

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Clark 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 ensure 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 16th day of February 2022 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 10, 2022 and also duly posted on the Township website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Clark led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer given by Committeeman Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman David Gonzalez.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Work Session Action minutes of February 2, 2022. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the Work Session Action minutes of February 2, 2022 as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Bateman, yes; Byrd, yes; Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (TWO)

Mayor Clark read and explained Ordinance No. 2 - 2022 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTIES

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2 - 2022 on first reading.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

Mayor Clark read and explained Ordinance No. 3 - 2022 on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 18, LOT 5.02

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 3 - 2022 on first reading.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

Roll Call Vote: Bateman, yes; Byrd, yes; Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or conflicts on the Bill List provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered into the record his conflict with payable #22-00137 South State, Incorporated. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 61 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$643,629.47

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 61 - 2022 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; but abstained on payable #22-00137; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2022)

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. 62 - 2022

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

PERMIT NO. 5 - 2022 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 386 CLARKS POND ROAD [1254' N OF C/L (CORNER LOT) OF RAMAH ROAD]

RESOLUTION NO. 63 - 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. advised that he had received some information from our Chief Financial Officer regarding the America Rescue Plan Funds. According to the U.S. Treasury, some changes were made to provide broader flexibility and simplicity in the program. Deputy Mayor Byrd advised that he will be reaching out to our Chief Financial Officer for further details on how the Township Committee can look for ways that would be beneficial to our residents and report his findings back to the Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman had no reports or comments at this time.

Committeeman Mike Peterson had no reports or comments at this time.

Deputy Mayor Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone who dialed in tonight's teleconference meeting and to continue to be safe during this COVID. He advised that the numbers are starting to decline but that is still real and dangerous and that we continue to lose people that are close to us.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. echoed the same remarks issued by Deputy Mayor Byrd. He stated that we continue to have fatalities due to COVID and to continue to stay safe as this virus is not over and not to let your guard down and thanked everyone to joined tonight's meeting.

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 Items & Non-Agendas Items.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

There being no comments, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

There as no need for an Executive Session.

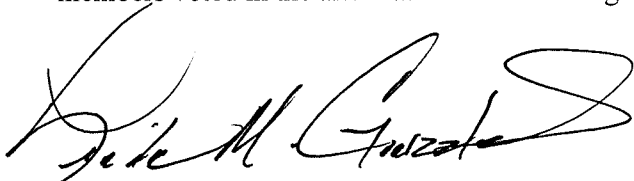
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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 Clark entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk