

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
APRIL 19, 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 19th day of April 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.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, John Carlton, Marmero Law, LLC in place of Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING APRIL 5, 2023

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Work Session Action minutes of April 5, 2023. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 2 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open public hearing on Ordinance No. 2 - 2023.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved and seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 2 - 2023.

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

Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2 - 2023 on final reading.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved and seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: 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 enter them into the record.

Mayor Pierce entered his conflict on payable #23-00163 to MES-Pennsylvania as he is a member of the Gouldtown Volunteer Fire Company. There being no further questions or other conflicts, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 81 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 81 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$787,106.76

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 81 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: 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. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 82 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 84 - 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. 82 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 83 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM FRALINGER ENGINEERING PA FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEYING, AND INSPECTION/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR HAWTHORNE AVENUE, HIRES AVENUE AND MERCHANT STREET RECONSTRUCTION / 2022 NDOT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 84 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND THROUGH THE OFFICE ON AGING AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

HARDENBERG INSURANCE GROUP / AVOID COMPLACENCY & MANAGE RISK

Mayor Pierce announced on the Hardenberg Insurance Group "Safety & Awareness" that is on tonight's Agenda as it is a requirement from our Joint Insurance (JIF) Safety Contract to have on the agenda at least once a year.

Mayor Pierce requested that the members of the Township Committee take some time to review the materials if they have not already. Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions at this time. There were none. For the record, Hardenberg Insurance Group was not on tonight's call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

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

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson gave the moment of silence. This is done after the flag salute at the beginning of the meeting; however, it was inadvertently missed.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked the members of the Township Committee and the public for attending tonight's 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. 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 & Non-Agenda Items.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: 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)

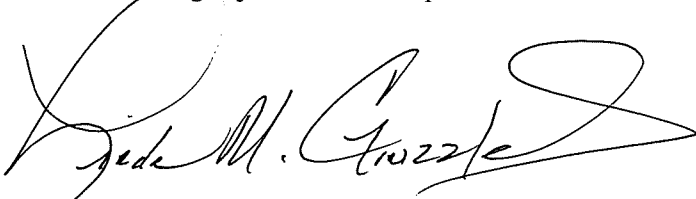
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk