

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.

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 21st day of October 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 October 16, 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 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 Work Session Action Meeting of October 7, 2020. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2020

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the Work Session Action minutes of October 7, 2020 as written seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., abstained; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., abstained.

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 none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 151 - 2020.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 151 - 2020 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 151 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$272,762.86

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 151 - 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 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked those who took the time to join our teleconference meeting tonight and encouraged everyone to vote in this upcoming General Election.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. echoed the same remarks given by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked those who joined our teleconference meeting tonight and to get out. He also encouraged everyone to keep social distancing as the numbers of COVID-19 have risen.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. echoed the same remarks given by the members of the governing body.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd echoed the same remarks stated by the Township Committeemen. He advised that he has been listening and paying close attention on the COVID-19 reports and it was reported that this winter is going to be very dangerous because you have the flu kicking in as well. We all want everyone to be and stay safe and make sure we stay mindful of protecting ourselves, because nobody is going to protect you better than 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.

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 no Public Comment On Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items.

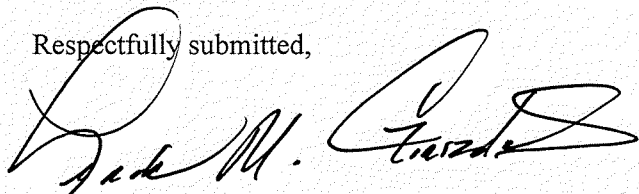
Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

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 Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk