

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Byrd read the following OPMA Statement into the record:

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 1st day of December, 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 Clark.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AND CLOSED SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2015.

Mayor Byrd asked if there were any questions on the minutes presented. Committeeman Clark indicated that he would abstain as he was not present at the November 17, 2015 meeting. Committeewoman Servais requested that the minutes be deferred until the next scheduled meeting to allow more time to read the minutes. Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any objections to deferring the approval of minutes to the next scheduled meeting. There were none. Committeewoman Servais moved to defer to the next scheduled meeting seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, no; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Mayor Byrd asked if anyone had any questions on the bill list. Committeewoman Servais indicated that she had one concern on the bill submitted by the Township Engineer. Committeewoman Servais stated that it has been on going on for quite some time. She advised that the Engineer bills are excessive and that the bill only list the hours he has put in and combined everything that he has done. She stated that his bills are not itemized as it should be.

She advised that she had to put in an OPRA request to obtain copies of the Township Engineer's bills and explained that she has those bills with her and as a committee member they should be able to see the bills without having to put in an OPRA Request. Committeewoman Servais read into the record the hours indicated on the Township Engineer's bill and it is not detailed for what services he is charging the Township. Committeewoman Servais indicated that one of the bills reflected a charge for Planning and Zoning Board when the Board has not even met for months.

Mayor Byrd advised that he does not see the bills that Committeewoman Servais has referred in the record.

Committeewoman Servais stated it was on the bill list from the last meeting and asked him if he already paid the Township Engineer because it was one of them pulled not to pay. She stated that the only bills that were to be paid from the last meeting were just the emergency ones such as utilities, school taxes and insurance.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Administrator if the Township Engineer's bill (Bohler) was paid for in the bills that the Township Committee agreed not to pay at the last meeting. The Township Administrator advised that it was not, the only bills that were paid were emergency bills, medicals bills, utilities only.

Mayor Byrd stated that Bohler's bill is not on this bill list. The Township Administrator stated that Bohler's bill was not listed in tonight's bill list.

Mayor Byrd stated so we can keep moving forward right now, and at this time Committeewoman Servais stated so we can't discuss the 26 hours that the Township Engineer is charging the Township from the bill list provided at the previous meeting.

Mayor Byrd stated we can discuss it as soon as we get done with paying the bill list that is presented to us tonight because Bohler's bill is not indicated on this bill list and that she could contact Bohler and ask him for more detailed information. Mayor Byrd stated there is no question about discussing that.

Committeewoman Servais asked am I allowed to do that.

At this time, Committeeman Morton stated there is some vagueness here. Committeeman Morton stated we are looking to pay for the bill list that was generated for this evening, but when we vote to pay the bills, we are paying these evening's bills and the bills from the previous meeting.

Mayor Byrd stated we are only paying the bills that are presented to us tonight. Committeeman Morton stated are you going to do 2 votes for 2 different bill lists.

Mayor Byrd stated that we are going to do the bill list that is in front of us tonight that the CFO presented to us.

Committeewoman Servais stated what about the bill lists that we tabled from the previous meeting. She stated that they should be here tonight along with the bill list that he presented for us tonight.

Mayor Byrd stated that the only bills that can be approved are the bills that are presented to us tonight. He advised that the ones that are not here is maybe the CFO did not get them finished for processing.

Committeewoman Servais stated the CFO gave them to us at the previous meeting and that we pulled only the one's that we agreed to pay.

Mayor Byrd stated those bills are not on this bill list tonight and we cannot pay them unless we all vote on them.

Mayor Byrd stated so if they are not on this bill list, I do not know what you want me to say as I do not generate the bill list.

Committeewoman Servais stated that means that the bill list provided at the previous meeting that we pulled such as the electric, telephone, insurance and the school taxes, the rest of the bills are going to be thrown into the trash because they were tabled to bring forward tonight.

Mayor Byrd stated that is not what he said. He said what I am saying is the bill list in front of you tonight is the bill list for tonight and the other bills that were not paid will be processed.

Committeewoman Servais stated well that is what Committee Morton just asked you if we are going to approve them tonight.

Mayor Byrd stated they might be approved at another meeting. He stated those bills are not in front of us right now.

Committeewoman Servais stated it is not the CFO's fault, that it was the mayor's fault because you tabled them, and you should of brought them forward and brought your bill list with you like the rest of us and have it here to be approved get them approved.

Mayor Byrd stated so you're saying it's my fault. Committeewoman Servais stated that he should have brought his bill list as he was the one who tabled the bills from the previous meeting.

Mayor Byrd stated that what he has tonight is the bill list that is presented tonight for approval. He stated any other bills will come before the governing body and will be paid or not according to the vote.

Mayor Byrd asked if there were any other questions on the bill list that is provided to you tonight. There were none.

Mayor Byrd read the following Ordinance into the record:

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 10 - 2015

AN ORDINANCE FOR OPEN BURNING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to open the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, no and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and indicated that she had been searching the South Jersey Times for the publication on this ordinance. The Township Clerk advised that it was duly published in the South Jersey Times on November 23, 2015.

Ms. Ridgway stated that she would recheck the newspaper and that the only thing she saw in the newspaper was the cancellation of the Planning/Zoning Board Meeting.

The Township Clerk advised Ms. Ridgway that she can provide her with a copy of the publication and the affidavit.

There were no further comments to be received. Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to close the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10 - 2015 on final reading.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Ordinance No. 10 - 2015 on final reading seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no, Pitts, yes, Servais, no and Mayor Byrd, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to open public comment on Current Agenda Items Only.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows: In order for the Committee to conduct all business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given (five) minutes, all-inclusive to comment on any agenda items(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

Nancy Ridgway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and referred to Resolution No. 164 - 2015 and asked that she would like to know what appropriations are transferred from what to where.

The Township Clerk advised Ms. Ridgway that she could have a copy of the Resolution for her information.

Ms. Ridgway stated that the Township Committee should know what is being transferred as there was much discussion on the payment of the bills this evening as to what is being paid tonight and from what is being paid at the previous meeting. She indicated that she would think that the Committee would have a Finance Committee that goes over the bills to ensure all is in order and that the budget is moving along as it should be moving along and asked if they knew how much of our budget has been spent this year, are we 80% or 90% it is December and if there was going to be any surplus and asked if anyone is keeping track of the funds.

Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that they can get back to her on that, now we are looking into transferring funds to cover the different areas in need.

Ms. Ridgway stated she understands all that, that right now you can transfer funds in the budget. She stated it would be nice if you had something to show the transfer of money to and from. Mayor Byrd advised Ms. Ridgway that she could have a copy of the Resolution showing you the transfers.

There were no further comments to be received. Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the public comment.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 2015

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRIFELD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,325.93

RESOLUTION NO. 161 - 2015

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHANGE IN CORRECT OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF FAIRTON OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK FROM MR. J. DOWNING BOSS, NOW DECEASED, TO HIS SUCCESSORS, THE NEW JERSEY PARTNERSHIP KNOWN AS FAIRTON OAKS OWNED BY ARTHUR BOSS, LLC, MARGARET MCDOWELL AND MADELINE BOSS

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 161 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 162 - 2015

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHANGE IN CORRECT OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF CIRCLE D CAMPGROUND FROM BONNIE BOSS INDIVIDUALLY TO ARTHUR BOSS, LLC

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 162 - 2015 seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 163 - 2015

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A BLUE EMERGENCY LIGHT PERMIT FOR CLAUDE O. SMITH, A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 2

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 163 - 2015 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, abstain; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 164 - 2015

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS - 2015 BUDGET

Committeewoman Servais asked why the transfer is warranted to the Planning/Zoning Board when they have not even had a meeting at all this year and also questioned the \$10,000 transfer to the Township Engineer in which she questioned the Township Engineer's bills earlier during the meeting.

Mayor Byrd indicated that the CFO had explained the transfer amount made to the Township Engineer account was to ensure that funds were put in place to cover any pending bills that should come at the end of the fiscal year.

Committeewoman Servais questioned the \$6,300.00 transfer to the Municipal Court as we no longer have the Municipal Court. She questioned if the inter-local agreement with the City Bridgeton was more than what we were advised.

Mayor Byrd advised that the CFO had indicated to him that the amount is what is needed in the account to cover as we approach the end of the year. Mayor Byrd indicated that this is all in house money and that this is no new money. He further advised that the amount transferred does not mean that each department will utilize the entire transfer amounts, but rather placed in the departments for cushion to ensure that adequate funds are in place at the end of the year.

Committeewoman Servais pointed out that \$15,000.00 from the Municipal Court is being taken from and putting \$6,300.00 back into the Municipal Court and that she does not understand the computation.

Mayor Byrd advised that the \$15,000.00 taken from the Municipal Court and \$6,300.00 was transferred to the Municipal Court and the remaining part of the \$15,000.00 was spread out to approximately ten (10) other departments to cover any overages for coverage at the end of the year.

Committeewoman Servais indicated to the mayor that you do not understand my question, the question is if the CFO is taking \$15,000.00 from the Municipal Court, why the need to put \$6,300.00 back into the Municipal Court.

Mayor Byrd advised that he was not sure about that.

Mayor Byrd asked if anyone else had any questions.

Committeeman Morton indicated that he would like to put a motion on the table to have the CFO address the governing body based on this and would like to have a second on the table which was seconded by Committeewoman Servais.

Mayor Byrd advised there has been a motion made and seconded and asked the Township Clerk for roll call vote: Clark, no; Morton, yes; Pitts, no; Servais, yes, and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to adopt Resolution No. 164 - 2015 Transfer of Appropriations - 2015 Budget seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, no and Mayor Byrd, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. QUOTES FOR PERFORMING METHANE GAS TESTING AT THE CONVENIENCE CENTER
LANDFILL

The Township Administrator reported (2) quotes received and copied to the governing body for the performance of methane gas testing at the Convenience Center. The quotes were from Fralinger Engineering PA and EuroFins QC, Inc. Township Administrator Davis explained the quotes into the record and based on the recommendation issued by the Township Administrator the most advantageous, price and other factors considered to accept the proposal from Fralinger Engineering PA to perform the balance of 2015 last quarter for \$2,250.00 and award the proposal to Fralinger Engineering PA to perform the same monitoring requirements for all four quarters of 2016 in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Mayor Byrd advised that at this time, he would like to entertain a motion to select one of the professional proposals to perform the methane gas testing at the Convenience Center.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to accept the proposal from Fralinger Engineering PA seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, no; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The resolution accepting the proposal was assigned the following resolution number for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 165 - 2015

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
METHANE GAS MONITORING FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP LANDFILL #0605A
LUMMINSTOWN ROAD BLOCK 36 - LOTS 79 & 80 - FRALINGER ENGINEERING PA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to open the meeting for Public Comment.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved and seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd read the following into the record as follows:

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.

Joseph Servais, Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared and indicated that his attorney had informed him that the Township was going to settle with Mr. Michael Sharp and that he would like to know on what grounds as his case was dismissed and indicated that he had it in front of him tonight and he also indicated that they appealed it back to the same Judge.

Mr. Servais asked why the Township would settle a frivolous lawsuit and also that all of them have not gone to court yet and also on what grounds would the Township pay Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Servais indicated that it was insurance fraud to him.

Mayor Byrd stated that the Township Committee has not decided. Mayor Byrd advised that the Conflict Solicitor has not gotten back to the Township Committee with his opinion. Mayor Byrd advised that the Township has requested that the Conflict Solicitor provide the governing body his opinion in writing. Mayor Byrd explained that once the governing body receives the opinion in writing, then the Township Committee will hold a meeting to discuss and review the opinion.

Mr. Servais stated that everyone wins via in court and that you do not waste taxpayer's money to give a frivioulsus lawsuit. Mr. Servais indicated that he has already made a few investigative calls and that they are beyond belief that this could even be settled without it having the matter held in court. Mr. Servais stated that two (2) of the lawsuits on this matter were won in court to dismiss the lawsuit.

Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Servais that the Township Committee is supposed to be waiting until they get the information back from the Conflict Attorney because so far, the Township Committee has not made any decision to do anything. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Servais just like you say, we do not want to give Township money away to anybody if we can help it and in the same token, our Township should do business for our Township as well.

Russell Pierce, 376 Fairton-Gouldtown Road appeared and advised that he was at the municipal building to see the Township Administrator about the wood ordinance. Mr. Pierce advised that the Administrator told him that he had two (2) wood ordinances from two (2) different townships and that he will be putting in an OPRA request for those ordinances.

Mr. Pierce stated that when he left the municipal building, he took a ride to several townships in Cumberland County and also stopped by the Fire Marshal's Office. Mr. Pierce advised that the Fire Marshal advised him that they do not have anything on how much you can have in the yard. The Fire Marshal advised him that they do have something in writing that it can't be stacked so close to a building and that if you have a field that you could have as much wood as you want.

Mr. Pierce stated that he spoke with the Fire Marshal about Clarks Pond Road. He advised that he has paperwork for the mayor indicating that Clarks Pond Road by Harvel Brown's Old Burlington Road is a township road. The Fire Marshal told him that is a fire lane and that the summons will be forthcoming for blocking the road.

Mayor Byrd indicated that he thought that lane was Mr. Brown's as a survey was done.

Mr. Pierce asked if Mr. Brown had shown the Township or the Engineer the survey.

Mayor Byrd indicated that he had not seen it, other than he does see some stakes in the ground.

Mr. Pierce stated that Mr. Brown could have placed those stakes in the ground.

Mr. Pierce advised that as far as he recalls when he was raised, the far end has always been opened and no one has maintained it.

There were no further comments to be received. Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the public comment.

Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to close and seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Pitts, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Deputy Mayor Pitts excused himself from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Clark had no reports or remarks to make at this time.

Committeeman Morton stated that he was glad to see tonight some very interesting questions asked and requested the public to continue to do so.

Committeeman Morton indicated that politics plays a big role and that there is going to be a shift in authority on this board in the next 30 days considering the fact, those individuals coming in may not be so likely to settle things left behind by this committee and that he does not believe he is speaking out of term when he says those things tend to happen coming in the weeks prior to the inaugural.

Committeeman Morton stated that there were a lot of things that could have been accomplished this year. He stated that were not because they were distracted as a committee. He stated that the primary leadership of this Committee took liberties that were not theirs to take, and we see tonight that as an example, the Chief Financial Officer proposal to shift money around, which does happen at the end of the year, but not without the consent of the Committee.

Committeeman Morton stated that if it were up to him that he would of shift the monies to entities that are using the money and also why would you shift money to entities that did not need it all year long. Mr. Morton indicated that the transfers to him appear sloppy.

Committeeman Morton advised that last year, we had a similar problem where money was shifted at the last moment to a department and those individuals were written up for using that money, and so he stated that it is a red flag and that you should always question that and that you should watch to see how that money is spent.

Committeeman Morton stated that next month we are going to be looking at a bill list to see if that money was spent, so he cautioned to be on the lookout for expenditures in excess of \$50,000.00.

Committeeman Morton indicated that he has not been in Township government that long, but that in his experience with other government entities, if you do not use it, you lose it and that it is an expensive game to be playing with the taxpayer's money.

Committeeman Morton stated that he appreciates everyone for coming out tonight and that he encourages the public to continue to be diligent by asking questions but to also do not accept every answer you get and recommended that they do like advocates do, don't ask a question until you actually have the answer because then you will know whether or not you are being lied to.

Committeewoman Servais gave thanks for having everyone come out tonight and that it is always nice to see the public that are interested in our Township. Committeewoman Servais stated that she had a lot of notes written down but that she was not going to go into all of them at this time.

Committeewoman Servais stated that she would like to thank the public for their support during tenure in office for the past 3.5 years and for those who did not, that it is of their choice and that she appreciates them as well. Ms. Servais indicated that she has learned from those people that sometimes you just cannot please everyone no matter what you do.

Committeewoman Servais stated that during her first six (6) months as a Committeewoman all was well and great, however, it changed when she was appointed as the mayor and that said all heck broke loose because they did not want a "white woman" as the Mayor for this Township. Ms. Servais stated that Michael Sharp and Marion Kennedy made those exact remarks about her which were then conveyed back to her and that they kept it very aggravating and very frustrating for her and that with the help of Ms. Viola Thomas-Hughes and Mr. Taylor they were able to get the municipal building painted, new shutters for the windows at the municipal building; a handicap ramp installed at the Senior Center, and a dug out at the ballfield. Ms. Servais indicated that there was a lot of protest from one person who seemed that we should not do this and that because she received money contributions that there was some kind of conspiracy, and they filed an Ethics complaint on her to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs implicating that she was getting money from somebody who she dealt with. Ms. Servais explained that she never dealt with Hankins, but that she was informed that Hankins was willing to contribute, therefore she approached Hankins in which he contributed \$300.00 for the dugout.

Committeewoman Servais said it was very aggravating to know that somebody was willing to help us out and you have somebody else telling you that you are doing something wrong. She advised it there was nothing wrong with it.

Committeewoman Servais made referenced to the Convenience Center. She advised that she did not know that the dump had already gone out to the road at one point. She advised that they had someone willing to donate ever greens and flowers to plant along the fence, and that all heck broke loose on that as well and that also went down the drain. She advised the Township winded up spending a lot of money where if we were to do what we were planning to do, you would not have the puddle when you are coming out of the Convenience Center.

She said a lot of money was spent there and the problem is still there. Ms. Servais advised that the only thing that winded up good about it was that someone called the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection reporting to them that we were doing something wrong and the fact of the wrong was the fact that we found out, that for fifteen (15) years no one had been tending to the Convenience Center. She explained that it was supposed to be maintained, and kept a level of dirt, 4" above the trash and that it had not been done. She advised that the wells had not been tested for a long time, there also was not to be any trash dumped in the back on that part after it was once closed. She advised that she and the former Mayor Thomas-Hughes went back there and what they found was a pile of leaves as high as this room, glass, pieces, and parts of snow fence and that all that was cleaned up and to say that you were maintaining it, that was not so.

Committeewoman Servais advised that the meeting she and former Mayor Thomas-Hughes had with a representative of the NJDEP informed them both that in 2017, if the Convenience Center was not maintained, the NJDEP would not take it over and that we better start now in getting it maintained. She advised there was a map drawn up and they did everything that they were supposed to do in phases and in two (2) years they worked to get the phase completed.

Committeewoman Servais stated that this year, she does not believe the wells have been tested as she has not seen anything on them and that there has been nothing done for a whole year at the Convenience Center.

Committeewoman Servais stated but there was a lot of complaining about what they were doing out there and that they were getting it all caught up so that it would be acceptable by the NJDEP, but that was wrong.

Committeewoman Servais stated that she always tried to do what is best for the Township taxpayers without it costing them a lot of money, but that you are not supposed to do that, that you are supposed to do things that cost them money.

Committeewoman Servais also advised that when she became Mayor, she was informed that the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are supposed to sign checks, so that is the way they did it. She stated that then a letter was sent to the Ethics Committee saying that she took away Mr. Michael Sharp's right to sign checks and that she also took away Mr. Leo Selb's right to sign checks and that she also took away Angie Pierce's right to sign checks, and that Ms. Pierce was not even on the Township Committee so why would she have a right to sign checks, but a letter went anyways to the Ethics Committee because she did something wrong.

Committeewoman Servais stated she was harassed for ten (10) months that year as Mayor and that it was not right and that she continued to try do what she could for the Township.

She advised that last year when Ms. Viola Thomas-Hughes was the mayor and she was the Deputy Mayor, they had a Halloween Party for the kids at the municipal building. She stated that when she asked about it this year, she was informed that we would talk about it later and we never talked about it later. She stated the same about a Christmas party for the kids, she was informed we will talk about it later; we never talked about it later. She advised that it is almost Christmas, Halloween is gone, and we did nothing, it's almost Christmas, nothing is planned, why, and that it should be.

Committeewoman Servais reported that in the two (2) years when she was the Mayor and Ms. Viola Thomas-Hughes was Mayor they did not raise the taxes on the taxpayers and that they still had a surplus at the end of the year.

Committeewoman Servais advised this year, your taxes went up and that she wonders if there will be a surplus.

Ms. Servais stated that there are a lot of legal fees and a lot of things that are going on that the public is not aware of and what they are paying for. She advised that the Township Engineer was back the same Engineer that charged the Township to build a Taj Mahal when he was here before and now, he is back again doing a duplicate of a Taj Mahal.

Committeewoman Servais stated that she has more to say but will save for next time. She gave thanks to everyone coming out tonight and that she wished more people would come out so that they would know exactly what is going on in their Township and with their tax money.

Committeewoman Servais advised that we have someone on the Committee who left earlier that does not reside in this Township. She indicated that someone in his own family told her and Viola Thomas-Hughes last year when she asked the family member how you get along with your uncle. The family member's response was that he does see his uncle much anymore because he moved out of town. Ms. Servais stated that that the Committee person should have resigned a year and a half ago, but that he is still sitting here as a fraud and taking your taxpayer's dollars.

Committeewoman Servais stated that this same Committee person came to the Township Committee last year wanting to have True Renaissance. Ms. Servais indicated that both the Deputy Mayor Pitts and Mr. Byrd talked about it being the best thing going on since sliced bread and that everybody should invest in it and that we should give them money.

She stated that all Mr. Pitts talked about was how great it was but he also failed to say that he was on the Board and that the school was behind it.

Committeewoman Servais advised that the Township received a letter from the School Board's Solicitor indicating that they did not even know that True Renaissance were at our Township Committee Meetings begging for money.

Committeewoman Servais stated that there is more to say and that she will bring it up at the next meeting and that she has only one more meeting and se will be set free.

MAYOR:

Mayor Byrd stated that there were a lot of things going through his head now and that there are some things that he would like to say, but that he will not state then because he wants to remain professional.

Mayor Byrd stated that what he does want to say is thank everyone for coming out tonight and looks forward to seeing their faces again next year and that he is going to continue to fight for the Township for those who want him up here or for those who do not, that he is going to continue to fight for the Township.

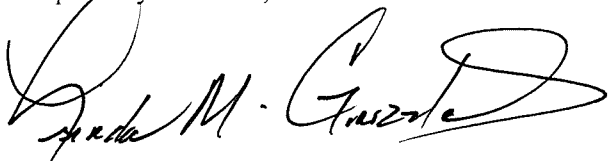
Mayor Byrd stated that if you do like it, it is great and if you do not like it, that it is okay, that he is just letting them know that he is going to be here.

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Clark moved to adjourn seconded by Mayor Byrd. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Morton, yes; Servais, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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