

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
JANUARY 4, 2021

Call to Order

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Township Clerk Gonzales read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

On December 28, 2020 Notice of this meeting was electronically submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City and duly posted on the Township website. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute

Flag salute was led by Township Clerk Gonzales.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials

Township Clerk Gonzales gave the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Township Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. for a three (3) year term.

Roll Call

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present; Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; and Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

Also Present

Township Administrator Burden and Charles Fiore, Marmero Law, LLC.

Appointment of Mayor/Chairperson

Township Clerk Gonzales asked for a motion to nominate a Mayor/Chairperson for 2021.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to appoint Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. as Mayor/Chairperson seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

Township Clerk Gonzales asked if there were any other nominations to be made. There were none.

Township Clerk Gonzales entertained a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved and seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

Township Clerk Gonzales announced that a motion is on the floor and seconded nominating Benjamin Byrd, Sr. as Mayor/Chairperson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes, Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Township Clerk Gonzales gave the Oath of Office to Mayor/Chairperson Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and congratulated him on his appointment.

Township Clerk Gonzales turned the meeting over to Mayor Byrd to preside the meeting.

Appointment of Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. asked for a motion to nominate a Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson for 2021.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to nominate Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

Mayor Byrd asked if there were any other nominations to be made. There were none.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez.

Mayor Byrd announced that a motion is on the floor and seconded nominating Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Jr., yes, Committeeman or Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Township Clerk Gonzales gave the Oath of Office and congratulated Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

Resolutions / Professional Contracts

No. 1 - 2021 Appointment of Township Solicitor

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Township Solicitor.

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Albert K. Marmero, Marmero Law, LLC as Township Solicitor seconded by Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

No. 2 - 2021 Appointment of Township Conflict Solicitor

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Township Conflict Solicitor.

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint John G. DeSimone, DeSimone Law Offices, LLC as Township Conflict Solicitor seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 3 - 2021 Appointment of Township Engineer

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Township Engineer.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering, PA as Township Engineer seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 4 - 2021 Appointment of Conflict Township Engineer

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Conflict Township Engineer.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Conflict Township Engineer seconded by 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.

No. 5 - 2021 Appointment of Environmental Engineer (LSRP)

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Environmental Engineer (LSRP).

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Pennoni Associates, Inc. as Environmental Engineer (LSRP) seconded by 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.

No. 6 - 2021 Appointment of Township Surveyor

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Township Surveyor.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering, PA as Township Surveyor seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 7 - 2021 Appointment of Stormwater Management Engineer

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Stormwater Management Engineer.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering, PA as Stormwater Management Engineer seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 8 - 2021 Appointment of Bond Counsel

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Bond Counsel.

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Joel Fleishman, Fleishman Daniels Law Office, LLC as Bond Counsel seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 9 - 2021 Appointment of Tax Foreclosure Attorney

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Tax Foreclosure Attorney.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr., moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC as Tax Foreclosure Attorney seconded by 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.

No. 10 - 2021 Appointment of Labor Counsel

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Labor Counsel.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC as Labor Counsel seconded by 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.

No. 11 - 2021 Appointment of Township Auditor

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Township Auditor.

Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to appoint Ford Scott & Associates as Township Auditor seconded by 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.

No. 12 - 2021 Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC as Tax Appeal Attorney seconded by 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.

No. 13 - 2021 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker.

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker seconded by 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.

No. 14 - 2021 Appointment of Township Planner

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Township Planner.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineer as Township Planner seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 15 - 2021 Appointment of Animal Control Services

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Animal Control Services.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Shore Animal Control Services, LLC as Animal Control Services seconded by Tommy Clark, 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.

No. 16 - 2021 Appointment of Grant Writing Services

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Grant Writing Services.

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Triad Associates as Grant Writing Services seconded by 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.

No. 17 - 2021 Appointment of Health Insurance Agent/Broker Services
Mayor Byrd entertained a motion for appointment of Health Insurance Agent/Broker Services.

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Corporate Employee Benefits, LLC as Health Insurance/Broker Services seconded by 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.

Mayor Byrd read the Resolutions under Consent Agenda and advised that they are 98% the same as last year with the exception of Resolution No. 43 - 2021. Last year Michael Burden was appointed as the Clean Communities Coordinator. Johnathan Burks, Acting Public Works Manager has obtained his certification as Clean Communities Coordinator. Mr. Burks shall be appointed as the Clean Communities Coordinator.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 18 - 2021 through Resolution No. 46 - 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and 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. 18 - 2021 through Resolution No. 46 - 2021

No. 18 - 2021 A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2021 Calendar Year Including 2022 Reorganization Meeting

No. 19 - 2021 Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings

No. 20 - 2021 Establish dates and times of the Fairfield Township Hazard Work Group & Local Emergency Planning Committee

No. 21 - 2021 Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

No. 22 - 2021 Adopting A Cash Management Plan

No. 23 - 2021 Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2021

No. 24 - 2021 Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks

No. 25 - 2021 Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2021

No. 26 - 2021 Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository

No. 27 - 2021 Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale

No. 28 - 2021 Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00

No. 29 - 2021 Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2021

No. 30 - 2021 Transfer 2021 Tax Overpayments to 2022 Open Balances

No. 31 - 2021 Appointment of a Tax Search Officer

No. 32 - 2021 Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals

No. 33 - 2021 Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner

No. 34 - 2021 Appointment of Safety Coordinator & Deputy Safety Coordinator

No. 35 - 2021 Appointment of Marmero Law, LLC as Public Agency Compliance Officer

No. 36 - 2021 Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and staff members to the Fairfield Township Office of Emergency Management

No. 37 - 2021 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board
Class I Member, Class I Member (Mayor's Designee), Class II Member, Class III Member, Class IV Members (2) 4 Year Terms and Alternate I, II, III and Alternate IV Member's - One (1) Year Term

No. 38 - 2021 Appointments to Environmental Commission

No. 39 - 2021 Appointments to Recreation Board

No. 40 - 2021 Appointment NIMS Coordinator

No. 41 - 2021 Appointment of Pogue, Incorporated as CDL Drug Testing Lab

No. 42 - 2021 Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaisons Committee & Additional Sub-Committees

No. 43 - 2021 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator & Clean Communities Coordinator

No. 44 - 2021 A Resolution of the Annual Designation of Municipal Holidays for Fairfield Township Committee and Establishing the Date of Halloween Recognition along with Trick-or-Treat Hours

No. 45 - 2021 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter

No. 46 - 2021 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement Risk Management Consultant TRICO Joint Insurance Fund

On a motion by Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by 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, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

Committee Remarks

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked the residents for another year of service and we will continue to improve the quality of life in our township.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. has no comments to be made at this time.

Committeeman Tommy Clark thanked everyone for their support on his 3rd consecutive term in office.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked those who joined our teleconference meeting and thanked the Township Committee for their support in nominating him as the Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson and he hoped that everyone had a safe holiday.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Byrd stated that he knows and believes that his fellow committeemen can do this job as Mayor/Chairperson. He advised that it takes a little more effort and that they have the wisdom to carry the role. He advised that he would give them 100% in this endeavor just like they have entrusted in him and encouraged them to take that step.

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 questions 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.

Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved and seconded by 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 was no comment from the public. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to closed the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items and Non Agenda Items.

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by 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.

Benediction

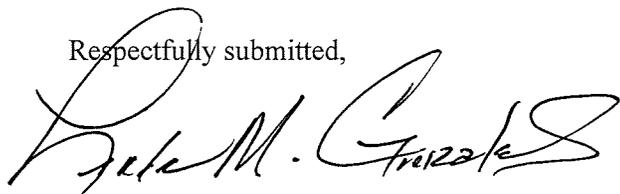
The Benediction was given by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

Adjournment

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

Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved seconded by Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk