

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Byrd read the following OPMA Statement into the record as follows: 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 17th day of March, 2015 at the Fairfield Municipal Building in Fairton New Jersey is held pursuant to notice of date, time and place of same having been submitted to South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City and also duly posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Township Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Mayor Byrd led the flag salute followed by a Moment of Prayer given by Committeeman Morton.

ROLL CALL

Committeeman Clark, Committeeman Morton, Deputy Mayor Pitts, Committeewoman Servais and Mayor Byrd.

The following staff members were present: Township Administrator Green, Township Solicitor Carr and Township Clerk Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION / ACTION MEETING MARCH 3, 2015

CLOSED SESSION MEETING MARCH 3, 2015

Committeewoman Servais moved to adopt the Work Session /Action Meeting and Closed Session Meeting of March 3, 2015 as written seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At this time, Mayor Byrd asked that State Trooper Pate come forward to give his report.

State Trooper Pate, Bridgeton State Barracks gave the Township Committee and those present at the meeting a report of calls made and responded to various complaints in the Township of Fairfield. Upon the conclusion of his report, the Township Committee thanked the State Trooper for coming out tonight.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

The Township Committee reviewed the bill list as provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 2B 12-1, ET SEQ. BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

Committeewoman Servais moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4 - 2015 on first reading seconded by Deputy Mayor Pitts. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAY YEAR 2015

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5 - 2015 on first reading seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES AND CORRECTIONS FOR VITAL STATISTICS

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to open the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative. There was no response from the public. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to close the public hearing second by Mayor Byrd. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3 - 2015 on final reading seconded by Committeewoman Servais. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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, but only on items specified on the agenda listed for the current meeting. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to open the meeting for public comment on Agenda Items Only. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to open seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative. There was no response from the public. Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the public comment on Agenda Items Only. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to close seconded by Mayor Byrd. All members voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2015

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 76 - 2015 on introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2015

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CUSTOM KME PUMPER THROUGH THE H-GAC COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 77 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, abstain; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,865.80

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 78 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2015 (DEFERRED FROM MARCH 3, 2015)

A RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ESTABLISHING STANDING TOWNSHIP SUB-COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 57 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2015 (DEFERRED FROM MARCH 3, 2015)

A RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING STANDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIASIONS

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 58 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Committee welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals during work session/action regular/action and special meetings. However, in order to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all inclusive, 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. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

At this time, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to open the meeting to public. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to open the meeting seconded by Mayor Byrd. All members voted in the affirmative. Ernest Zirkle, Back Neck Road, Bridgeton appeared and presented Mayor Byrd information relating to his last appearance before the governing body regarding the concerns of the Cohansey River. The information provided included an invitation for a representative from the Fairfield Township to attend.

Wayne Carter, Gouldtown Fire Company appeared and inquired as to what would be the next step on purchasing the fire pumper truck being that the bond successfully passed. Mr. Carter was advised that a purchase order will be processed. Mr. Carter asked what would happen to the old fire truck. Mayor Byrd advised that the Fire Company and the Township Committee will visit the matter in the near future.

There was no one else to be heard. Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to close seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will be going into Closed Session to discuss matters involving employment and legal issues. There being no further business at this time, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to Resolution No. 79 - 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 79 - 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the following matters:

PERSONNEL MATTERS - N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8)

LEGAL MATTERS - ATTORNEY CLIENT N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7)

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 79 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will now convene into Closed Session. The Township Committee will announce into open session any action that may be because of the Closed Session.

The Township Committee is now in Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

The Township Committee reconvened into Open Session from the Closed Session with all members present at 9:50 p.m.

Township Solicitor Carr announced that the doors are now opened and the Township Committee has convened into Open Session. The Township Committee discussed matters dealing with personnel matters and interviews were conducted for the position of Township Administrator.

Mayor Byrd announced that a candidate was selected for the position of a Township Administrator and asked for a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 80 - 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND TO HIRE DARRYL DAVIS CONTINGENT UPON A BACKGROUND CLEARANCE CHECK AND CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 80 - 2015 seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, no and Mayor Byrd, yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeewoman Servais - No report at this time.

Committeeman Morton reported that deliberations were held tonight for a good hour on the selection of a Township Administrator. He indicated that he hopes that the decision made by the Township Committee was a good one tonight. Committeeman Morton indicated that he does not feel that the Township fully utilized Careerbuilders on selection of candidates.

Committeeman Clark thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He indicated that a lot of decisions had to be made tonight and that he wished that there had been more time to make the decisions, however, he explained time was not on their side. Committeeman Clark indicated that the decisions made were done to the best of their ability.

Deputy Mayor Pitts thanked everyone for coming out tonight and looks forward to seeing them all at the next scheduled meeting.

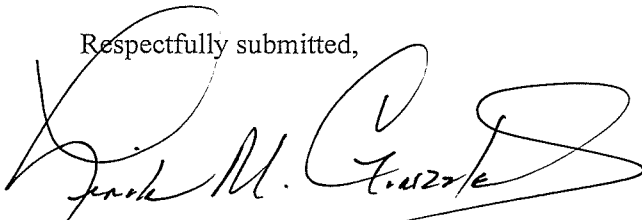
MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Byrd stated that he takes his role as Mayor very seriously as well as the Township Committee. He indicated that as a result of tonight's decisions made were made on behalf of the Township. He advised that those decisions and the vote taken upon may be agreed by some and some may not agree, however, we have to do what we have to do.

At this time, Tammy Viola appeared and inquired on the status of approval of letter regarding the Baseball. Upon the discussion, the letter is approved and can be circulated accordingly.

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committeeman Morton moved to adjourn seconded by Committeewoman Servais. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk