

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
JANUARY 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pierce 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 18th day of January 2023 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 5, 2023 and duly posted on the Township website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Pierce led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer provided by Committeeman Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman, Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the minutes from the Regular Action Meeting of December 21, 2022 and the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2023. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve those minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2022

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Action December 21, 2022 as written seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, abstain.

REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 2, 2023

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2023 as written seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions or conflicts on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer to please state them into the record.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd entered his conflict with payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Pierce read and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 48 - 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$741,649.31

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 48 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 1 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2023

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY

Deputy Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1 - 2023 on first reading.

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 2023)

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. 49 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM FRALINGER ENGINEERING PA FOR ENGINEERING SURVEYING & INSPECTION/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR SEABREEZE ROAD PHASE I RECONSTRUCTION / 2023 NJDOT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM FRALINGER ENGINEERING PA FOR ENGINEERING SURVEYING & INSPECTION/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR HUSTED LANDING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION / 2023 NJDOT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 51 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 1 - 2023 / INSTALLATION OF GAS SERVICE / 430 EAST AVENUE (127' N C/L OF PIERCETOWN ROAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$100,000

RESOLUTION NO. 53 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO CAPRI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,467.00

RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone who took the time to join our teleconference meeting. Committeeman Byrd thanked the Township Administrator and Administrative staff for obtaining grants for the Township. He stated that without the grants, we would not be able to do what we have. The efforts of the Administrator and the Administrative staff are very appreciative.

Committeeman Tommy Clark Jr. had no report or remarks to make at this time.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked the public who joined our teleconference meeting and thanked the members of the Township Committee for being present tonight.

Mayor Pierce 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. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non-Agenda Items.

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

There being no comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

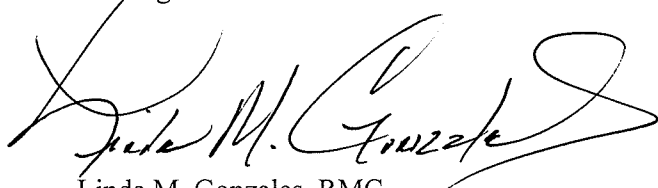
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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 Pierce entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk