

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
MAY 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 6th day of May 2020 via teleconference is held pursuant to notice of change of meeting location, time and format of same having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City on April 29, 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman David Gonzalez.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION APRIL 15, 2020

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

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2020 as written seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., 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 no questions.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 100 - 2020 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 100 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$878,345.06

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 100 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; 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 following Resolution No. 101 - 2020 into the record. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were no questions; Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 101 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILL

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 101 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr, yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd read the following Resolution No. 102 - 2020 into the record. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any question. There were no questions; Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 102 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONSENT FOR TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL FOR 36 MAIN STREET

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 102 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Township Solicitor John Carr read the following Resolution No. 103 - 2020 into the record. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were no questions; Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 103 - 2020

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING POWERS OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-136 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 103 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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 state your name and address for the record at the appropriate time.

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

There being no comment, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close 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 Tommy Clark, Jr, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. stated for everyone to stay safe, the township and the whole world in uplifted prayers.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. reiterated the same sentiments as stated from Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. and for everybody to stay safe.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. stated that he also feels the same as the other two (2) Committeemen just stated and for those personnel on public call to just keep practicing safe social distancing.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce indicated that they say our numbers are going down, but that he has noticed that our numbers are still climbing here in our town. He stated to just keep practicing and follow the rules that are in place and hope that we can all get through this.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. stated that he curtails what the Township Committee has stated.

He advised that he received a text earlier today regarding two (2) more cases were reported in our township. He stated that we cannot get lax in what we do and that is for the Committee and the Public, we have to stay safe for our families and everyone.

Mayor Byrd indicated that at our last meeting, he believes it was mentioned that our Township Administrator post on our website the location where the public can go get tested and secondly to contact the church's in our township who gives out food once a week to assist our residents that are in need and going through some hardships.

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 and seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk