

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2013
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor JoAnne Servais called the meeting to order and read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT statement at 7:00pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor JoAnne Servais led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

All Committee Members present. Doug Burry Esq. was in for George Saponaro.

PRESENTATIONS

Dave Schooch, Fire Marshall along with Julius Mendez gave a presentation on fire inspections in the Township. He said he could be reacted if anyone had any complaints. Mr. Schooch said that Mr. Mendez would be assigned all inspections in Fairfield Township and would come down each week to pick up the mail.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Moved to Open to the Public by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously

No comments were made

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes; Voted unanimously

ORDINANCES:

**FOR DISCUSSION ONLY*

Ordinance 9-2013 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Fairfield, County Of Cumberland, State Of New Jersey Fixing The Salaries and/or Wages Of Certain Officers And Employees

Committeeman Morton asked about where the numbers for the salary ordinance come from. The Mayor said the hold up is the union contract. Committeeman Morton said the Committee needs to investigate comparable salaries in similar municipalities. Committeeman Taylor said they cant compare larger towns. Committeeman Sharp asked how can the Township bring on an employee making more money than most of its current employees.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 128-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee For Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Reconstruction Of Thomas Drive

Moved To Adopt by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor
Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp N
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Resolution 129-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee For Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Reconstruction Of Holly Way

Moved To Adopt by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor
Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Resolution 130-2013 A Resolution For Refund Of Tax Overpayment Of \$1872.23 To Industry Consulting Group/ Celinek

Moved To Adopt by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton
Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Resolution 131-2013 A Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Fairfield Setting Hours for Trick or Treat

Moved To Adopt by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes
Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

REPORTS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Doug Burry, Esq.
Mr. burry gave no report

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Fralinger Engineering
No report was received from the engineer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Leo Selb
The Administrator who was not present submitted a written report. The Mayor asked if anyone had any comments. There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor asked about doing one meeting for November since the League of Municipalities Conference is the week of the 19th.

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes motioned to have one November Meeting on the 12th due to League of Municipalities Conference. Committeeman Taylor seconded the motion

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked what were the allotments for the Fire Companies.
Motion to approve the Payment of Bills as Reflected on the Bill List as Certified as to the Availability of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

Moved To Adopt by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

OLD BUSINESS

The Acting Clerk asked the Committee about a decision for Shared Services for Senior Center Lunches. She said the Director of the Senior Center said they don't get enough attendance to participate in the program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes Work Session, Regular Action, and Executive Session Meetings June 11, 2013 June 18, 2013, September 10, 2013 and September 17, 2013.

Moved by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y
Mayor JoAnne Servais Y *abstained on the Minutes for 6/18/13

OTHER BUSINESS

Committeeman Taylor asked Committeeman Sharp for a copy of the resolution authorizing remote access for the computer.

Committeeman Sharp began to read a memo pertaining to business license for J&R Servais. The Mayor asked if it was Township business.

The Mayor turned to microphones off at 7:23pm- to 7:24pm

Committeeman Sharp continued to read the memo and said the Mayor had updated her business license. Committeeman Sharp also said he had a issue with the helper being hired for the Acting Clerk and the Salary. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said the Township was faced with an issue that needed to be rectified. She also said the Township has to work together. It was a temporary position and the Township can go out and advertise. Committeeman Sharp suggested to ensure someone is comparable for the job and do background checks. Mayor Servais said the Township is light staffed and it was something that needed to be done. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said that Committeeman Sharp had left the meeting last week before the entire Committee could discuss it. Committeeman Morton asked if the Township had a personnel committee. He said that it could be discussed further. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said that the former employee was not fired last week. She is welcomed back in any

event that she doesn't make it through the process.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Moved to Open to the Public by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

George Harris - Gouldtown Fire Company

Mr. Harris asked if the Firemen's Association from last week was acted on.

Shameka Watson - 30 LongView Drive

Ms. Watson said the items obtained for the harvest festival event they wanted to hold would be donated to the school for the event the PTA is having.

Cyndi Zirkle - 24 Back Neck Rd

Mrs. Zirkle asked if a report was given from the investigator yet and when would it be made public. She also asked what is the status of the Husted Landing Road repair is. She also asked if the temporary position was bonded. She also asked why hadn't the issue of the business license sent to another town because it was an suggestion of the Solicitor.

Ed Kimley - 84 Seabreeze Rd

Mr. Kimley said John Carr suggested to throw out the Bach bill for him and it ended up cost the Township.

Mary Walinski - Fairton- Millville Rd

Ms. Walinski asked about water in front of the dump.

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes; Voted unanimously

REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Sharp said that things need to change. He also said bad decisions cost people taxes. He also said for people need to keep in mind the term "floating bond".

Committeeman Taylor thanked the public for coming out. He also said Mr. Sharp should file a complaint so the Court can make a decision. He also talked about homes being over assessed.

Committeeman Morton thanked the public for coming out and he was glad to see we had visitors from North Jersey and Vineland to see how we do things.

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes suggested maybe getting a pump for the temporarily water in front of the convenience center. She also said the Committee is doing the best they can.

REMARKS BY MAYOR

Mayor Servais said there are other businesses without permits that Committeeman Sharp is not mentioning. She also said the convenience center. She said they are still trying to keep a zero tax rate. She said the convenience center was neglected for years. She also said the public is led to believe things that are not true. She also said the Acting Clerk is overworked and it is not a good time for her to have to train someone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 132-2013 A Resolution to Move adjourn into Executive Session from which the public be excluded to discuss issues involving matters as permitted by the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 relating to: Litigation, CBA Negotiations - Union Contract, Personnel

Minutes will be kept and once the matter(s) no longer require confidentially, the minutes will be made public and upon completion, the Committee will return to the Public Session and action may be taken.

Moved To Adopt by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously

Out of Executive Session 9:34pm.

Moved to close Executive Session and Return to Public Session by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously

Committeeman Sharp began to yell that he still had issues in executive session to address.

Committeeman Taylor made a motion to have the Administrator respond to the request made by Thomas Zander. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes seconded the motion
Committeeman Michael Morton Y (Committeeman Michael K. Sharp continued to yell that he still had an issue to be addressed in executive session.)
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes made a motion to set the salary for the temporary employee at \$20 an hour. The Mayor seconded the motion
Committeeman Michael Morton Y (Committeeman Michael K. Sharp continued to yell that he still had an issue to be addressed in executive session.)
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Committeeman Sharp continued to yell there is an immediate issue that needs to be addressed by the Committee.

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes began to speak about compensating the Tax Collector/Acting Clerk.

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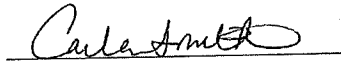
ADJOURNMENT

Moved to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor;
Voted unanimously

ADJOURNED 9:39 pm.

Approved by the Township Committee at a Public Meeting held on November 12, 2013.

Vote: MM Y, MS N, DT Y, VTH Y JS Y; 4-1-0



Carla Smith, Acting Municipal Clerk