

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION SESSION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was recorded as follows:

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2023

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (THREE)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 13 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 406, ENTITLED "TAXATION," OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO IMPOSE A TRANSFER TAX ON THE SALE OF CANNABIS BY LICENSED BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE TOWNSHIP AND A USER TAX ON CONCURRENT LICENSE HOLDERS OPERATING MORE THAN ONE ESTABLISHMENT AND TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASS 5 RETAILER LICENSES

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 13 - 2023 on first reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 14 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 2023

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

JERSEY TO PREVENT IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE INTO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 14 - 2023 on first reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 15 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 15 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 274, ENTITLED "HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REGULATE PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15 - 2023 on first reading.

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

ANNOUNCEMENT/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

2023 MUNICIPAL BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET SURVEY

Mayor Pierce reported on the presentation of the certification of the 2023 Best Practices List Inventory that was submitted online on November 1, 2023. The Township of Fairfield scored 36.50 points which means that we will get our full state aid payment pursuant to the threshold for aid indicated below.

The thresholds for aid withholding are as follows:

Inventory Score	Final Payment Amount Disbursed	Aid Withheld
29 & Greater	100%	No Withholding
25 - 28	75%	Lose 25% of Final Formula Aid Payment
21 - 24	50%	Lose 50% of Final Formula Aid Payment
0 - 20	0%	Lose 100% of Final Formula Aid Payment

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 Stephen M. Bateman entered his conflict with two (2) payables, #23-00907 and #23-00906.

There being no other questions and or conflicts, Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 164 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 164 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,337,835.58

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 164 - 2023 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes, except for payable #23-00907 and #23-00906; 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 being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 165 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 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. 165 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARK BLAUER, BLAUER ASSOCIATES AS THE CONSULTANT TO ASSIST THE TOWNSHIP IN DEVELOPING AND SUBMITTING TWO (2) APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 NEW JERSEY SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 166 - 2023

APPROVING HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 167 - 2023

APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 168 - 2023

APPROVING HOUSING REHABILITATION APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 169 - 2023

APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 170 - 2023

ADOPTION OF STATE MODEL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR DCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 171 - 2023

IDENTIFYING SMALL CITIES FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 172 - 2023

APPROVING OF HOUSING REHABILITATION POLICES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

RESOLUTION NO. 173 - 2023

TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND CANCELS 2023 TAX AMOUNT

RESOLUTION NO. 174 - 2023

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF THE TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$1166.55 TO CORELOGIC FOR BLOCK 43, LOT 47

RESOLUTION NO. 175 - 2023

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM CME ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 176 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE TO MAINLINE FUEL SERVICES, INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION NO. 177 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE AUBREY GROUP, LLC FOR ENERGY RELATED CONSULTING SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BLUE LIGHT PERMIT

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 165 - 2023 through Resolution No. 178 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

GYPSY MOTH EGG MASS SURVEY BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL

The Township Committee reviewed correspondence received from the New Jersey Department of Agricultural dated October 19, 2023, indicating that no major infestation was detected in the Township of Fairfield from their fall gypsy moth egg mass survey. The Department is not recommending any aerial treatment for the Township of Fairfield next spring.

Mayor Piere asked the Township Committee if they had any New Business to report. The Township Committee responded they did have any New Business to report. Mayor Piere advised that he had no New Business to report or discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. had no report or remarks to make at this time.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson thanked everyone who called into tonight's teleconference meeting and for everyone to have a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARK

Mayor Piere thanked everyone who took the time out of their schedule to call in and join our teleconference meeting tonight.

Mayor Piere 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 Piere entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items.

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

There being none, Mayor Piere entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

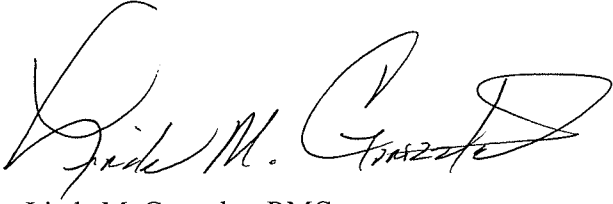
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Mayor Piere entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Township Clerk