

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

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 17th day of February 2021 via teleconference is held pursuant to notice having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2021 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 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Burden, Charles Fiore, Marmero Law, LLC in place of Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2021

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table the Regular Action Minutes of January 20, 2021.

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.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or conflicts on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. indicated that he had a potential conflict on Fralinger Engineering PA payable #21-00137. There being no further questions or conflicts, Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 58 - 2021 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$744,204.57

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 58 - 2021 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes, but abstained on payable #21-00137; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Mayor Byrd read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2021)

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. 59 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING A PERSON-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 0605-33-002-006 FROM CENTURY SAVINGS BANK TO H & H PARMAR, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

PERMIT NO. 5 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 4 BURT DRIVE (270' NW C/L NORTH MAIN STREET)

PERMIT NO. 6 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 527 CLARKS POND ROAD - KENNEL (2129' SOUTH C/L LEXINGTON DRIVE)

PERMIT NO. 7 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 89 LUMMIS MILL ROAD (160' SE C/L GINGER LANE)

RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2021

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AWARDEING QUOTE TO ELMER DOOR COMPANY, INC FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING OVERHEAD DOORS AT THE PUBLIC WORKS/AMBULANCE BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,558.00

RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 17, LOT 5.04

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 David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked everyone who joined our teleconference meeting tonight and to stay safe.

Committeeman David Gonzalez stated to continue social distancing, stay safe and thanked everyone who joined in tonight's teleconference meeting tonight.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone as well for joining our teleconference meeting tonight and to continue their involvement in the business of the township.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd wished everyone to be safe. He reported a recent loss of a friend of a family and that we all must try to stay safe as much as we can. He advised that it appears that the pandemic is going to get worse before it gets any better and thanked those who tuned into tonight's Township meeting.

Mayor Byrd read into the Public Comments on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items 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. At the appropriate time, please state your name and address for the record.

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.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue asked if the Township had a response to her question from the previous meeting if whether Inspira Medical Centers, LLC charges more per patient to transport than the Fairton EMS.

Mayor Byrd advised that a response was provided by Inspira's BLS Operations Manager Jessica Shaw, that it all depends on who the patient was and if the bill was for advanced life support. According to Ms. Shaw she does not think any patient would have received a bill from them yet for the new service. If a patient received a bill for advanced life support paramedics, then it would be more than a BLS transport.

Ms. Ridgeway stated then you do not have a base rate? Mayor Byrd advised that from the limited research he conducted, he was told that our Township averagely would charge anywhere from \$500.00 to \$700.00 and when Bridgeton would come to our Township they would charge around \$800.00.

Ms. Ridgeway stated that she was going to warn everybody that is listening that if you call 9-1-1 and you state that you are having chest pains they will send a heart doctor which costs a lot more even if it was found you had only indigestion. Ms. Ridgeway wished everyone a good night and hopes to see each other in person soon.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the 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 was no need for an Executive Session.

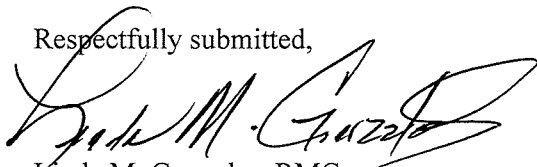
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk