

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 1, 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 1st day of February 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 given by Committeeman Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was recorded as follows:

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

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 Regular Action minutes of
January 18, 2023. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JANUARY 18, 2023

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of January 18, 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 and or conflicts on the bill list
provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated.
There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 55 - 2023 into the
record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 55 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING
THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,033,219.71

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 55 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman
Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, but
abstain on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor
Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND 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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1 - 2023.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. 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.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1 - 2023.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman 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.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1 - 2023 on final reading.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved 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 as follows and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. entered into the record his conflict regarding the Discharge of Mortgage on Resolution 58 - 2023 whereby he will vote abstain.

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman announced their conflicts pertaining to Resolution No. 62 - 2023 whereby they will vote abstain due to both members as Fire Chiefs representing Fire Company No. 1 and Fire Company No. 2.

Committeeman Mike Peterson asked if the Township Committee could pull Resolution No. 62 - 2023 for the purchase of Air-Paks. He indicated that he looked at the balance sheet list provided by the Chief Financial Officer and it appears as though we do not have the full funding amount to cover the purchase.

Township Administrator Michael Burden stated that he had spoken with the Chief Financial Officer and that it was indicated to him that we do have the full amount for said purchase.

Upon further discussion, a decision was made to pull Resolution No. 62 - 2023 from the Consent Agenda.

There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 56 - 2023 through Resolution No. 61 - 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 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. 56 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A JUNKYARD LICENSE TO B&M AUTO SALVAGE & TOWING, LLC (BLOCK 34, LOT 15)

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2023

APPROPRIATION OF RESERVE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 60 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE KC SIGN & AWNING PROJECT AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

RESOLUTION NO. 61 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE BUCK STREET, ELMER AVENUE AND CLARK STREET RECONSTRUCTION

On a motion by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 56 - 2023 through Resolution No. 61 - 2023 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.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 62 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to table.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRIFIELD AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY AIR-PAKS SCOTT NJ STATE CONTRACT 17-FLEET-00819

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to table Resolution No. 62 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, abstain Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, abstain.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. had no report or remarks to make at this time.

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 Pierce thanked and gave his appreciation to those who took their time out to call into our teleconference meeting.

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 Items & Non-Agenda Items.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman 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.

Hearing 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 Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. 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.

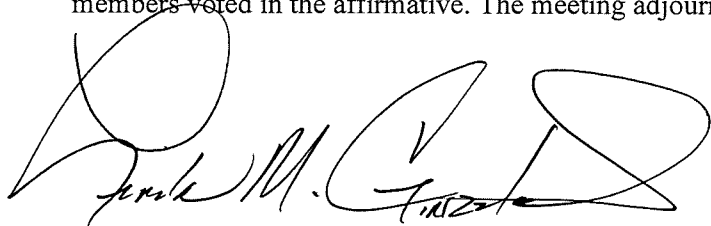
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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 Benjamin Byrd, Sr. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda M. Gonzales', written over a horizontal line.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk