

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION SESSION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 18, 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 18th 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 by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was recorded as follows:

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

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero, Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales and Mark Blauer, Blauer Associates, Grant Consultant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2023

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to approve the minutes of Work Session Action Meeting of October 4, 2023 as written seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote:
Committeeman Bateman, abstain, Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
MARK BLAUER, GRANT CONSULTANT

Mark Blauer thanked the Mayor and the Township Committee for having him present tonight. He advised that tonight we are having a public hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. for the fiscal year 2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and that this program we have used successfully for the past five (5) years for the phases of ADA work at the Township Municipal Building and the Recreation Center and most recently an award in April for the Senior Center.

Mr. Blauer announced that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) expects the grant program to open again probably this month with applications due in December and that we are anticipating that round by getting the public hearing out of the way and in November when the round is up we can pass the Resolutions and that the purpose of tonight is to talk about two (2) types of grants that we can go for and one (1) is for up to \$400,000 for public improvements such as the Senior Center project last year and additional home rehabilitation where we provide forgivable and deferred loan to homeowners in Fairfield Township and again apply for up to \$200,000.

Mark Blauer's recommended that the Township again apply for home rehabilitation for up to \$200,000 since we have such a successful and active program with home rehabilitation as Michael Burden, Township Administrator and Linda M. Gonzales, Township Clerk can attest too.

He advised that in addition to our Engineer at CME Associates has come up with an idea with more work at the Senior Center for up to \$400,000 with emphasis on improvements on the exterior to create a more recreational type of facilities for seniors such as exercise equipment, pavilions, and picnic tables things of that nature for the seniors, specifically outside of our senior center. He stated that those two (2) ideas have come up and tonight is to give the public an opportunity to suggest any ideas or ask any questions about the ideas that we have and suggested that we now open the hearing for the public comment and record it for our application.

Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Blauer.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open the hearing to the public for their comments and questions regarding the Small Cities Community Development Grant Program.

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

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

Mayor Pierce asked Mark Blauer if he had anything further. Mark Blauer stated that we received our final invoice on the Phase 3 ADA work at the Municipal Building done by Capri Construction and that he believes we are forming up to move forward on the existing \$400,000 grant at the Senior Center for improvements on the interior and that he wanted to thank the Mayor and the Township Committee for the continued opportunity to serve the Fairfield Township residents.

Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Blauer.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. asked Mr. Blauer if any of the funding go outside of the Township for example, handicap signs in a neighborhood, things such of this nature. Mark Blauer explained that if it is to stay on Fairfield Township public streets and if you want to for an example, do curb cuts to make wheelchair access or for signage related to handicap parking, that it is eligible.

Mark Blauer communicated a good example from some years ago, Woodstown had 33 intersections that were identified as not compliant with the NJDOT guidelines and they fixed every intersection and that they were borough streets, not county roads or state roads and not the one's of the responsibility of the borough so things like that you can work at scattered sites with ADA compliance signage, parking and curb cuts for an example.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. thanked Mark Blauer.

Mayor Pierce asked if anyone else on the Township Committee had any questions for Mr. Blauer at this time. There were none.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (SIX)

ORDINANCES NO. 7 - 2023 THROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 2023

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 7 - 2023 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2023

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 7 - 2023.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce moved to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 7 - 2023.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7 - 2023 on final reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 8 - 2023 into the record as follows:

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8 - 2023.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8 - 2023.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8 - 2023 on final reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 9 - 2023 into the record as follows:

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 9 - 2023.

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

Albert K. Marmero, Township Solicitor stated that at our last meeting he had given the Township Committee a run down of the need for the ordinance 9 - 2023 and the three (3) other subsequences ones, Ordinance No. 10 - 2023, Ordinance No. 11 - 2023 and Ordinance No. 12 - 2023, as they may recall, these ordinances are required by the NJDEP due to the Township's move to a Tier A Stormwater Municipality and that we did go over them at the last meeting and if anyone has any questions on them to please feel free to ask as we move through them.

Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Marmero.

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 9 - 2023.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9 - 2023 on final reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 10 - 2023 into the record as follows:

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 10 - 2023.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 10 - 2023.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10 - 2023 on final reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 11 - 2023 into the record as follows:

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 11 - 2023.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 11 - 2023.

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11 - 2023 on final reading.

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

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 12 - 2023 into the record as follows:

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

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 12 - 2023.

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

There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 12 - 2023.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12 - 2023 on final reading.

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

At this time, the Township Solicitor asked Mayor Pierce before we move from the Ordinances if he could briefly address Ordinance No. 7 - 2023, the Bond Ordinance. Mayor Pierce stated yes.

Township Solicitor advised that as a Bond Ordinance, that Ordinance does need a super majority which is 4 out of 5 and as per his record there were two (2) abstentions, meaning there were 3 affirmative votes if in fact both of the members who abstained have legal conflicts, that he would work with Bond Counsel who drafted the Ordinance, that there may be some necessary certification to ensure that those are in fact a conflict that prevented them from voting and we may just require an extra step but that he wanted to bring this up to their attention so that they are aware of this.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman's question is because it has to do with Fire Company No. 2 is a conflict of interest for Fire Company No. 1. Solicitor Marmero stated that technically it would not be a legal conflict because Fire Company No 1. would not necessarily be receiving the Command Vehicle and obviously it is close and is a bit of a gray area so he understood why Committeeman Bateman would have abstained, but that on a legal standpoint it would be an actual conflict if Committeeman Bateman was a part of Fire Company No. 2.

Committeeman Bateman then asked if he could change his vote from abstain. The Township Solicitor advised yes as long as we are still in the meeting session that he could certainly change his vote and let the record reflect that then it would not require any extra steps with Bond Counsel and if Committeeman Bateman is comfortable in doing that is fine. Committeeman Bateman responded that he was comfortable with the change in his vote.

The vote is recorded as follows to adopt Ordinance No. 7 - 2023 on final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2023

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY

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

Township Clerk Gonzales thanked the Township Solicitor.

At this time, Mayor Pierce stated we will move next to the Bill List.

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.

Mayor Pierce entered the record his conflict with payable # 13002 and payable #13011 to Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 2. There were no further questions or conflicts.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 156 - 2023 into the record as follows and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 156 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475,863.87

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 156 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson yes and Mayor Pierce, yes, but abstained on

payable #13002 and payable #13011 to Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 157 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 157 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 19.13, LOT 18

Committeeman Mike Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 157 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, abstain; Committeeman Clark, Jr., yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 158 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 16, LOT 4

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 158 - 2023 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, abstain; Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Mayor Pierce read the Consent Agenda and called up the Township Committee if they had any questions or concerns. There were none.

Township Solicitor Marmero asked Mayor Pierce if he could briefly address two (2) of the Resolutions.

Mayor Pierce stated yes.

Township Solicitor referenced Resolution No. 162 - 2023 and Resolution No. 163 - 2023 are Resolutions drafted by his office and that they are listed on the Consent Agenda, but he wanted the Mayor and Township Committee to make sure they knew what they were. He stated Resolution No. 162 - 2023 is a Resolution which authorizes amendments to their Policies and Procedures in their manual that comes directly from their MEL and JIF who are their insurers and that they do that every couple of years just to make sure the Township's Personnel and Procedures manual are up to date. He advised this year's amendment mostly had to do with Cannabis and the revision to the law so those amendments were made and that is what that Resolution does and also as part of their insurance, the Township has to adopt a Civil Rights Policy and that is what the second Resolution No. 163 - 2023 is by adopting these Resolutions and by doing a couple of other things that he is working with the Township Administrator that allows us to sign off on our Check List that verifies that you have done everything that you have to do to get a reduce deductible for your insurance.

The Mayor and Township Committee thanked the Township Solicitor.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 159 - 2023 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 163 - 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. 159 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING CATERING PERMIT APPLICATION / LA ESPERANZA, INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION NO. 160 - 2023

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANGEMENT COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 161 - 2023

A RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND PARTICIPATING GOVERNING BODIES WITHIN CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR SHARING STREET CLEANING SERVICES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS

RESOLUTION NO. 162 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

RESOLUTION NO. 163 - 2023

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITHIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

On a motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 159 - 2023 through Resolution No. 163 - 2023 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, Committeeman Clark, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pierce announced that Emergency Management Coordinator Kenneth Brent has resigned, and the vacant position was advertised last week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

There were no reports or remarks from the Township Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked all who joined tonight's teleconference 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 of 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 & Non-Agenda Items.

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

Renee Richardson, 420 East Avenue asked if she could get a handicap sign for her child.

Mayor Pierce asked if she was referring to signage on the roadway. Ms. Richardson response was yes.

Mayor Pierce advised that it is something that we could do and if she had spoken with the Township Administrator about her request. Ms. Richardson indicated that she had spoken with Mr. Clark.

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. stated that earlier on during the meeting, he had asked Mr. Blauer if there were other sources that grant funding could be used. His inquiry to Mr. Blauer was to see if grant funding could be applicable to Ms. Richardson's request.

Mayor Pierce asked that Committeeman Clark provide Ms. Richardson's information to the Township Administrator to see what avenues are needed to take care of Ms. Richardson's request.

Ms. Richardson thanked the Mayor and Township Committee.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close the Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non-Agenda Items.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Pierce announced that this concludes tonight's meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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" and last name "Gonzales" clearly legible.

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk