our ambulance service for our residents of this Township.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk