

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
JANUARY 3, 2022

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, 2021 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

Township Clerk Gonzales led the flag salute.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Newly elected Township Committeemen for a three (3) year term

- Stephen M. Bateman
- Michael Peterson
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The Oath Office was administered to Stephen M. Bateman and Michael Peterson by Amy Krumenacker, Esquire, Marmero Law, LLC.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was called by Township Clerk as follows:

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman; present; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present; Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., present; David Gonzalez, present and Committeeman Mike Peterson, present.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON

Township Clerk Gonzales entertained a motion to nominate Mayor/Chairperson.

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

Township Clerk Gonzales entertained a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzales.

Township Clerk entered the record that a motion has been made and seconded for the nomination of Mayor/Chairperson. The roll call was called by Township Clerk Gonzales as follows: Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr., yes.

The Oath of Office to Mayor/Chairperson was administered to Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. by Amy Krumenacker, Esquire, Marmero Law, LLC.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR/VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. entertained a motion for nomination of Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to nominate Benjamin Byrd, Sr. as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson.

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman Stephen M. Batman moved and seconded by Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

Mayor Clark entered the record that a motion has been made and seconded for the nomination of a Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson and called for a roll call.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr., yes.

The Oath of Office was administered to Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson Benjamin Byrd, Sr. by Amy Krumenacker, Esquire, Marmero Law, LLC.

## RESOLUTIONS/ PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS

### No. 1 - 2022 Appointment of Township Solicitor

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 2 - 2022 Appointment of Township Conflict Solicitor

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint John D. Simone, DeSimone Law Offices seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bate, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 3 - 2022 Appointment of Township Engineer

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering PA seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 4 - 2022 Appointment of Conflict Township Engineer

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineers (CME) seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez, yes. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 5 - 2022 Appointment of Environmental Engineer (LSRP)

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Pennoni Associates, Incorporated seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 6 - 2022 Appointment of Township Surveyor

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering PA seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 7 - 2022 Appointment of Stormwater Management Engineer

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering PA seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes; and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 8 - 2022 Appointment of Bond Counsel

Committeeman Peterson moved to appoint Fleishman Daniels Law Firm seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

### No. 9 - 2022 Appointment of Tax Foreclosure Attorney

Committeeman Peterson moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 10 - 2022 Appointment of Labor Counsel

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 11 - 2022 Appointment of Township Auditor

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Ford Scott & Associates seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 12 - 2022 Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Marmero Law, LLC seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 13 - 2022 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker

Committeeman Peterson moved to appoint Hardenberg Insurance Group seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 14 - 2022 Appointment of Township Planner

Committeeman Peterson moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineers (CME) seconded by Deputy Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 15 - 2022 Appointment of Animal Control Services

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Shore Animal Control Services, LLC seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 16 - 2022 Appointment of Grant Writing Services

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Triad Associates seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

No. 17 - 2022 Appointment of Health Insurance Agent/Broker Services

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to appoint Corporate Employee Benefits, LLC seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

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 - 2022 through Resolution No. 46 - 2022

No. 18 - 2022 A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2022 Calendar Year Including 2023 Reorganization Meeting

No. 19 - 2022 Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings

No. 20 - 2022 A Resolution Approving The Office Of Emergency Management Coordinator Meeting Dates For 2022

No. 21 - 2022 Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

No. 22 - 2022 Adopting A Cash Management Plan

No. 23 - 2022 Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2022

- No. 24 - 2022 Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks
- No. 25 - 2022 Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2022
- No. 26 - 2022 Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository
- No. 27 - 2022 Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale
- No. 28 - 2022 Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00
- No. 29 - 2022 Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2022
- No. 30 - 2022 Transfer 2022 Tax Overpayments to 2023 Open Balances
- No. 31 - 2022 Appointment of a Tax Search Officer
- No. 32 - 2022 Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals
- No. 33 - 2022 Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternate
- No. 34 - 2022 Appointment of Safety Coordinator and Deputy Safety Coordinator
- No. 35 - 2022 Appointment of Marmero Law, LLC as Public Agency Compliance Officer
- No. 36 - 2022 Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to the Fairfield Township Office of Emergency Management
- No. 37 - 2022 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board  
Class I, Mayor's Designee, Class II, Class III Members (1 Year Term), Class IV Members (4) 4 Year Terms and Alternate I, II, III and Alternate IV Member's (1) Year Term
- No. 38 - 2022 Appointments to Environmental Commission
- No. 39 - 2022 Appointments to Recreation Board
- No. 40 - 2022 Appointment NIMS Coordinator
- No. 41 - 2022 Appointment of Pogue, Incorporated as CDL Drug Testing Lab
- No. 42 - 2022 Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaisons Committee & Additional Sub-Committees
- No. 43 - 2022 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator And Clean Communities Coordinator
- No. 44 - 2022 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 - 2022 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter
- No. 46 - 2022 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement Risk Management Consultant TRICO Joint Insurance Fund

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Byrd moved to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

COMMITTEE REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Byrd congratulated newly elected officials Stephen M. Bateman and Mike Peterson for coming on board. Deputy Mayor Byrd stated that he looks forward to working with both of them in the future and years to come. He stated that this Committee has been doing a great job as far as doing the best we can to operate our Township and that he is thankful for

everyone who came out tonight and hope everybody stays safe. Deputy Mayor Byrd stated that he enjoyed his role as Mayor of this Township, he had a 7 year run at it and that he is glad that Mr. Clark decided that he would like to serve in the role as Mayor and that he looks forward with working with Mr. Clark as well as it is not an easy job and that Mr. Clark is the person for the Mayor's role.

Committeeman Bateman stated that he had no remarks at this time.

Committeeman Gonzalez welcomed Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman and Committeeman Mike Peterson to this Committee and that he also looks forward to working with both of them.

Committeeman Gonzalez also gave a special thanks to the outgoing Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. for their duties that they performed.

He also gave a special thanks to the new nominated Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. He stated that he has the upmost confidence that he is going to do a great job. Committeeman Gonzalez stated that he has known Mr. Clark for a long time and worked with him for several years on this Committee and that Mr. Clark always had and has the interest of the people foremost.

Committeeman Gonzalez also gave special thanks to Deputy Mayor Byrd for his time as the Mayor, his leadership and his ability in due diligence in running our Township that he did an awesome job and that he is glad that Deputy Mayor Byrd is still with us to mentor Mr. Clark into his new position and he also thanked the residents of the Township for coming out and to please wear your face masks and keep social distancing when all possible and to stay safe and thanked the residents for their support in this Committee and hopes that they continue to support them and the new members for the calendar 2022 and in the future.

Committeeman Peterson thanked God and his beautiful wife and his family and the Township for selecting him as Committeeman and he is looking forward to do the work of the people.

#### MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Clark stated that he wanted to say first of all, that it is a great opportunity that is presented to him and that he feels the full support from the comments that he is receiving tonight and that he hopes that he continues to learn in his new position with the guidance of the former Mayor and his experience and also that if he had to make a phone call he could also lean on the Township Administrator Michael Burden. He stated that we have a very good team. Township Clerk Gonzales and everyone at the Municipal Building have been doing a great job.

Mayor Clark welcomed the two newly elected members, Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman and Committeeman Mike Peterson. He also gave thanks to outgoing Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. for all their great work and dedication.

Mayor Clark reported that he is on his third term on this Committee and that he has learned a lot, he stated that he does not know everything, but he will try his best to absorb as much as he can with his new position.

Mayor Clark 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 Clark entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non Agenda Items.

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue congratulated everyone this evening and that she hopes 2022 is a fabulous year for Fairfield Township.

The Township Committee thanked Ms. Ridgeway for her comments.

Mayor Clark moved to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items. Deputy Mayor Byrd moved and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark.

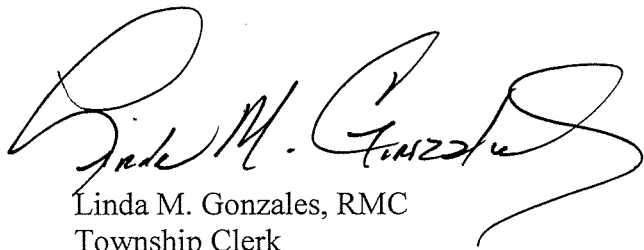
BENEDICTION

The Benediction was given by Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor Byrd moved and seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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