

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Byrd 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 7th day of September 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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. and Committeeman David Gonzalez.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

Deputy Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes of the Regular Action Meeting of August 17, 2022. There being none, Deputy Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING AUGUST 17, 2022

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Deputy Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to table Ordinance No. 6 - 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO AMEND CHAPTER 237 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to table Ordinance No. 6 - 2022 seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (NONE)

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

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

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman entered his conflict regarding bill payable #22-00662 to Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Deputy Mayor Byrd read Resolution No. 142 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$263,936.98

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes but abstained on payable #22-00662; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 143 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 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. 143 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADOPTING THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

RESOLUTION NO. 144 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND SOLICIT RFP/RFQ FOR 2023 MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE CANCELLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

RESOLUTION NO. 147 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 11 - 2022 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 502 EAST AVENUE (1094' NW OF LEONARD DRIVE & 2108' SE OF PIERCETOWN ROAD)

On a motion by Committeeman Mike Peterson to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Mike Peterson, yes and Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman gave thanks for the flowers sent to his family in the passing of his mother.

Committeeman Mike Peterson gave his condolences to Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman and his family for their loss.

Committeeman Peterson also thanked the public for joining tonight's teleconference meeting and that he appreciates the support received from the public regarding the governing business of the Township and also a reminder that it is fall season and children are going back to school and also COVID still exists and with the new variant, there is an opportunity to catch it back to back as he has experienced it in his own household and also to be mindful of the elders and let's try our best to get through this.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd gave his condolences to Committeeman Bateman and echoed the same remarks issued by Committeeman Peterson and thanked everyone who took their time out to join our teleconference meeting.

Deputy Mayor Byrd 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.

Deputy Mayor Byrd entertained a motion open the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non – Agenda Items.

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

There being no public comment, Deputy Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non - Agenda Items.

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

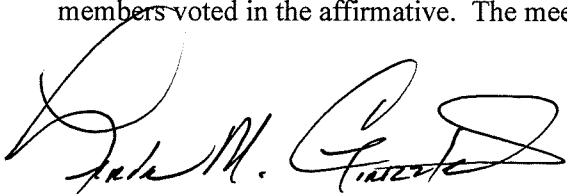
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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, Deputy Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved and seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk