

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
MAY 3, 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 3rd day of May 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 Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman, present; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, present and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. and Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING APRIL 19, 2023

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of April 19, 2023. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

PUBLIC HEARING / 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

NANCY SBROLLA, CPA, RMA, FORD-SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, LLC

NEIL YOUNG, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mayor Pierce announced that Nancy Sbrolla, Municipal Auditor and Neil Young, Municipal Chief Financial Officer were present and asked if there were any comments from the Township Committee and the public. There were none.

REVIEW OF THE BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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 Stephen M. Bateman entered his conflict on payable #23-00386 as he is a member of the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. entered his conflict on payable #23-00406 and #23-00405 as he is a member of the Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

There being no further questions and/or conflicts, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 85 - 2023 into the record.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,077,777.20

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 85 - 2023 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes, but abstained on payable #23-00386; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes, but abstained on payable #23-00406 & payable #23-00405.

Mayor Pierce read the Consent Agenda into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions.

Township Clerk Gonzales entered the record requesting to remove Resolution No. 90 - 2023 from the Consent Agenda as the property owner appeared at the Municipal Building today before closing time to redeem said property.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Pierce announced that Resolution No. 90 - 2023 is removed from the Consent Agenda and entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 86 - 2023 through Resolution No. 89 - 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 86 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 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. 86 - 2023

ADOPTION OF 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF SALE
BLOCK 43, LOT 44.01

RESOLUTION NO. 89 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF SALE
BLOCK 43, LOT 44.02
BLOCK 22, LOT 69
BLOCK 13, LOT 18.01
BLOCK 29, LOT 13.01

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 86 - 2023 through Resolution No. 89 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF SALE
BLOCK 12, LOT 3
Said Resolution was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson had no reports or remarks to make at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for their time to join our teleconference meeting and gave thanks to the Municipal Auditor and the Chief Financial Officer for being on tonight's call.

Mayor Pierce read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items 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 the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

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

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

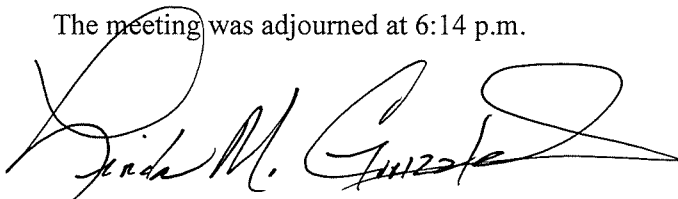
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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 and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk