

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 16th 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 September 10, 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 Marmero and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Regular Action Meeting August 19, 2020 and the Work Session Action Meeting September 2, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 19, 2020
(DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING)

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of August 19, 2020 as written seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce Sr., abstain; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., abstain and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the Work Session Action minutes of September 2, 2020 as written 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., abstain 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.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. entered into the record their conflict on payable for South State, Incorporated.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 142 - 2020 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING
THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,667.54

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 142 - 2020 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, but abstains on payable for

South State, Incorporated; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstains on payable for South State, Incorporated.

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. 143 - 2020 through Resolution No. 146 - 2020

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 143 - 2020 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 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. 143 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO APPROVE THE HIRE OF JONATHAN BURKS AS ACTING PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER WITH A HOURLY RATE OF \$18.25 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 144 - 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 13, LOT 19.03

RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD APPOINTING KEVIN MALONEY AS TAX ASSESSOR FOR FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

On a motion by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda 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.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. wished everyone to stay safe and follow safe social distancing guidelines.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked those who joined our teleconference meeting and wished everyone to stay safe, continue safe social distancing and wear face masks.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. wished everyone to stay safe and wear your face masks as it does make a difference in helping to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked the public who took their time out to join tonight's teleconference meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd echoed the same remarks issued by the Township Committee and to make sure you vote and protect yourself.

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.

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.

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

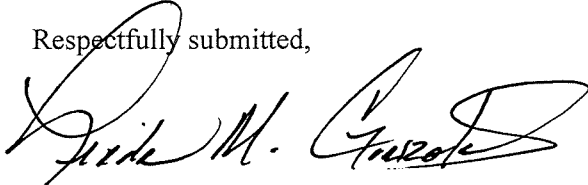
Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes. All members voted in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

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 seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk