

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
MAY 20, 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 20th 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 May 15, 2020 and also duly posted on the Township website.

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 and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MAY 6, 2020

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Work Session Action meeting of May 6, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2020 as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, abstained; 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. 104 - 2020 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 104 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,568.39

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 104 - 2020 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.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read and explained Ordinance No. 4 - 2020 into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 4 - 2020 on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 7 - 2019 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 163 ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 163-3D ENTITLED "LICENSE FEES" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to introduce on first reading 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 PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. announced that due to the COVID-19, the remainder of the school year is closed. In the past, the Township presented the school's valedictorian, salutatorian and the Don McCloud Award with an Achievement of Award and a check as a symbol of their commendation to the students for their achievements. He advised that it would be more of a personal touch if the Mayor delivered in person. The rest of the Township Committee concurred that this was a great gesture made by the Deputy Mayor. Mayor Byrd stated that it was a great idea. The Township Administrator will make the arrangements for a surprise visit by Mayor Byrd.

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

There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items and 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 David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked those who joined us for taking the time to listen in and for everybody to be safe.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. stated for everyone to stay safe and to continue practice social distancing.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., announced that the Governor has opened some areas that were restricted. He cautioned everyone to continue to use safe practices and thanked those for joining our meeting tonight.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked the public for joining our meeting and to be safe. He advised that the numbers are still spiking in Cumberland County. He reminded everyone to please wear a face mask, use caution as this can affect you and your family.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

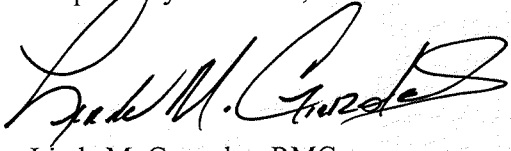
Mayor Benjamin Byrd echoed the Township Committee's sentiments. He advised that there is no cure and no vaccine, so we must stay protected as a whole and be careful on what you do.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk