

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK/ACTION MEETING MINUTES**

August 20, 2013

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor JoAnne Servais called the meeting to order and read the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT statement at 7:01pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor JoAnne Servais led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

All Committee Members present except Deputy Mayor Thomas Hughes who was excused.

PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Seagraves from Provident Insurance went over the insurance policy for the Fire Companies and compared the old policy versus the new policy.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

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

No comments from the public.

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance #5-2013 Second Reading by and Passage of An Ordinance Allowing for the Rental of the Township of Fairfield's Senior Center and Setting Rental Fees

Motion to Open for Public hearing by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously.

No comments from the public.

Moved to Adopt by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton
Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp N
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Ordinance #6-2013 Second Reading by and Passage of An Ordinance To Modify Sections Of The Township's Excavation of Streets Ordinance

Motion to Open for Public hearing by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously.

No comments from the public.

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 Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Ordinance #7-2013 Second Reading by and Passage of An Ordinance To Modify Sections Of The Township's LOSAP Ordinance

Motion to Open for Public hearing by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Mayor JoAnne Servais; Voted unanimously

No comments from the public.

Moved to Adopt by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Mayor JoAnne Servais
Committeeman Michael Morton A Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Ordinance #8-2013 Second Reading by and Passage of An Ordinance Modifying Non-Life Hazard Uses Fees

Motion to Open for Public hearing by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously

No comments from the public.

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 109-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Accepting The Resignation Of NJOEM Emergency Management And JIF Safety Coordinator Elmer Gould

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 110-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Appointing Patrick Conahey As NJOEM Emergency Management Coordinator For The Unexpired Term Of Three Years, Effective July 1, 2012 To June 30, 2015

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 111-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Appointing Patrick Conahey As JIF Safety Coordinator For The Remainder Of The Year 2013

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 112-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Accepting The Resignation Of Clark Shimp, Licensed Collection Systems Operator For The Township Sewer Line

Moved To Adopt by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Committeeman Michael Morton __Y__ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp __Y__
Committeeman Don Taylor __Y__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 113-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Appointing Gene McClure, Jr. As Licensed Collection Systems Operator For The Township Sewer Line For The Remainder Of The Year 2013

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 114-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Authorizing the Issuance of Certain Business Licenses.

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 115-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Accepting the Bank Courier Policy.

Committeeman Taylor motioned to table this Resolution for more time to read over the policy. Committeeman Morton seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton __Y__ Committeeman Michael K. Sharp __N__
Committeeman Don Taylor __Y__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

Resolution 116-2013 A Resolution By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Fairfield Accepting The Recommendation Of The Planning/ Zoning Board To Authorize John Melchiorre As Signer of Documents

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__ Mayor JoAnne Servais __Y__

REPORTS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – George Saponaro, Esq.

The Solicitor had nothing to be read during public portion.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Fralinger Engineering

Bob Mulford, Engineer, reported plans are being drafted for Clarks Pond Rd and that the project would bid in September. He also said the NJDOT application for Thomas Drive was submitted and that the

state is receiving applications for 2014 NJDOT grants. He also said he would further discuss the detail of the landfill in executive session.

Committeeman Sharp asked why it would be discussed in closed session and why isn't the public being informed. Committeeman Morton said there are no secrets and the Township is transparent. The Solicitor said it may be detrimental and there's no final determination to give to the public.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Leo Selb

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Taylor motioned to approve Blue Light Permits for OEM members Treemanisha Stewart, Johnny Bogan, and Maria Green-Ernst. Mayor Servais seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton A Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y

Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Committeeman Taylor motioned to approve a Special Event Permit for Walt Brown on August 30, 31, and September 1st. Mayor Servais seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y

Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

Committeeman Morton motioned to table the Quotes for Tree on Duck Cove. Committeeman Taylor seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp N

Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

REVIEW OF BILL LIST

The Committee reviewed Bill List submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

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 by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y

Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Taylor motioned to approve the low bid on the quotes for Demolition of 727 Buckshutem Rd. Committeeman Morton seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y

Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

The minutes for Work Session, Regular Action, and Executive Session Meetings for July 9, 2013 and July 16, 2013 were not available for the Committee to review. The Acting Clerk said they would be ready by the next meeting.

Committeeman Sharp asked about the status of the investigation into complaints made by citizens about racial remarks. Committeeman Taylor said that should be discussed during executive.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Benjamin Byrd – 368 Fairton Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Byrd asked the Solicitor why he told the Committee three times not to pay the Brooks'. The Solicitor said because the judge made the decision. He also said dealing with public funds a gag order is requested however, it has to be on the Bill List. He also said it's tough to point the finger that's at fault with the landfill.

Shameka Watson and Nicole Adamson – Township Community Day

Ms. Watson and Ms. Adamson asked if the Committee had any questions about the progressive of the event.

Michelle Kennedy – School Board President

Mrs. Kennedy said the school the broadcasted the event on Global Connect so the announcement went to all the parents of the students.

Russell Pierce – 376 Fairton Gouldtown Rd

Mr. Pierce said he can cut the tree on Duck Cove. He also said there is a break in the chain in command.

Marion Kennedy – 31 Beck Drive

Mr. Kennedy asked the Committee to take the courier policy seriously. He said an armored car was ambushed at the Deptford Mall and he said not to delay the policy. He said something needs to be done to protect the employees and their families.

Moved to Close Public portion by Committeeman Don Taylor, Seconded by Committeeman Michael Morton; Voted unanimously

REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committeeman Sharp stated if there are requirements for business in the Township to have licenses and they should be followed. The Mayor stated that she does not operate a business. She said she has several licenses that she is not giving her licenses up. She said her son runs her former license. She said there are other things that need to be done in the Township. The Solicitor suggested having a Clerk in a neighboring town look at it and make a determination.

Committeeman Morton said the staff is doing the best that they can. He still maintains the Township should look into establishing a local ethics board. He also encouraged the public to utilize the State if they had problems with anyone on the Committee. He said the same issues keep coming up and it shouldn't be handled in the Committee Meetings. He said the issue where there were cones put on a fence is a dispute between two neighbors.

A disruption occurred between Committeeman Morton and Mr. Benjamin Byrd

The Solicitor stated if anyone else from the public or Committee disrupted the meeting the police would be called.

Committeeman Morton apologized to Mr. Byrd and the public. He said the Township needs to get back on track and stop these distractions.

REMARKS BY MAYOR

Committeeman Sharp stated the Mayor had made comments already. The Solicitor said following the Agenda the Mayor is allowed to make comments

The Mayor then spoke about getting a grant for the sidewalks at the school for the athletic field. Committeeman Sharp asked the Mayor if she had sent a RICE notice to the Administrator because she had bashed his job performance at that meeting. Committeeman Morton asked Committeeman Sharp how he would have information on a meeting that he didn't attend. Committeeman Sharp said he didn't have to attend to know what happened. The Mayor said she did not bash the Administrator only she had stated the Administrator couldn't do this type of grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 117-2013 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 Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

Out of Executive Session 9:49pm.

Moved to close Executive Session and Return to Public Session by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

Committeeman Sharp motioned to hire Kathleen Gaskill at a rate of 135 per hour for the purpose of conducting investigation. Mayor Servais seconded the motion.

Committeeman Michael Morton Y Committeeman Michael K. Sharp Y
Committeeman Don Taylor Y Mayor JoAnne Servais Y

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to Adjourn by Committeeman Michael Morton, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; Voted unanimously

ADJOURNED 10:05 pm.

Approved by the Township Committee at a Public Meeting held on _____.

Vote: MM ____, MS ____, DT ____, VTH ____, JS ____; ____ - ____ - ____

Carla Smith, Acting Municipal Clerk