

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 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; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Al Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Work Session Action minutes of October 20, 2021. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adopt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2021

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman 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.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Byrd read and explained Ordinance No. 6 - 2021 into the record. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none. Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 6 - 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2021

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING NINETY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$92,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NINETY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$92,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to introduce Ordinance No. 6 - 2021 on first reading seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. 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.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (NONE)

REVIEW OF BILL LISTS 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.

Mayor Byrd entered into the record his conflict of interest on payable #48201 to South State, Incorporated and Deputy Mayor Pierce entered into the record his conflict of interest on payables #13001 and #13011 to Fairfield Fire Company No. 2. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 142 - 2021 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$443,976.60

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 142 - 2021 seconded by Deputy Mayor 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, but abstained on payables #13001 and #13011 and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, but abstained on payable #48201.

ANNOUNCEMENT/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

2021 MUNICIPAL BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET SURVEY

The 2021 Municipal Best Practices were provided to each member of the Township Committee. As a result of the survey that was submitted electronically to the State on November 5, 2021, the Township scored 19 points. Mayor Byrd explained that we scored enough points to get our full final state aid payment.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were none.

The thresholds for aid withholding are as follows:

| Inventory Score | Final Payment Amount Disbursed | Impact on Final 5% Aid Payment          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 15 and greater  | 100%                           | No withholding                          |
| 11-14           | 75%                            | Lose 25% of final CMPTRA & ETR payment  |
| 7-10            | 50%                            | Lose 50% of final CMPTRA & ETR payment  |
| 0-6             | 0%                             | Lose 100% of final CMPTRA & ETR payment |

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 143 - 2021 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 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. 143 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/ KENNETH BRENT

RESOLUTION NO. 144 - 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION / KYLE T. VANART

RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. moved to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman 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

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business to report from the Mayor and Township Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business to report from the Mayor and Township Committee.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT / REMARKS

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone who tuned in tonight's teleconference meeting and to continue to wear your face mask when necessary and for everyone to stay safe from COVID.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. wished the same as Committeeman Clark remarked and for everyone to have a safe and blessed Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Committeeman David Gonzalez echoed the same remarks as Committeeman Clark and Pierce and wished everyone a happy and save Thanksgiving Holiday and to say some prayers for our men and women who are overseas that are protecting our country that cannot be with their families during the holidays and our first responders that give up and sacrifice their holiday as well.

Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. echoed the same remarks wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday and thanked everyone who tuned in tonight's teleconference meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Byrd thanked our residents who tuned in tonight's teleconference meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday and echoed the same remarks issued by the Township Committee and that appreciate all that our first responders, volunteers and troopers do.

Mayor Byrd 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.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. 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 were no comments from the Public on Current Agenda Items and Non Agenda Items.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda and 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 David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

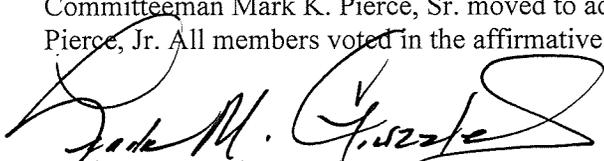
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
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