

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. 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 13th day of November 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; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present, Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Township Administrator Burden, Planning/Zoning Board Solicitor John DeSimone in place of Township Solicitor John Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd asked if there were any questions on the minutes for the Work Session Action Meeting of October 2, 2019. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Work Session Action minutes of October 2, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2019

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to approve the Work Session minutes of October 2, 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., abstain, Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd asked if there were any questions on the minutes for the Regular Action Meeting and Closed Session Meeting. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Regular Action and Closed Session minutes of October 16, 2019.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2019

CLOSED SESSION MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2019

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the Regular Action minutes and Closed Session minutes of October 16, 2019 as written seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, abstain; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., abstain and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF CY 2019 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

Township Clerk Gonzales reported the results of the answers generated to the questions submitted on October 20, 2019 to the Local Finance Board regarding the CY Best Practices Inventory. This year a total of 84 questions were distributed compared to 61 questions last year in 2018. The inventory score is 30 and greater in order to receive enough points to get our full final state aid payment. We score 42 points. The Township will receive 100% State Aid.

REVIEW OF BILL LISTS PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered their conflicts regarding bill payable to South State, Inc. Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entered into the record his conflict on payable to the Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company. There being no further questions and or comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 149 - 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 149 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,165,383.01

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 149 - 2019 in the amount of \$1,165,383.01 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, but abstain for payable to South State, Inc.; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes, but abstain for payment to Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstain for payment to South State, Inc.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 9 - 2019 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 9 - 2019

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRUCKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING FIFTY-FIVE THOSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000) THEREFORE

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 9 - 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

There were no questions/comments on the Public Hearing. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 9 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt on final reading.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Ordinance No. 9 - 2019 on final reading 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.

Mayor Byrd read 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.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to open seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. 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 were no comments/questions. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items and Non Agenda Items.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to close seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 150 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSES TO THE NJ DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES CY2019 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 150 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 151 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO FRALINGER ENGINEERING IN THE SUM OF \$40,000 IN CONNECTION WITH ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DCA SMALL CITIES PROJECT 19-0446-00 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 151 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 152 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUMBERLAND COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 152 - 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 153 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A FORM OF SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR RESIDENT/TAXPAYER SHIRLEY ANN JOHNSON

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution NO. 153 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 12 - 2019 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 338 CLARKS POND ROAD (501' S C/L FAIRTON-MILLVILLE ROAD)

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 154 - 2019 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.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that the Tax Collector had presented the governing body an approval for redemption in installments for Whilden Pierce Estate property and asked if there were any questions or objections. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 155 - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #18-00006 IN INSTALLMENTS FOR WHILDEN PIERCE ESTATE PROPERTY

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 155 - 2019 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 156 - 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)(4) FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP & NJSCA CUMBERLAND COUNSEL #18

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) ATTORNEY LEGAL UPDATES

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) INTERVIEW(S) FOR PUBLIC WORKS LABOR POSITION; FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SERVICE PERSONNEL

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 156 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. 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.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will convene into Executive Session to discuss matters under Resolution No. 156 - 2019 and that action is anticipated.

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

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session at 8:32 p.m. The doors are now opened at 8:32 p.m. after having discussed Union Contract, Attorney Update on Don Rogers, Inc., Personnel Matters and Interviews conducted for Full Time and Part Time Public Works Laborer.

Mayor Byrd announced as a result of the Executive Session, he entertained a motion for the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 157 - 2019

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATIONS OF THREE (3) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 156 - 2019 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.

Mayor Byrd announced as part the discussion held in Executive Session, he entertained a motion for the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2019

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIRING A FULL TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER, A PART TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER AND AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 158 - 2019 seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Tommy Clark Jr. inquired if a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the grand opening of the new Dollar General Store. Acting Township Administrator advised that he had asked and was told that they did not hold this type of ceremony, but that he would inquire again.

Quotes were provided and discussed regarding the need for a new heat exchanger system for the basement located downstairs and also in the meeting room. Upon further discussion, the Township Committee had no objections to replace the heat exchanging system conditioned upon funds being certified by the Chief Financial Officer. It was also recommended that if funding is available to start with the meeting room first.

Acting Township Administrator Burden reported \$3,579.00 was generated as a result from surplus property sold on GovDeals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked the voters for their support in another term in office.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday and also announced on the 75th anniversary of the Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and congratulated Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Committeeman David Gonzalez for their election victory for another 3 year term.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any objections in changing the meeting time for the Regular Action Meeting on December 11, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There were no objections.

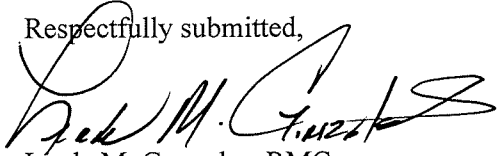
Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out tonight and also thanked Felipe Maisonave, Public Works Foreman for attending tonight's meeting to discuss the heat exchanger unit and his input on the interviews conducted tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk