

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 4, 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 4th day of October 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 roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 (TABLED AT THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING)

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to approve the Work Session Action minutes of September 6, 2023 as written seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

REGULAR ACTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Deputy Mayor Peterson moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of September 20, 2023 as written seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, abstain.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIVE)

Township Solicitor Marmero explained Ordinance No. 8 - 2023 through Ordinance No. 12 - 2023. Said ordinances are a result from the NJDEP Tier B to Tier Conversion. A Municipal Stormwater General Permit regulation compliance.

He advised that a few more ordinances required by the DEP will be forthcoming. Said ordinances must comply with the regulations and be adopted before the end of calendar year 2023.

There being no questions from the Township Committee, Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 8 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 252, ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "STORAGE OF FIREWOOD" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 9 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 9 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 386, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 10 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 10 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375, ENTITLED "SEWERS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 11 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 169, ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 12 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to introduce on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375, ENTITLED "SEWERS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 6 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2023

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 19.13, LOT 18

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 6 - 2023.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 6 - 2023.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6 - 2023 on second and final reading.

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

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. There being none, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 152 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 152 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,589.45

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 152 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 153 - 2023 into the record and asked the members of the Township Committee if they had any questions. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 153 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THE MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution NO. 153 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 154 - 2023 into the record and asked the members of the Township Committee if they had any questions. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF SALE BLOCK 28.01, LOT 8

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 154 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 155 - 2023 into the record and asked the members of the Township Committee if they had any questions. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 155 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF SALE BLOCK 28.01, LOT 9

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 155 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

There were no reports or remarks from the Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for taking their time out to call and join tonight's meeting.

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 Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Alan Trzuskoski, Incubator Founder talked to the Township Committee about his successful development in the cannabis incubator business and that he has an interest in Fairfield Township. He would like to meet the Mayor and Committee to communicate further and gain their support in establishing a cannabis incubator in our township. Mr. Trzuskoski spoke about the support he has received from the City of Bridgeton.

Mayor Pierce asked that Mr. Trzuskoski contact the Township Administrator and provide him with materials for the Committee to review and discuss and thanked him for calling in.

Mr. Trzuskoski thanked the Mayor and Committee for their time.

There being no one further Comments on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close.

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

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)

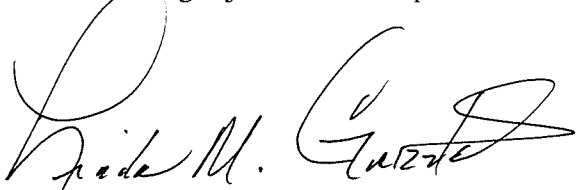
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, announced that the next Township Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 via teleconference.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk