

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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

Committeemen Stephen M. Bateman and 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 September 7, 2022. There being none, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Clark read Ordinance No. 6 - 2022 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2022

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

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 6 - 2022 on first reading.

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

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

PROCLAMATION / JOSEPH EVERETT "MICKEY" LLOYD

Mayor Clark made an announcement on the Proclamation for Joseph Everett "Mickey" Lloyd . Mayor Clark requested Resolution No. 155 - 2022 be added to the Consent Agenda authorizing approval for the issuance of said Proclamation .

Mayor Clark asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There were 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. There were no questions and or conflicts. Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 149 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 149 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$373,120.54

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 149 - 2022 seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 150 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 155 - 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. 150 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTON OF "NO IDLING" POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 151 - 2022

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIRING DEMITRIUS WILLIAMS AS FULL TME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 153 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1, LOT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 154 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28.03, LOT 8

RESOLUTION NO. 155 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING PROCLAMATION OF RESPECT IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH EVERETT LLOYD

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for joining tonight's teleconference meeting and for everyone to continue with safe practices with the new reported viruses.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Tommy Clark, Jr. stated for everyone to continue to stay safe and wear your face masks when all possible as there are new virus that have been reported and thanked those who took the time to call in and join tonight's teleconference meeting.

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 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: 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 & Non - Agenda Items.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mayor Clark announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Executive Session and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 156 - 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 156 - 2022

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

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

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

The Township Committee convened into Closed Session at 6:16 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session at 7:22 p.m.

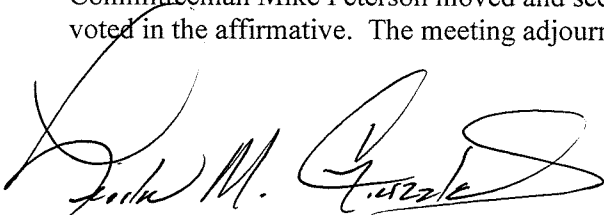
Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to reconvene into Open Session seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, Sr., yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

As a result of the Closed Session, Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to support the Township Administrator's recommendation to suspend the employee for three (3) days as discussed in Closed Session seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Byrd, Sr., yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

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 7:24 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk