

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
JULY 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 July 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 following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING JUNE 21, 2023

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of June 21, 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 Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, abstained and Mayor Pierce, abstained.

JIF RENEWAL PRESENTATION / PAUL MIOLA, MEL REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Miola, Executive Director stated that he was here to discuss our JIF renewal and he thanked the Township Committee for tonight's opportunity. He provided a history of the JIF, and an overview of the significant stability and strength associated with the program. He distributed a booklet to the Township Committee and reviewed the key points, including the annual return of dividends. He reviewed Fairfield Township's premium history. Mr. Miola explained the Safety and Wellness, and Risk Management programs. He reviewed the workplace wellness program, co-morbid conditions that affect recovery in workers compensation cases and gave an example of an injury where two employees sustained the same injury, and the individual with co-morbid conditions had a much better recovery. Workers compensation costs are increasing so this was a very important area of focus, and there are strategies via wellness programs to address these issues. He explained that the wellness director puts out a lot of good information. He reviewed the names of key safety personnel in Fairfield Township. Mr. Miola briefly reviewed the Employment Practice Liability (EPL), Public Officials Liability, Cyber Liability and Wellness programs. He explained the EPL hotline service available to members. Mr. Miola reported that the Township of Fairfield has until Friday, August 18, 2023 to forward a copy of the authorizing Resolution and executed Agreement to re-new the contract with JIF.

Upon the presentation, Mr. Miola asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There being none, Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Miola for his presentation.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (ONE)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 3 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2023

CAPTIAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) THEREFORE

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 3 - 2023 on first reading.

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

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (NONE)

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE CFO

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 Benjamin Byrd entered into the record his conflict with payable #23-00579 to South State, Incorporated.

There being no further questions and or conflicts, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 112 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 112 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$707,662.95

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 112 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, abstained on payable #23-00579, 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 were none. Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 113 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 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. 113 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HAWTHORNE AVENUE, HIRES AVENUE AND MERCHANT STREET RECONSTRUCTION TO GERALD A. BARRETT, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 114 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SUNSET LANE, STEWART AVENUE AND SUNSET AVENUE PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 115 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ELMER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 116 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$704.01 TO CORELOGIC FOR BLOCK 27.04, LOT 8

RESOLUTION NO. 117 - 2023

A RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 118 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 2023

A RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0605-33-001-005 TO BRACKISH, LLC LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO SPECIAL RULING N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 FOR THE 2023 - 2024 LICENSE TERM

RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 2023

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A:4-87 / 2023 CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH - ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIRING QUINCY GRIFFIN AS PART TIME PUBLIC WORK LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING CATERING PERMIT APPLICATION / LA ESPERANZA, INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING CATERING PERMIT APPLICATION / LA ESPERANZA, INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2023

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 107 - 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR A CONTRACT WITH CAPRI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED FOR THE PHASE 3 ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESULTING IN AN INCREASE OF \$40,254.50

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 113 - 2023 through Resolution No. 125 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes, Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATION FOR ASSEMBLAGE OF OVER 250 PERSONS

APPLICANT: ANDRES LOPEZ, 253 FAIRTON-MILLVILLE ROAD

Mayor Pierce announced that the Township received an application for An Assemblage of Over 250 Persons for August 19, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. submitted by Andres Lopez, 235 Fairton-Millville Road. Mayor Pierce reported that the Township has an Ordinance for such assemblage and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or concerns on the application. The Township Committee advised that they had none. Mayor Pierce asked the Township Solicitor if he had time to review the application. Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero advised that he reviewed the application and noted as per the Ordinance for An Assemblage of Over 250 Persons, the applicant lacked several items that were pointed out by the Solicitor. The deficiencies lacking must accompany the application and at this moment, the application is deemed incomplete. The Township Administrator will send a letter to the applicant indicating the items found to be missing from the application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

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 had no reports or remarks to make at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone who took their time out to call in and join tonight's meeting. He appreciates their time in doing so.

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 Items & Non-Agenda Items.

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

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

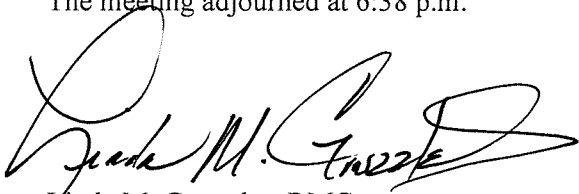
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk