

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA**

September 10, 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.

A prayer was said for Township Employees John Mason, Leo Selb and Firefighter John Burgess and their families who recent lost loved ones. A moment of silence was held for the victims of 9/11.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

None

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

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

Pat Conahey PO Box 61

Mr. Conahey said that Resolution #119 was a dead issue and that Bridgeton had voted on the issue all ready.

Nancy Ridgeway - 522 Irving Ave

Ms. Ridgeway said that she had went to the press conference regarding Resolution #119 and that they made an announcement that Social Services had bought the building in Vineland and they would eventually be building in Bridgeton also.

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

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 90-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Renewing Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0605-33-002-005, Issued To Toad Fish Bar And Grill, LLC

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked was everything in order for the renewal. Acting Clerk Carla Smith said yes and that the license has now been seized by the IRS. Committeeman Morton asked about renewing a license for a business that is not in operation. The Mayor said that it would be difficult to sell the business without the license. The Acting Clerk also said that IRS requested that the renewal be completed.

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

No discussion

Resolution 119-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Supporting The Placement Of A Primary Social Services Facility In Downtown Bridgeton

The Mayor asked if this item should be removed. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said she thought the Committee should still leave it on to show Bridgeton that the Township still does support the idea.

Resolution 120-2013 A Resolution For Refund Of Tax Overpayment Of \$1551.84 To Richard B & Alice Blew

The Acting Clerk also being the Tax Collector explained the need for this resolution was that it would be years before this overpayment would be used up on this account. The Deputy Mayor had some questions about how a property obtains Qfarm status. She said maybe next week we could have the Tax Assessor come in to explain the process.

Resolution 121-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Appointing Business License for Drive and Drop Transportation

The Acting Clerk said that this business was missed on the list for the last meeting and there was confusion on where the business would be based. Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes said the paperwork needed to be reviewed.

Resolution 122-2013 A Resolution By The Members Of The Fairfield Township Committee Correcting The Title Of The Position To Construction Code Secretary And Planning Board Secretary At 16 Hours Per Week.

Committeeman Sharp said he didn't think the position shouldn't be locked in to 16 hrs. The Mayor said that the resolution was correcting a resolution that was passed last year and that if additional hours were needed the Committee could approve them at a later time.

REPORTS

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Doug Burry, Esq.

The Solicitor had nothing to read during the public portion of the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Fralinger Engineering

There was no Engineer's report for this meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Leo Selb

There was no Administrator's report for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor talked about a meeting with representatives from the school and Triad Associates about sidewalks for the school sports complex. She said Triad said the application for the grant may cost more than what the sidewalks will actually cost. She said that maybe the Township could ask the school to put it in their budget somehow.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST

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

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Sharp said the press box is in bad shape and the Township is sitting on the insurance money. The Mayor said the Administrator had the quotes. Committeeman Sharp also asked about fixing the Senior Center ramp. The Mayor said that the Administrator had the quotes for that job also. Committeeman Sharp also asked about the issue of the business license for J&R Servais, LLC and if it had been sent to another town. The Acting Clerk said it had not been done yet. The Mayor told Committeeman Sharp to go to the Court Office and sign a compliant.

The Mayor said Mr. & Mrs. Brooks will be holding a toy drive. She said she would give more details later on. Committeeman Taylor said the contributions they're making are the funds they received for their tax appeal.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Committee was given the minutes from 7/9/13. The Acting Clerk said she would be giving them the minutes for the other two meetings by the end of the week so they could be reviewed for next week.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Thomas-Hughes asked the Committee to look into some various things that she had mentioned previously such as court security, quotes for the press box and senior center ramp, and getting a 4 way stop at Fairton-Gouldtown Road and Burlington road because it is a dangerous intersection. She also mentioned surveillance for the municipal building and convenience center, overgrown trees along the sidewalk from Walden Drive to Gouldtown-Woodruff Road. She also mentioned the next Crime Watch meeting would be the last Tuesday of the month. She added our ordinance needed to be checked to see where a septic system could be placed.

Committeeman Sharp said the sewer hookup fees were \$2500 and wondered if that came from the County or the Township. The Mayor allowed Mr. Al Jones, Township representative for the CCUA, to come up and explain. Mr. Jones said the County charges that fee. He also said the Township could add on a 2% Administrator fee but he understood there were problems determining who was connected. He said years ago the Township had the option to buy the units out right but at that time the Committee said there was no more. He also said the County does try to keep the rates as low as they can.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Moved to open to the Public by Deputy Mayor Viola Thomas-Hughes, Seconded by Committeeman Don Taylor; voted unanimously

Pat Conahey PO Box 61

Mr. Conahey said the 4 way stop is a good idea because that intersection is dangerous. He said County may help do a traffic study. He also said the Country Club looks a lot better.

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

REMARKS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

REMARKS BY MAYOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 123-2013 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 8:05pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNED 8:07 pm.

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

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

Carla Smith, Acting Municipal Clerk