

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
AUGUST 3, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 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. Batman, 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, 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 July 20, 2022. There being none, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JULY 20, 2022

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to approve the minutes as written 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.

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 on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer. There being no questions, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 129 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 129 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,145,005.72

Committeeman Stephen M. Batman moved to adopt Resolution No. 129 - 2022 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.

Mayor Clark read the Consent Agenda and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or concern. Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman entered into the record his conflict regarding Resolution No. 137 - 2022. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 130 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 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. 130 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY  
PERMIT NO. 9 - 2022 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 25 CIRCLE D LANE [970' S OF C/L OF RAMAH ROAD]

RESOLUTION NO. 131 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY  
PERMIT NO. 10 - 2022 / INSTALLATION OF GAS MAIN / ROGERS DRIVE [311' TO 539' W OF C/L OF GOULDTOWN/WOODRUFF ROAD]

RESOLUTION NO. 132 - 2022

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

RESOLUTION NO. 133 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTING  
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO THE FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPAY NO. 1. FAIRTON  
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY CONSENTING TO A CHARITABLE  
ROADWAY SOLICITATION

RESOLUTION NO. 134 - 2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS  
NJSA 40A:4-87 / AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 -CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL  
RECOVERY FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 135 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF  
SAFETY AIR-PAKS / SCOTT NJ STATE CONTRACT 17-FLEET-00819

RESOLUTION NO. 136 - 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING NON-UNION MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
SALARY ADJUSTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 137 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO WAIVE CERTAIN ZONING AND  
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 -  
FAIRTON AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 - GOULDTOWN

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes, but abstained on Resolution No. 137 - 2022; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson and Mayor Clark, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. stated for everyone to continue to stay safe and protected and that he appreciates everything that his fellow committeemen do and our Mayor Clark and gave thanks to the residents who joined our teleconference meeting.

Committeeman David Gonzalez had no reports or remarks to make at this time.

Committeeman Mike Peterson had no report or remarks to make at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Clark thanked the residents who joined our teleconference meeting tonight and to continue to stay safe and gave thanks to the members of the Township Committee and Township Staff for all that they do, and their services are greatly appreciated.

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.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue inquired how much money did the Township receive from the CARES ACT that is being budgeted this evening.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. advised Ms. Ridgeway that the Township received \$309,347.92.

Ms. Ridgeway asked how the Township will be spending these monies. Deputy Mayor Byrd stated that the monies could be spent on several things. He advised that the Township Committee relies on the guidance of the Township Solicitor and the Township's Chief Financial Officer and that he believes fire apparatus equipment and vehicles among other things that can be purchased with these funds.

Ms. Ridgeway inquired if the Township was going to have a list of the purchased items available to the public.

Deputy Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgeway that the Township can provide a list and that she also can submit an OPRA Request.

Ms. Ridgeway indicated that these purchases should be held during a public meeting on what the Township is spending these monies on. Ms. Ridgeway stated that the County and other municipalities have listed their items that they are purchasing through a public meeting and that she would assume that Fairfield Township would do the same that is the reason why she is inquiring. She indicated that the County received over \$20 million dollars and that everybody has been opened about it because it is federal money.

Mayor Byrd stated that it is federal money and that we have to be open and up front and that the Township has to also follow the guidelines on how to spend those funds or you could wind up getting yourself in trouble and that is why the Township is leaning heavily on the Township's Chief Financial Officer and Township Solicitor to make sure we stay in line with whatever is in the best interest of the Township.

At this time, Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero entered the record and explained that the Township obviously would do is insert the money in the budget and once the Township decides to make purchases, the Township Administrator will usually contact his office to make sure it is the type of purchase that can be made with funds and once we have verified, the Township places the purchase on the Agenda and makes the public purchase via Resolution. He advised that any purchase that the Township makes is done at a public meeting with the ability of the public to make their comments as well.

Ms. Ridgeway stated that the Township does not have the Resolutions posted on the website and is only indicated on the Agenda. Ms. Ridgeway thanked the Township for the information.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked Ms. Ridgeway for her input and advised her that he is sure that once the Township puts the money in the budget, the Township will have the opportunity to see what needs are needed and that the Township will do it the right way.

Ms. Ridgeway responded that is the reason why she inquired as to how much money did the Township receive because it was not indicated on the Agenda.

Mayor Clark thanked Ms. Ridgeway.

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

Committeeman Stephen M. Batman 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.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

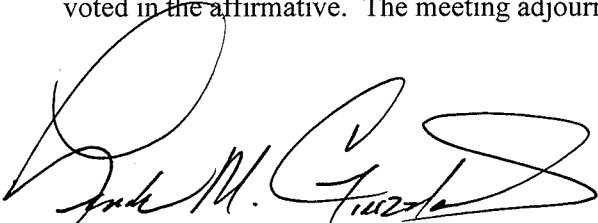
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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 Mike Peterson 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