

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
MARCH 18, 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 18th day of March 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ABSENT

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. and Committeeman David Gonzalez.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Burden, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales, Chief Financial Officer Young and Municipal Auditor Sbrolla.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MARCH 4, 2020

CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Work Session Action and Closed Session Meeting of March 4, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the Work Session Action and Closed Session minutes of March 4, 2020 as written seconded by Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., abstain, 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. 78 - 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$274,340.05

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 78 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to open the Public Hearing seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., 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 on the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Committee Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to close the public hearing seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

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.

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

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

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue asked for clarification on Resolution No. 81 - 2020.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgeway that the Medical Director is the appointed physician or firm responsible for the medical oversight of the operations of a basic life support ambulance service that provides emergency response.

There were no further comments to be received. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., 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.

Mayor Byrd indicated into his conflict into the record on Resolution No. 83 - 2020.

There being no further questions or conflicts, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 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. 79 - 2020

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 80 - 2020

APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 81 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPOINTING A MEDICAL DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 82 - 2020

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

PERMIT NO. 4 - 2020

INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 6 WALDENS DRIVE 130' N OF C/L COOMBS DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 83 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COPIN DRIVE, DUCHESS PLACE, SEENA DRIVE, LEE AVENUE AND BAREND STREET TO SOUTH STATE, INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,442.84

RESOLUTION NO. 84 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF AND TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SEPARATION AGREEMENT WITH TYRONE L. DUPREE

RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION BOARD

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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstains on Resolution No. 83 - 2020.

Mayor Byrd read into the record Resolution No. 86 - 2020 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 86 - 2020

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

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(6) PROTECTING THE SAFETY & PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7) ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER / CONTRACTUAL JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT ARRANGEMENT - FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP & CITY OF BRIDGETON

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) PERSONNEL MATTERS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 86 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session and action is anticipated.

The Township Committee is now in Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session.

Township Solicitor announced that the doors are now open at 7:33 p.m. The Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed three (3) personnel matters, contractual court agreement and enforcement of the safety & property of the public.

Mayor Byrd announced as a result of the Executive Session, he entertained a motion to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FELIPE MAISONAVE AS ACTING PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 87 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 2020

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 88 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION ADOPTING COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Item was moved into Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to be safe and well.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

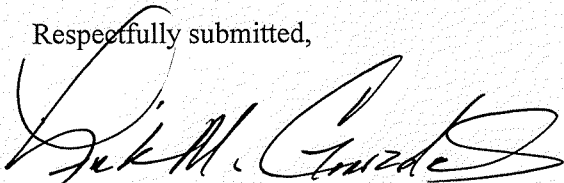
Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for everyone to protect themselves as much as possible.

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 the meeting seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk