

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 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 17th 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:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman and 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 minutes of the Work Session Action Meeting of August 3, 2022. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING AUGUST 3, 2022

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict regarding payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 138 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 138 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,909.24

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to adopt seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call

Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State Incorporated; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 139 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 141 - 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. 139 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO CONSULTING & MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATES (CME) IN THE SUM OF \$54,450.00 IN CONNECTION WITH ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NJ DCA SMALL CITIES PROJECT # 22-0440-00 PHASE 3 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 140 - 2022

TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND CANCELS CERTAIN TAX AMOUNTS FOR BLOCK 19.12, LOT 34

RESOLUTION NO. 141 - 2022

A RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 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: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for attending tonight's teleconference meeting and to continue COVID safeguards and safeguarding against the ongoing outbreak of monkeypox.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. recapped the same remarks issued by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

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.

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

There being none, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non-Agenda Items.

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

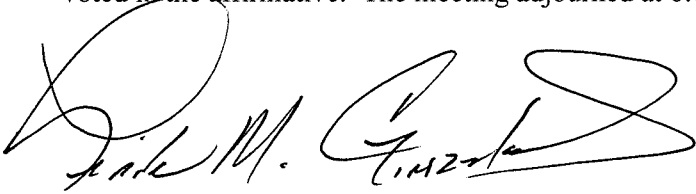
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

At 6:08 p.m., Committeeman David Gonzalez announced that the was on the teleconference meeting.

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 seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk