

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
MARCH 4, 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 4th 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 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeemen David Gonzalez and Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2020

CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Regular and Closed Session of February 19, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the Regular Action minutes and Closed Session minutes of February 19, 2020 as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, 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. 67 - 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 67 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,990.30

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 67 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3 - 2020.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to open Public Hearing 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.

There were no comments for the Public Hearing. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3 - 2020.

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

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt on final reading 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 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 Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road asked the Township Committee if they had received his letter. The Township Committee advised that they did and thanked him for his letter. He indicated that the good work does not go unnoticed and he wanted to thank the Public Works for a great job they do and kudos to the Foreman.

Mr. Pierce asked the Township Committee if he could personally at his own expense grade the road leading to the Mariana dock. He stated the road is partially dirt and all it needs is to be graded. The Township Committee advised Mr. Pierce that they would take his request under consideration.

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

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved and 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 68 - 2020 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 68 - 2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SERVICE SQUAD 16 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 68 - 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.

Mayor Byrd read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entered his conflicts into the record with Resolution No. 69 - 2020, Resolution No. 70 - 2020 and Resolution No. 71 - 2020 There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 69 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 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. 69 - 2020

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PROCEEDS FROM 1975 DODGE 5000 POWER WAGON BE PAID OVER TO GOULDTOWN FIRE COMPANY

RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 - GOULDTOWN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE AND COUNTY CONSENTING A CHARITABLE ROADWAY SOLICITATION

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR TO THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 - GOULDTOWN

RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR KENNETH M. BRENT

RESOLUTION NO. 73 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR REX A. MOORE

RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

On a motion by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda 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.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 76 - 2020 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 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)(7) ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE MATTER / CONTRACTUAL JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT ARRANGEMENT - CITY OF BRIDGETON & FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 76 - 2020.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 76 - 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.

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.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session.

Township Solicitor announced that the doors are now open at 7:18 p.m. The Township Committee is now in Open Session after having discussed contractual Fairfield Township and City of Bridgeton Joint Court Arrangement and one Personnel Matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF COMPENSATION FOR ROLE AS ACTING ZONING OFFICER FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 77 - 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asked for update regarding the Fairfield Township Convenience Center. The Township Administrator advised that Fralinger Engineering will be at the site next Friday. This is in regards to DEP requirements regarding the Township must lay fill dirt and topsoil as well as removal of trees.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Burden reported that a Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held here on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Public Works Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and to drive safe.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and to stay safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

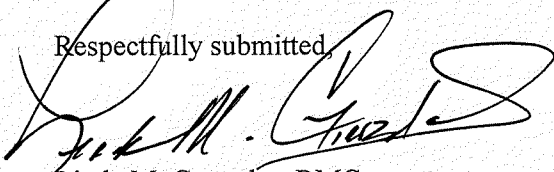
Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for coming out tonight and safe travels home. He stated that the budget has been introduced and that was no cent increase in the 2020 budget.

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 Tommy Clark, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk