

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 23rd day of February, 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/PRESENT

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

The following members were present: Township Administrator Green and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Byrd announced that tonight is an informal preliminary budget workshop meeting. At this time, he asked Township Auditor Kenneth Moore, Ford-Scott Associates, LLC to come forward and provide details of the anticipation of adoption of said budget.

Kenneth Moore explained that numbers were placed on the budget form for the Township Committee's review. This budget has all of last year's budget information such as what was spent and what was left over and a proposed of what the 2015 budget will look like. The salaries from last year were indicated as difficult to follow as an ordinance could not be located. Mr. Moore also indicated that an allocation was made at the end of year where there were certain employees in a department and moved to another department. The goal is for the next meeting to get all the old employees and list them down and see what we paid them last year and see what the anticipated increase will be determine what departments they will be in.

The Township Auditor indicated that the total budget will not be too far off, however a few allocations in the line items.

The Township Committee reviewed each page and entered their questions into the record.

Upon review, the Auditor will work in conjunction with the CFO to obtain the information on salary and wages and legal services to firm up the numbers and bring back to the Township Committee.

The preliminary budget at this moment without any further amendments

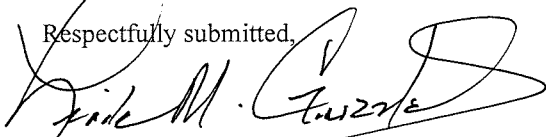
There was no further discussion. At this time, Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to open the meeting to the public seconded by Committeeman Morton. All members voted in the affirmative.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue appeared and complimented tonight's observance of the preliminary budget workshop. Ms. Ridgeway stated that as the Auditor down the road we may have to raise it a nickel instead of penny every year. She indicated that she like others does not like having her taxes increase, however, sometimes to do a little bit and get our reserve fund established so we don't fall behind is a good thing so that citizens do not get hit with a nickel or like the County next year will probably be 50 cents.

There were no further comments to be received. Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Deputy Mayor Pitts moved to close the public portion seconded by Committeeman Morton. All members voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Byrd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committeeman Morton moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Committeewoman Servais. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk