

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
AUGUST 4, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Deputy Mayor Pierce 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 4th day of August 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

Deputy Mayor Pierce led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Before roll call was taken, it was announced that Mayor Byrd would be a little late. The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Al Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales and Mark Blauer, Blauer Associates, Fairfield Township's Grant Consultant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MAY 5, 2021

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JULY 21, 2021

Deputy Mayor Pierce suggested to circle back later to the minutes to allow some time before adjournment to see if we have enough members present to vote on the minutes as some of the members that were present at those meeting are not present at this time to take a vote on them.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Deputy Mayor Pierce 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.

RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 110 - 2021 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 110 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,002,533.72

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 110 - 2021 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

The Performance Hearing was read into the record as follows by Deputy Mayor Pierce:

PUBLIC HEARING

PERFORMANCE HEARING FOR THE COMPLETED SMALL CITIES PROJECT  
#19-0446-00 / GRANT CONSULTANT MARK BLAUER, BLAUER ASSOCIATES

At this time, Deputy Mayor Pierce opened the performance hearing to Mark Blauer, Blauer Associates.

Mark Blauer, Blauer Associates stated the purpose of tonight's Performance Hearing is for the completed Small Cities Project #19-0446-00 that was undertaken by Ricky Slade Construction, Incorporated.

Mr. Blauer stated that the general public can see the work performed and completed at the Recreation Complex and the exterior of the Municipal Building.

Mr. Blauer pointed out that tonight's Public Performance Hearing is an opportunity for the Township Committee or anyone from the general public that have any comments or questions on the work performed to make their comments or questions and that he would be glad to answer them.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Blauer.

Deputy Mayor stated that he had no questions on the completed project and he asked if the members present if they had any comments or questions.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. stated that he had no questions.

Committeeman David Gonzalez stated that he had no questions and ended with complimenting the completed project as beautiful work done.

There being no further comments or questions from the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing to receive any comments or questions on the work performed by Ricky Slade Construction, Incorporated.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to open the Public Hearing seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

There were no comments or questions. Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to close the Public Hearing seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Deputy Mayor Pierce once again thanked Mr. Blauer. There being no comments or questions from the public, the Township Committee will now move to the Consent Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Pierce read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows and asked the Township Committee if they had any concerns or issues on the Consent Agenda. There were none. Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 113 - 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. 111 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 112 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARK BLAUER, BLAUER ASSOCIATES AS THE

CONSULTANT TO ASSIST THE TOWNSHIP IN DEVELOPING AND SUBMITTING TWO (2) APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 NEW JERSEY SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 113 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 - FAIRTON TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY CONSENTING TO A CHARITABLE ROADWAY SOLICITATION

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

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no Old Business at this time.

Committeeman David Gonzalez had no Old Business at this time.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. had no Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no New Business at this time.

Committeeman David Gonzalez had no New Business to report at this time.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. had no New Business to report at this time.

At this time, the Township Committee circled back to the minutes of Work Session Action Meeting May 5, 2021 and Regular Action Meeting July 21, 2021 before moving to the portion section on the Agenda as Township Committee Reports / Remarks. Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to table those minutes as there are not enough members present to take a vote on those said minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING MAY 5, 2021

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Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to table the minutes seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes and Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT / REMARKS

Committeeman David Gonzalez had no report to make at this time. He gave thanks to the public that took the time to call in tonight and for everyone to be safe in reference to the COVID and the new variant that is out there. He reported that Cumberland County is faring pretty well at the moment and he encouraged everyone in our community to get vaccinated and too continue to wear face masks.

At this time, 6:17 p.m. Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. was on the teleconference call.

Deputy Mayor Pierce gave Mayor Byrd an update as to where the Township Committee was on the Agenda.

Mayor Byrd presided the remaining of the meeting.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. recapitulated the same remarks issued by Committeeman Gonzalez. He reported that we are again back to wearing the face masks and to continue to be safe and thanked everyone for being on tonight's teleconference meeting.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. echoed the same remarks by his fellow committee members and thanked everyone who took the time out to join the teleconference meeting and that if anyone had any comments to make you may do so when the meeting is open to the public.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked everyone who attended tonight's teleconference meeting and apologized for his tardiness.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any further reports and or remarks.

There were none.

Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. read the Public Comment 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.

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.

There were no comments. There being none, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the 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.

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)

ADJOURNMENT

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 6:20 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk