

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 November 12, 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman David Gonzalez

ALSO PRESENT

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 October 21, 2020. A last name typographical error was entered into the record. The Township Clerk noted the error for correction. There being no further questions, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2020

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; 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.

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

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entered into the record his conflict with payables to Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Building Allotment and Equipment Allotment.

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 152 - 2020 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 152 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,416,537.04

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 152 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. yes, but abstains on payable for South State, Inc., Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes, but abstains on payables to Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstains from payable to South State, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

MUNICIPAL BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

Mayor Byrd stated that all committee members had copies of the certification results from the 2020 Best Practices Inventory that was submitted on November 3, 2020. The Township scored 22.50 above the threshold therefore the Township will receive 100% of full final State Aid payment. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 153 - 2020 into the record as follows and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 153 - 2020

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 9 - 2020 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE /20 PIERCETOWN ROAD (612' NORTH OF C/L OF FORDVILLE ROAD)

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 153 - 2020 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Byrd announced that copies of a proposal from Inspira were provided to all members of the Township Committee in tonight's meeting packet. Mayor Byrd advised that Inspira has presented the Township with an agreement to handle/operate our 911 services. The offer presented to Fairfield Township by Inspira is \$20,000.00 per year and they also have agreed to the Mutual Aid Services. He advised that according to a discussion with the Township's Chief Financial Officer, the estimated profit/loss calculated of the Ambulance Service given our current operation, volunteers on nights Monday-Thursday, the rest of the hours are covered by the paid department. In doing so, he estimated that we would have a loss of approximately \$150,000.00 for 2020. He advised that if Inspira is offering the Township an agreement of \$20,000.00 per year, based on our current operation, the Township would save \$130,000.00 per year and if we were to move forward with a 24/7 paid operation in 2021, the offer made by Inspira would save the Township approximately \$250,000.00. Mayor Byrd advised the Township Committee that the information is in their packet for their review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. reported that the COVID-19 virus numbers are surging and that we all need to do everything to keep us safe and our families.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked those who may have joined our teleconference meeting tonight.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. echoed the same remarks issued by his fellow committee members.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd reiterated the same remarks. The virus is surging and the reports are coming in more frequently. He stated to be mindful to protect yourself and your families.

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

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

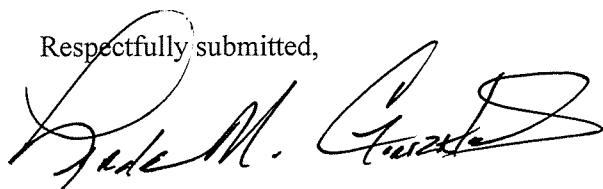
Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. yes.

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 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk