

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
MAY 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Byrd read the Open Public Meeting Act 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 1st 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 Tommy Clark, Jr.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING APRIL 17, 2019 / CLOSED SESSION MEETING APRIL 17, 2019

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular and Closed Session Minutes of April 17, 2019. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the Regular and Closed Session minutes of April 17, 2019 meeting as written seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; 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. Committeemen Tommy Clark, Jr. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. indicated into the record their conflict with payable to South State Inc. Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. indicated his conflict on payable for Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 84 - 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 84 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$882,644.00

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 84 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, abstained on payable to South State, Inc., Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, yes, abstained on payable to Gouldtown Fire Company No. 2 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, abstained on payable to South State, Inc.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None.

2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

NANCY SBROLLA - PRESENTATION OF 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Nancy Sbrolla, Municipal Auditor, Ford Scott & Associates, LLC and Neil Young, Chief Financial Officer gave a brief synopsis of the municipal budget for calendar year 2019. The budget as explained has less than a penny increase. The increase is payment on the Ban Anticipation Notes for acquisition of an ambulance for the Fairton Ambulance Squad, a fire truck for the Gouldtown Fire Company No. 2 and also the clearing of brush/trees/debris at the Fairfield Township Convenience Center to be in compliance with the required standards issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the presentation of the 2019 Municipal Budget. There were none.

At this time, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing of 2019 Municipal Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to open Public Hearing of 2019 Municipal Budget seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

There were no comments. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing of 2019 Municipal Budget.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to close Public Hearing of 2019 Municipal Budget seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

The Township Committee thanked both the Municipal Auditor and Chief Financial Officer thanked them for their presentation on the 2019 Municipal Budget.

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

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

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue inquired if the Township Committee was going to adopt the 2019 Municipal Budget being that there was a Public Hearing.

Neil Young advised Ms. Ridgeway that the Township at this time could not adopt the 2019 Municipal Budget because the State has not reviewed the budget for approval.

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

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy

Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 85 - 2019 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 2019

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

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

AMBULANCE SQUAD

PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 85 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session to discuss matters as indicated on Resolution No. 85 - 2019.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session with all members present at 7:46 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open at 7:46 pm and the Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed Personnel Matters.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked the residents for coming out tonight, safe travels to their home and will see them again in a few weeks.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked the residents for coming out tonight and those who attended and participated in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked the residents for coming out tonight as well and wished everyone a nice evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

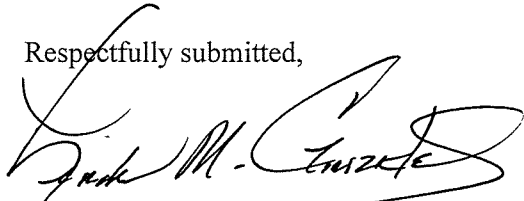
Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked the residents for coming out tonight and those who participated in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt was a success and it was very well attended.

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 the meeting seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk