

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
JANUARY 2, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Township Clerk read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

On December 27, 2022, Notice of this meeting was electronically submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City and duly posted on the Township website. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Township Clerk led the flag salute.

INVOCATION

The Invocation as given by Committeeman Mike Peterson.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Swearing in Newly Re-Elected Township Committeeman / Benjamin Byrd, Sr. for a three (3) year term.

The Oath of Office was given by Albert K. Marmero, Esquire.

Newly Elected Township Committeeman / Marvin Pierce, Jr. for a three (3) year term

The Oath of Office was given by Albert K. Marmero, Esquire.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden and Albert K. Marmero, Esquire.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR / CHAIRPERSON

Township Clerk Gonzales asks for a motion to nominate Mayor/Chairperson. Said appointment is a one (1) year term.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd moved to appoint Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Mayor/Chairperson seconded by Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, Committeeman Clark, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Committeeman Pierce, yes.

There being no other nominations, Township Clerk ask for a motion to close the nomination. All members voted in the affirmative.

Oath of Office was given to Marvin Pierce, Jr. as Mayor/Chairperson by Albert K. Marmero, Esquire.

Township Clerk congratulated Marvin Pierce, Jr. for his nomination and turns the meeting over to Mayor Pierce to preside the rest of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR / VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. asks for a motion to nominate a Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson. Said appointment is a one (1) year term.

Motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to nominate Mike Peterson as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Committeeman Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce asks if there are any other nominations. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertains a motion to close the nomination.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. All members voted in the affirmative.

Oath of Office was given to Mike Peterson as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson by Albert K. Marmero, Esquire.

Mayor Pierce read each Resolution into the record and entertained a motion for each appointment as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1 - 2023 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero, Marmero Law, LLC as Township Solicitor  
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and 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, Jr., yes.

No. 2 - 2023 - Appointment of John G. DeSimone, DeSimone Law Office as Township Conflict Solicitor  
Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

No. 3 - 2023 - Appointment of Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Engineer  
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

No. 4 - 2023 - Appointment of Consulting & Municipal Engineer as Conflict Township Engineer  
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved and 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.

No. 5 - 2023 - Appointment of Consulting & Municipal Engineer as Township Environmental Engineer (LSRP)  
Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and 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.

No. 6 - 2023 - Appointment of Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Surveyor  
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved and 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.

No. 7 - 2023 - Appointment of Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Stormwater Management Engineer  
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and 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.

No. 8 - 2023 - Appointment of Joel M. Fleishman, Fleishman, Daniels Law Offices, LLC as Bond Counsel

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

No. 9 - 2023 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero, Marmero Law, LLC as Tax Foreclosure Attorney

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and 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.

10 - 2023 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero, Marmero Law, LLC as Tax Appeal Attorney

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved and 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.

11 - 2023 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero, Law, LLC as Labor Counsel

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

12 - 2023 - Appointment of Nancy Sbrolla, Ford-Scott & Associates as Municipal Auditor

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

No. 13 - 2023 - Appointment of Hardenberg Insurance Group as Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker

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

No. 14 - 2023 - Appointment of Consulting & Municipal Engineer as Township Planner

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved and 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.

No. 15 - 2023 - Appointment of Shore Animal Control Services, LLC as Animal Control Services

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

No. 16 - 2023 - Appointment of Triad Associates as Grant Writing Services

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved and 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.

No. 17 - 2023 - Appointment of Corporate Employee Benefits, LLC as Health Insurance Agent/Broker Services

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

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and 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. 18 - 2023 through Resolution No. 47 - 2023

No. 18 - 2023 - A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2023 Calendar Year Including 2024 Reorganization Meeting

No. 19 - 2023 - Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings

No. 20 - 2023 - Establish dates and times of the Fairfield Township Hazard Work Group & Local Emergency Planning Committee

No. 21 - 2023 - Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

No. 22 - 2023 - Adopting A Cash Management Plan

No. 23 - 2023 - Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2023

No. 24 - 2023 - Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks

No. 25 - 2023 - Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2023

No. 26 - 2023 - Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository

No. 27 - 2023 - Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale

No. 28 - 2023 - Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00

No. 29 - 2023 - Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2023

No. 30 - 2023 - Transfer 2022 Tax Overpayments to 2023 Open Balances

No. 31 - 2023 - Appointment of a Tax Search Officer

No. 32 - 2023 - Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals

No. 33 - 2023 - Appointment of Fund Commissioner & Alternate

No. 34 - 2023 - Appointment of Safety Coordinator & Deputy Coordinator

No. 35 - 2023 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero, Marmero Law, LLC as Public Agency Compliance Officer

No. 36 - 2023 - Appointment of Deputy Municipal Registrar or Vital Statistics

No. 37 - 2023 - Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

No. 38 - 2023 - Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board  
Class I, Mayor's Designee, Class II, Class III, Alternate I, Alternate II and Alternate III Members

No. 39 - 2023 - Appointments to Environmental Commission

No. 40 - 2023 - Appointments to Recreation Board

No. 41 - 2023 - Appointment of Kenneth Brent as NIMS Coordinator

No. 42 - 2023 - Appointment of Pogue, Inc. as CDL Alcohol & Drug Testing Lab

No. 43 - 2023 - Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaisons Committee & Additional Sub-Committees

No. 44 - 2023 - Appointment of Recycling Coordinator & Clean Communities Coordinator

No. 45 - 2023 - A Resolution of the Annual Designation of Municipal Holidays for Fairfield Township Committee and Establishing the Date of Halloween Recognition along with Trick-or-Treat Hours

No. 46 - 2023 - A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter

No. 47 - 2023 - A Resolution Authorizing Agreement Risk Management Consultant TRICO Joint Insurance Fund

On a motion by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman to approve the above Consent Agenda 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.

#### COMMITTEE REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman congratulated re-elected Township Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and newly elected Township Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. congratulated newly elected Township Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Mike Peterson's nomination as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. congratulated Marvin Pierce, Jr. for his Mayor/Vice Chairperson appointment and Mike Peterson for his Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson appointment. He also thanked everyone on the Committee for all their support and confidence while he served as Mayor/Chairperson and all the staff at the municipal building.

Committeeman Mike Peterson thanked Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. for his return to this Committee and also thanked the Committee for his nomination of appointment as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson and also thanked everyone who took the time to join our teleconference Reorganization Meeting.

#### MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked the Township Committee for giving him the opportunity to serve in the role as Mayor/Chairperson and thanked the voters for electing him to run for office and looking forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Pierce read the Public Comment on Current Agenda & 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.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved and 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.

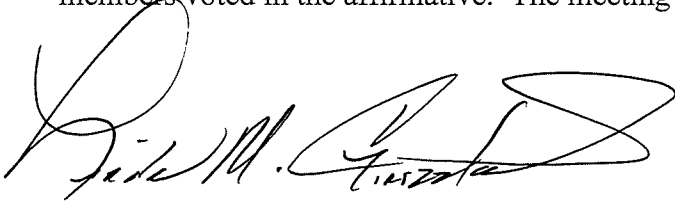
BENEDICTION

The Benediction was given by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committeeman, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk