

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 2, 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 2nd 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 David Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Mike Peterson, present and Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Charles Fiore, Marmero Law, LLC in place of Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of January 19, 2022. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2022

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

Mayor Clark read and explained Ordinance No. 1 - 2022 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 14, LOT 15

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1 - 2022.

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

There were no comments from the public. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1 - 2022 on second and final reading.

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

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.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman entered into the record his conflict with payable #22-00090 Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 56 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$971,115.85

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to adopt seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes but abstained on payable #22-00090; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; 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. 57 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 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. 57 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF JUNK YARD LICENSE TO B&M AUTO SALVAGE & TOWING, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 4 - 2022 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 3 PIERCETOWN ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 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 Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman had no Reports or Remarks at this time.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming out tonight and participating in democracy in township business and to continue to be vigilante with this pandemic and be safe and he also gave

thanks to the Township staff for the taking care of our roads during the winter storm.

Committeeman Mike Peterson had no Report or Remarks at this time.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd thanked everyone for attending our teleconference meeting tonight and for everyone to stay safe during this pandemic. Mayor Byrd gave his condolences to the family of Florine Jones passing also to the passing of Deborah DeShields mother. Ms. Jones was the Fairfield Township's Senior Center Coordinator and Deborah DeShields is the Township's Registrar of Vital Statistics.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Clark echoed the same remarks issued by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd and Committeeman David Gonzalez. A prayer is sent out to those families. Mayor Clark advised that the DeShields family notified him indicating that the service for Christine DeShields will be held this Saturday at the John Wesley Church in Bridgeton. The viewing is from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and the funeral is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mayor Clark also thanked those who joined our teleconference meeting tonight to continue to be safe. He reported that our COVID numbers are going down which is great but to continue social distancing and wear your face masks when all possible and hopes to come to normalcy as we move forward on the numbers declining.

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-Agenda Items.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, 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 Clark entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman David Gonzalez. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk