

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 3, 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 3rd 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

Mayor Byrd led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Burden, Township Solicitor Marmero and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 4, 2021

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes for the Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2021. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting as written seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, 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 and or conflicts on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 54 - 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,083.70

Committeeman David Gonzales moved to adopt Resolution No. 54 - 2021 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

PROCLAMATION / ERNEST (ERNIE) ZIRKLE

Mayor Byrd announced that tonight we have a Proclamation of Respect in the Memory of Ernest (Ernie) Zirkle to be presented to his wife, Cynthia Zirkle. Mayor Byrd stated that Mr. Zirkle passed away over the weekend and that he had contacted Mrs. Zirkle to give his condolences and that she is going through a really tough time. Flowers and a card were delivered to Mrs. Zirkle on behalf of the Mayor and Township Committee in which she thanked the Mayor and the Township Committee and was very much appreciated. Mayor Byrd stated that Ernie stood steadfast in what he believed in and at times when Mr. Zirkle served on the Township Committee, they may and may not have agreed with one another, but naturally it was just part of the job. Mayor Byrd read the Proclamation into the record. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions regarding the Proclamation. There were none. Proclamation was signed and to be mailed to Mrs. Zirkle.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 55 - 2021 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR & DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 55 - 2021 seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. yes.

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. 56 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 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. 56 - 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2021

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

PERMIT NO. 3 - 2021 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 16 LONGVIEW DRIVE (1457' SOUTH OF S OF C/L OF REEVES ROAD)

PERMIT NO. 4 - 2021 /INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 527 CLARKS POND ROAD (1922' SOUTH OF C/L OF LEXINGTON DRIVE)

On a motion by Committeeman David Gonzalez 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. apologized for being late and thanked everyone for joining tonight's teleconference meeting.

Committeeman Gonzalez also apologized for being a little late night. He expressed his sincere condolences to Cynthia Zirkle and their families for the loss of her husband Ernie.

Committee Gonzalez stated that Mayor Byrd's remarks said it all of Ernie Zirkle.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked all the EMT's and the staff that we employed as well as the volunteers and that they all be recognized for their dedication.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone for their time in joining tonight's meeting. He thanked all of our volunteers and paid EMT's and the Chief who ran our ambulance service. He stated that Ernie Zirkle served as Deputy Mayor in 2010 and the family is going through a tough time and asked that everyone reach out to Mrs. Zirkle and give their condolences.

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 step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

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

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue thanked Mayor Byrd and the Township Committee for their kinds words for the loss of Ernie Zirkle. Ms. Ridgeway asked if they knew how much Inspira charges to transport a patient. She indicated that she had heard that it was kind of high.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgeway that he would have the Township Administrator to inquire and that he would respond to her question at the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Solicitor if he had anything to report. Solicitor Marmero stated that he had nothing additional at this time.

There being no further comments to be received from the public, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items and Non Agenda Items.

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

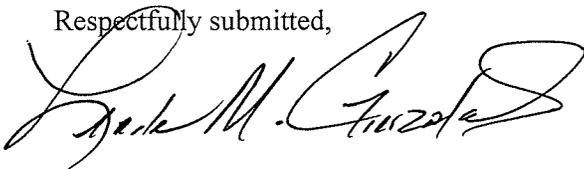
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk