

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 5, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 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. Bateman, 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 Meeting of September 21, 2022 and the Closed Session Meeting of September 21, 2022. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

CLOSED SESSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

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

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. announced his arrival at 6:05 p.m.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND 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 open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 6 - 2022.

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

There being no comments, Mark Clark entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Committeeman Mike Peterson 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.

Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6 - 2022 on final reading.

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

At this time, Mayor Clark opened the floor to Mark Blauer, Grant Consultant for the Public Hearing on Small Cities Project #21-0322-00 in the amount of \$400,000.00 and Small Cities Project #20-0133-00 in the amount of \$112,700.00.

PUBLIC HEARING / MARK BLAUER, GRANT CONSULTANT  
SMALL CITIES PROJECT #21-0322-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 [MUNICIPAL BUILDING ADA COMPLIANCE IMPROVEMENTS / MUNICIPAL BUILDING]

SMALL CITIES PROJECT #20-0133-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,700.00 [HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM]

Mark Blauer, President, Blauer Associates/Grant Consultant advised the Township Committee that tonight's presentation is regarding the Small Cities Project #21-0322-00. Mr. Blauer stated that this is the Phase 2 of the ADA Compliance Project at the Municipal Building that is being completed by Fabbri Builders, Incorporated of Vineland, New Jersey that is largely complete.

The Engineer, CME is reviewing a punch list and reviewing payment application No. 4. He advised that there may be some funding left over to transfer over to the Phase 3 project that was awarded earlier this year.

Mark Blauer stated the second project is #20-0133-00 which is the Home Rehabilitation Program.

Mr. Blauer advised that we have been running a Home Rehabilitation Program for eight (8) successful years. He explained that currently we have five (5) homes under contract and that the Township Clerk just forwarded him tonight a new application and that we continue to improve the improvements on their homes.

Mr. Blauer stated the idea is to ask the public if they have any questions and comments about our program and that this completes his presentation if the Township Committee would like to now open the hearing for their public comment.

Mayor Clark thanked Mr. Blauer for his presentation. Mayor Clark announced that at this time the Public Hearing will now open to the public to address their comments or questions to Mr. Mark Blauer and entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. 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 being no comments or questions, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. 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.

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.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman entered the record his conflict regarding payable #22-00739 to MES-Pennsylvania.

There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Clark read Resolution No. 158 - 2022 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,279.73

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 158 - 2022 seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes, but abstained on payable #22-00739 to MES-Pennsylvania; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

Mayor Clark read the Consent Agenda into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or concerns. There were none. Mayor Clark entertained a motion to adopt.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 159 - 2022 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 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. 159 - 2022

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY  
PERMIT NO. 12 - 2022 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 384 GOULD AVENUE [375' NORTH OF APPLE LANE & 1060' SOUTH OF BRIDGETON-MILLVILLE PIKE NJSH ROUTE 49]

RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 2022

A RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT PART TIME TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE  
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: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Byrd, yes; Committeeman Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Clark, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

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

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

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked himself for all the years and service that he has put in and the sacrifices that his family and himself put in to do the services on this Committee and he also gave thanks to the rest of the members of the Township Committee for doing just the same and our employees.

Deputy Mayor Byrd also thanked the residents for taking their time out to join tonight's teleconference meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Clark echoed the same remarks given by Deputy Mayor Byrd and thanked everyone for joining the teleconference meeting and to continue to stay safe.

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.

Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. 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 being no comments, Mayor Clark entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non - Agenda Items.

Committeeman Mike Peterson 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 (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 David Gonzalez moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk