

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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 5th day of February 2020 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 8, 2020 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman David Gonzalez and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2020

CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Regular Action and Closed Session of January 15, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Action and Closed Session of January 15, 2020 as written seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., abstain 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 none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 54 - 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$913,346.14

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the bill list seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 2 - 2020 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE SETTING POLICY REGARDING REFUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR VETERANS DEEMED TO BE TOTALLY DISABLED

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2 - 2020 on first reading seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read Ordinance No. 1 - 2020 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2017 SECTION 13-7.4(c), GARAGES, CARPORTS, STORAGE BUILDINGS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS FOR DOMESTIC PETS: MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOWED OF THE CODES OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to open Public Hearing seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion close the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to close the Public Hearing seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1 - 2020 on final reading.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1 - 2020 on final reading seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd thanked Ms. Ridgeway for her recommendation issued on contacting the Township Planner for their input and advice on Ordinance No. 1 - 2020.

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

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue asked for clarification on Ordinance No. 2 - 2020. Township Solicitor Carr explained that the allowable exemption from property taxation is for the year in which the claim was filed.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road reported dip in the road on Clarks Pond Road and also potholes on Husted-Landing Road that need to be addressed.

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

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2020)

The Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial & 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. 55 - 2020

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A SALES CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE BUYER AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH REGARD TO THAT PUBLIC LAND SALE KNOWN AS BLOCK 17, LOT 28.01 HELD AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LAND SALE LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ ON JULY 19, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM FRALINGER ENGINEERING PA FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND INSPECTION/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR GREEN WAY, GEORGE STREET AND COUNTRY CLUB RECONSTRUCTION

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

PERMIT NO. 3 - 2020

INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 344 CLARKS POND ROAD 784' S C/L FAIRTON-MILLVILLE ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A FORM OF SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF A SMALL CITIES PROGRAM MORTGAGE FOR RESIDENT/TAXPAYER EVEL On a motion by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE / CONTRACTUAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 60 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will not convene into Executive Session.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Opens Session at 7:36 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open and the Township Committee is back into Open Session after having discussed contractual matters regarding Emergency Medical Services.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FELIPE MAISONAVE, PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN / DUMP TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Maisonave approached the Township Committee with a plan and recommendation to switch from the original plan of purchasing two (2) new pickup trucks for the department. A new pickup truck was delivered recently to the Public Works. He advised the Township Committee that it would be more financially effective to purchase two (2) used dump trucks and another pickup truck.

A general cost of what an outfitted diesel dump truck was discussed. He advised that the used dump trucks could be purchased through state contract. Upon the discussion, no action was taken at this time as it was indicated that specifications and options would have to be advertised and also we will need to hear back from our auditor the results of the audit and finances of the Township. It was indicated that the municipal auditor should be completed with the fieldwork in a couple of weeks and then we could revisit this again for further discussion and consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce had no report at this time. He thanked the public for coming out tonight.

Committeeman Tommy Clark had no report to give at this time. He thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting and to enjoy the rest of their evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

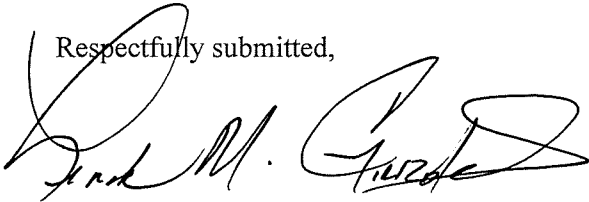
Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for attending the meeting and again thanked Ms. Ridgeway for her recommendation on the advice of the Township Planner pertaining to Ordinance No. 1 - 2020.

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk