

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 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, Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER PRESENT

Committeemen David Gonzalez and Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2019

CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2019

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Regular Action and Closed Session of December 11, 2019 and also the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., 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. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 46 - 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$513,140.38

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 46 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST 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 Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1 - 2020 on first reading seconded by Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., abstain and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

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

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

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and congratulated Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Committeeman David Gonzalez for their re-election for Township Committee and apologized that she was not able to attend our Reorganization Meeting. Ms. Ridgeway advised that she had a couple of questions concerning the Introduction to Ordinance No. 1 - 2020 on tonight's Agenda. One of her question was if the ordinance allows storage buildings on vacant land without houses and also would the ordinance allow for huge storage buildings to be situated with small homes.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. advised Ms. Ridgeway that she could address her questions at the Public Hearing for second reading on said ordinance at the next scheduled meeting.

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. 47 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 53 - 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. 47 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING BLUE LIGHT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF JUNK YARD LICENSE TO B&M AUTO SALVAGE, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 51 - 2020

A TRICO-JIF RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020 FUND YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2020

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

PERMIT NO. 1 - 2020 / MAIN RENEWAL / SUNSET LANE 33' TO 217 N C/L BUCKSHUTEM ROAD CENTERLINE TO 14' W C/L EDWINA AVENUE CENTERLINE TO 49' E C/L EDWINA AVENUE & EDWINA AVENUE CENTERLINE TO 431' EAST C/L SUNSET LANE

PERMIT NO. 2 - 2020 /INSTALLATION OF GAS MAIN / LEE AVENUE 25' TO 343' W C/L BAREND STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 53 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NJSA 10:4-12(b)(7) - ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER / ANTICIPATION OF CONTRACTUAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES

NJSA 10:4-12 (b)(8) - MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP / UPDATE SALARY ORDINANCE

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., 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 7:09 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Opens Session at 7:12 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now open and the Township Committee is back into Open Session after having discussed salary ordinance update and contractual municipal services.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and drive safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

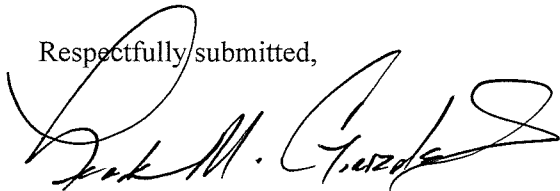
Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and safe travels to their homes.

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 Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk