

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
JULY 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Clark read into the record the OPMA Statement 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 20th day of July 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 saluted followed by a moment of prayer provided 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.

NOT PRESENT

Committeeman David Gonzalez.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action Meeting of May 18, 2022. There being none, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING MAY 18, 2022

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of May 18, 2022 as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, abstain, Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action Meeting of June 15, 2022. There being none, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JUNE 15, 2022

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of June 15, 2022 as written seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. 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)

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 to enter them into the record.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict with payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated.

There were no further questions and or conflicts. Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 114 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 114 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$561,211.47

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 114 - 2022 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State Incorporated, Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

Mayor Clark read the Consent Agenda and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or concerns, there being none, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 115 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 128 - 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. 115 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Committeeman David Gonzalez arrived at 6:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 116 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 117 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CUSTOM FABRICATED DOUBLE-SIDED SIGN WITH ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER FROM KC SIGN & AWNINGS THROUGH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE-CO-OP #34HUNCCP

RESOLUTION NO. 118 - 2022

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING

RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM / FIRE COMPANY NO. 1. (FAIRTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO APPLY AND OBTAIN A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM / FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 (GOULDTOWN)

RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-002-007 PURSUANT TO SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 TO H & H PARMAR, LLC FOR THE 2022 - 2023 LICENSE TERM

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING CATERING PERMIT APPLICATION / LA ESPERANZA INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PERC DOCKET NO. AR-2022-286

RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION, CUMBERLAND COUNCIL #18

RESOLUTION NO. 126 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR JERRON BENJAMIN HOLDEN

RESOLUTION NO. 127 - 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 128 - 2022

A RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AGREEING TO CONTINUE A CONSORTIUM WITH THE CITY OF VINELAND, CITY OF MILLVILLE, CITY OF BRIDGETON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PITTSBORO FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING HOME ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR 2022 – 2024

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. reported that previously the Township had explored Air-Paks for the Fire Companies and that the subject was tabled. Deputy Mayor Byrd advised that we need to start looking again into the Air-Paks if funding is available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman echoed the same remark from Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. regarding the Air-Paks and also to believe in him when he states that COVID is still alive.

Committeeman David Gonzalez thanked the residents of the Township that took their time out to join our teleconference meeting. Committeeman Gonzalez also thanked the Township staff for the job that they do and for everyone to be careful as COVID still exists. Mr. Gonzalez reported that he is fully vaccinated and that he got hit with COVID a couple of weeks ago.

Committeeman Mike Peterson thanked the residents for joining tonight's teleconference meeting. Committeeman Peterson stated COVID is real as Committeeman Bateman and Committeeman Gonzalez just reported. Mr. Peterson reported that he also is fully vaccinated and that he got hit hard with COVID as well a few weeks ago and still has a few lingering effects from it. Committeeman Peterson also reported that a heatwave is forthcoming and for everyone to be careful during the hot weather and also to check in on the elderly during the heatwave.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for joining our teleconference meeting tonight. Deputy Mayor Byrd reported that you may not hear too much lately on the news regarding COVID, however, a new variant has been reported and to be mindful that the virus still exists and for everyone to do their diligence in keeping yourself safe and others.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. reported that COVID is real and it is out there and to continue to wear your face mask when appropriate as from the reports given tonight by the Township Committeemen who have dealt with COVID in the last couple of weeks. Mayor Clark advised everyone to stay vigilant in staying safe and for those that would like to get vaccinated or already vaccinated that it is helping a lot of people and again it is your personal choice if you want to be vaccinated.

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.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items 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.

There being no comments, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adjourn the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & 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 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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk