

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 2nd day of September 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 August 27, 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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Committeeman David Gonzalez and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 19, 2020

Mayor Byrd moved to defer the minutes of the Regular Action Meeting of August 19, 2020 to the next regular scheduled meeting seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote:

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

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. 135 - 2020 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,662.18

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 135 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Mayor Byrd read the Resolutions under Consent Agenda and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 136 - 2020 through Resolution No. 140 - 2020

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 136 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 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. 136 - 2020

TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND CANCELS CERTAIN TAX AMOUNTS BLOCK 47, LOT 2

RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 2020

A RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-003-002 TO TERRIGNO'S FAIRFIELD INN, LLC LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2020 - 2021 LICENSING TERMS

RESOLUTION NO. 138 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT RFP/RFQ FOR 2021 MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 139 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE CANCELLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND RECREATION COMPLEX TO RICKY SLADE CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$399,407.32

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 Mark K. Pierce, Sr. and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

At this time, Mayor Byrd entered into the record that he would like to make a recommendation to the Township Committee to consider after speaking with the Chief Financial Officer about the additional work that the Township Administrator has been doing outside of his Administrative title to give the Township Administrator a stipend in the amount of \$3,461.54 for the additional work that he covered from January 2020 to August 2020. Mayor Byrd advised that the Township Committee that they should have a copy of the memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer in their meeting packet for their information and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING A \$3,461.54 STIPEND TO THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 2020

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 141 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. had no Old Business to report.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no Old Business to report.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. had no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. had no New Business to report.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no New Business to report.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. stated that he would like to make a recommendation to the Township Committee that we should advertise immediately for a Part Time Public Works Laborer starting out at a rate of \$16.00/per hour at 29.5 hours per week with the caveat if possible that next year we could possibly make that position full time status if the budget allow us too. A memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer was included in Township Committee meeting packet for their review and information.

At this time, Committeeman David Gonzalez joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor Byrd advised Committeeman Gonzalez that he just put on the record a recommendation to advertise immediately for a Part Time Public Works Laborer at 29.5 hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Mayor Byrd asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd advised if everyone agrees, we could do a roll call. The following roll call was recorded: Committeeman Tommy Clark Jr., yes, Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce Sr., yes; and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for joining our teleconference meeting tonight and to continue the practice of social distancing and continue to wear a face mask whenever as possible to slow down the COVID-19 as it has been found that the face masks are effective.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked everyone for joining our teleconference meeting tonight and also to continue safe practices as remarked by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

Committeeman David Gonzalez apologized for being late at tonight's meeting as he got caught up at work.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. remarked the same safe practices and to keep your family safe and be vigilante in wearing your face masks.

Mayor Byrd read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items into the record 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 Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

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

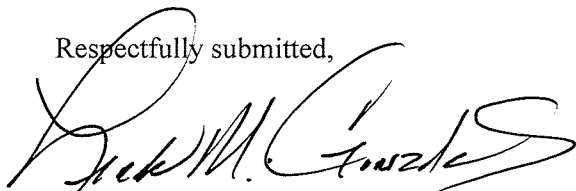
Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk