

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
APRIL 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 15th day of April 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 9, 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 David Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MARCH 18, 2020

CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Regular Action and Closed Session of March 18, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the Regular Action and Closed Session minutes of March 18, 2020 as written seconded by Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., abstain, Committeeman David Gonzalez, abstain, Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LISTS PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer for Resolution No. 89 -2020.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Tommy Clark, Jr. placed their conflict into the record for payable to South State, Inc.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. placed his conflict into the record for payable to Fairfield Township Fire Company No. 2.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 89 - 2020 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,514.23

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 89 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, but abstained on payable to South State, Inc., Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes, but abstained on payable to Fairfield Township Fire Company #2 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstained on payable to South State, Inc.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer for Resolution No. 90 - 2020.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. placed his conflict on the record payable to Fairfield Township Fire Company No. 2.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 90 - 2020 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335,318.13

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 90 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes, but abstained on payable to Fairfield Township Fire Company No. 2 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. yes.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 91 - 2020 into the record. He advised that the Chief Financial Officer informed him that the state aid revenue increased to \$20,884.00, therefore the budget must be amended to reflect so. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or concerns. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2020

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 91 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 92 - 2020 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 - 2020

ADOPTION OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., moved to adopt Resolution No. 92 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, 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 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.

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

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue thanked the Township Committee for allowing her to call in tonight to join the meeting so that they are aware that she was present.

There being no further comments, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda and 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 David Gonzalez, yes; 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.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. indicated that he had one question for the Township Administrator regarding Resolution No. 99 - 2020. His question was how many years left on the unexpired term for the Recreation Member. Township Administrator Burden advised 2 years.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 93 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 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. 93 - 2020

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS
NJSA 40A:4-87 FY 2020 CENSUS GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 94 - 2020

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS
NJSA 40A:4-87 FY 2020 LIVE HEALTHY CUMBERLAND COUNTY (LHCC) MINI-GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 95 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CONTRACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND
CLAIMS PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF THE CANCELLATION OF A REGULARLY
SCHEDULED MEETING IN 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO D.E. HARRIS SERVICES, INC.

PERMIT NO. 5 - 2020

SERVICE RENEWAL / 32 WALDENS DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENTRY INTO A MORTGAGE, MODIFICATION
AGREEMENT AS TO MARILYN GOODWIN AND HER MORTGAGE ON 20 WAYMAN LANE,
BRIDGETON, NEW JERSEY 08302 THROUGH THE SMALL CITIES HOUSING
REHABILITATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 98 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A FORM OF SATISFACTION AND
DISCHARGE OF A SMALL CITIES PROGRAM MORTGAGE FOR RESIDENT/TAXPAYER
SHIRLEY ANN JOHNSON

RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION BOARD

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 David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. stated that he would like to touch on Committeeman David Gonzalez statement that he put out the other day which he believed was nice. Mayor Byrd stated that he wanted to check with the Township Committee if they concurred to write something up on Township letterhead and post on our website to let the Township residents know that we are standing with them and conducting our business in a fighting forum as we go through this pandemic. Mayor Byrd indicated that he would like to include in the body of the letter that Senator Cory Booker's Office reached out to him yesterday and an order was placed for some PPE materials to protect our Fire Companies, EMT's and First Responders. Senator Booker's also wanted to know if we had any more ideas and if so, to please email his office.

Mayor Byrd suggested that the Township Committee contact the Township Administrator with any requests so that the Township Administrator can communicate them to Senator Booker's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce remarks were for everyone to stay safe.

Deputy Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked Ms. Ridgeway for joining us tonight via teleconference and wishes everyone good health and to stay safe.

Committeeman David Gonzalez reported that Cumberland County is the second hot spot for the COVID-19. He stated too continue with the safe practices and too stay home if you can. Prayers go out to the residents and their families. Mr. Gonzalez praised our Fire Companies and our First Responders. He also thanked the Township Committee for the patience during his absenteeism from the meetings as he was caring for his wife who previously had surgery.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everybody for setting up tonight's teleconference meeting. He advised that we are all in this together, this affects everybody and that we are going to get through this together and too please wear your face mask when entering a public building.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

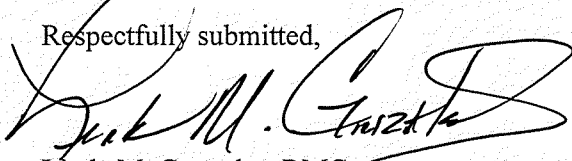
Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. gave thanks to the residents, especially Ms. Ridgeway for joining us tonight. He also thanked Township Administrator Burden for attending the conference calls held on every Tuesday and Friday and during his absence with the local Mayors, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Board of Health and State Police by communicating and keeping the Township up to speed on what is going on in the County and what is new. He also thanked the Township Committee for bearing with us in this pandemic and also thanked everyone else as well.

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 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk