

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
APRIL 6, 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 6th day of April 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 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 Regular Action minutes of March 16, 2022. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING MARCH 16, 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 Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

Mayor Clark read Ordinance No. 4 - 2022 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2022

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4 - 2022.

Committeeman Mike Peterson 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 being no comments, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 4 - 2022 on final reading.

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.

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 his conflict with payable #0031 to South State, Incorporated and #00188 to Pierce Towing & Auto Repair.

Mayor Clark entered his conflict with payable #14701(22-00249).

There being no further conflicts or questions, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 75 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,595.29

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 75 - 2022 seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #0031, Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes, but abstained on payable #14701 (22-00249)

Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 76 - 2022 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt there being no questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING TO AWARD CONTRACT TO RICKY SLADE CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED FOR BUCK STREET, ELMER AVENUE AND CLARK STREET RECONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,624.50

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 76 - 2022 seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Clark advised that Township Committee that two (2) Catering Permits were received for two (2) wedding receptions scheduled at the Eagle Manor on Saturday April 9, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm and Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any objections on granting the permits. There were none. The following Resolution was read into the record and Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING CATERING PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO ESPERANZA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 77 - 2022 seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

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

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for calling in and appreciate them for listening to our meeting and for everyone to stay safe.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked everyone for calling in to tonight's teleconference meeting. Mayor Clark stated that the virus is not behind us and to please be mindful to wear your face mask whenever possible and if it is a choice of yours, please take the advantage on obtaining the vaccine.

Mayor Clark read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items into the record 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 Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson and Mayor Clark, yes.

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

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

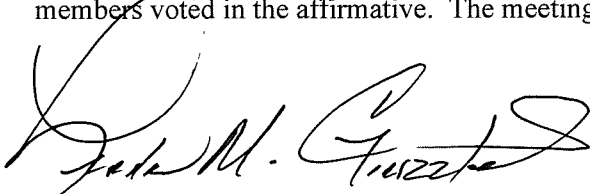
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk