

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2020

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

On December 20, 2019 Notice of this meeting was electronically submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City and duly posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Building. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

FLAG SALUTE

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales gave the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials for a three (3) year to both Township Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Township Committeeman David Gonzalez.

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; Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales stated into the record that she will now accept a motion to nominate a Mayor/Chairperson.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to nominate Benjamin Byrd, Sr. as Mayor/Chairperson seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales announced that she has a motion and seconded.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales asked for a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to close the nomination seconded by Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales announced that there is a motion on the floor to nominate Benjamin Byrd, Sr. as Mayor/Chairperson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales gave the Oath of Office to Mayor/Chairperson Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. presides the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR/VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. announced that he will now accept a motion to nominate a Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to nominate Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd announced that he has a motion and seconded.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. asked for a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to close the nomination seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. announced that there is a motion on the floor to nominate Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

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.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR/VICE CHAIRPERSON

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales gave the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson Marvin Pierce, Jr.

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 the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and 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. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to closed 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. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that he would entertain a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1 - 2020 to Resolution No. 10 - 2020 if there were no objections. There were none.

Mayor Byrd read into the record Resolutions No. 1 - 2020 to Resolution No. 10 - 2020 as follows:

RESOLUTIONS/PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS

No. 1 - 2020 Appointment of John G. Carr as Township Solicitor

No. 2 - 2020 Appointment of John DeSimone as Township Conflict Solicitor

No. 3 - 2020 Appointment of Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Engineer

No. 4 - 2020 Appointment of Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Conflict Township Engineer

No. 5 - 2020 Appointment of Pennoni Associates, Inc. as Environmental Engineer (LSRP)

No. 6 - 2020 Appointment of Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Surveyor

No. 7 - 2020 Appointment of Fralinger Engineering PA as Stormwater Management Engineer

No. 8 - 2020 Appointment of Joel M. Fleishman, Esq., as Bond Counsel

No. 9 - 2020 Appointment of Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP as Tax Foreclosure Attorney

No. 10 - 2020 Appointment of Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP as Labor Counsel

On a motion by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. to adopt Resolution No. 1 - 2020 to Resolution No. 10 - 2020 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.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11 - 2020 to Resolution No. 17 - 2020 if there were no objections. There were none.

No. 11 - 2020 Appointment of Ford Scott & Associates as Township Auditor

No. 12 - 2020 Appointment of Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP as Tax Appeal Attorney

No. 13 - 2020 Appointment of Hardenberg Insurance Group, Inc. as Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker

No. 14 - 2020 Appointment of Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Township Planner

No. 15 - 2020 Appointment of Shore Animal Control Services, LLC as Township's Animal Control Officer

No. 16 - 2020 Appointment of Triad Associates as Grant Writing Services

No. 17 - 2020 Appointment of Corporate Employee Benefits, LLC as Heath Benefits Administration

On a motion by David Gonzalez to adopt Resolution No. 11 - 2020 to Resolution No. 17 - 2020 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.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Township Committee. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. Resolution No. 18 - 2020 through Resolution No. 45 - 2020

Mayor Byrd read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

No. 18 - 2020 A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2020 Calendar Year Including 2021 Reorganization Meeting

No. 19 - 2020 Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings

No. 20 - 2020 Establish dates and times of the Fairfield Township Hazard Work Group & Local Emergency Planning Committee

No. 21 - 2020 Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

No. 22 - 2020 Adopting A Cash Management Plan

No. 23 - 2020 Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2020

No. 24 - 2020 Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks

No. 25 - 2020 Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2020

- No. 26 - 2020 Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository
- No. 27 - 2020 Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale
- No. 28 - 2020 Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00
- No. 29 - 2020 Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2020
- No. 30 - 2020 Transfer 2019 Tax Overpayments to 2020 Open Balances
- No. 31 - 2020 Appointment of a Tax Search Officer
- No. 32 - 2020 Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals
- No. 33 - 2020 Appointment of Fund Commissioner & Alternate
- No. 34 - 2020 Appointment of Safety Coordinator & Deputy
- No. 35 - 2020 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- No. 36 - 2020 Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and staff members to the Fairfield Township Office of Emergency Management
- No. 37 - 2020 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class I, Mayor's Designee, Class II, Class III, Class IV Member and Alternate III Member
- No. 38 - 2020 Appointments to Environmental Commission
- No. 39 - 2020 Appointments to Recreation Board
- No. 40 - 2020 Appointment NIMS Coordinator
- No. 41 - 2020 Appointment of a CDL Drug Testing Lab
- No. 42 - 2020 Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaisons Committee & Additional Sub-Committee
- No. 43 - 2020 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator & Clean Communities Coordinator
- No. 44 - 2020 A Resolution of the Annual Designation of Municipal Holidays for Fairfield Township Committee and Establishing the Date of Halloween Recognition along with Trick-or-Treat Hours
- No. 45 - 2020 A Resolution Accepting The Proposal from EMS Consultant Group In The Amount of \$3,500.00

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda 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, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

COMMITTEE REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman David Gonzalez wished everyone a Happy New Year and their continued support and thanked the residents for their vote in his second term in Office as Township Committeeman.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thanked the Township Committee for their nomination of support in appointing him for another year as their Deputy Mayor/Chairperson.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and congratulations to Committeeman David Gonzalez, Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Committeeman David Gonzalez reported on his meeting with Congressman Jeff Van Drew.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. commended Committeeman David Gonzalez on his meeting with Congressman Jeff Van Drew. He explained that the meeting was not well received by some.

He thanked Committeeman Gonzalez for standing up for our community. Mayor Benjamin Byrd also thanked the Acting Township Administrator, the Township Clerk and the Township Solicitor for all that they do.

BENEDICTION

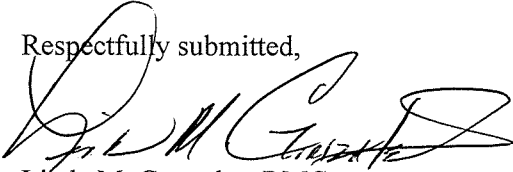
The Benediction was given by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adjourn seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda M. Gonzales', written over a faint, larger signature.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk