

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of Fairfield Township Committee was held on the date above at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference with Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales presiding the meeting.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

On December 27, 2023, Notice of this meeting was published in The South Jersey Times and The Daily Journal and duly posted on the Township website. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with Sunshine Law.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales led the flag salute.

INVOCATION

Committeeman Mike Peterson performed the Invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL

Jim Schroder, Marmero Law, LLC stated it was a pleasure to be at tonight's teleconference meeting. He advised that he is both an attorney and a minister and that he really appreciates the prayer given during the Invocation.

The Oath of Office was administered to Newly Elected Township Committeewoman Julia Burrus for a three (3) year term by Jim Schroder.

ROLL CALL

The roll was recorded as follows:

Committeewoman Julia Burrus, present; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present; Committeeman Mike Peterson, present and Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

MEMBER ABSENT

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden and Jim Schroder, Marmero Law, LLC.

NOMINATE MAYOR / CHAIRPERSON

On a motion of Benjamin Byrd, Sr., seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson, Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. was nominated and approved for Mayor / Chairperson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Committeeman Mike Peterson, yes; and Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR / CHAIRPERSON

Jim Schroder, Marmero Law, LLC administered the Oath of Office to Mayor / Chairperson Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Mayor Pierce presides the meeting.

NOMINATE DEPUTY MAYOR / VICE CHAIRPERSON

On a motion of Benjamin Byrd, Sr. seconded by Committeeman Mike Peterson, Committeeman Mike Peterson was nominated and approved for Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairperson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Committeeman Mike Peterson, yes; and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR / VICE CHAIRPERSON

DEPUTY MAYOR/VICE CHAIRPERSON

Jim Schroder, Marmero Law, LLC administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairperson Mike Peterson.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 1 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 1 - 2024 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero of Marmero Law, LLC as Township Solicitor, Foreclosure & Tax Appeal Attorney and Labor Counsel
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No 2 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 2 - 2024 - Appointment John G. DeSimone, DeSimone Law Office as Township Conflict Solicitor
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 3 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 3 - 2024 - Appointment of Fralinger Engineer PA as Township Engineer, Township Surveyor and Township Stormwater Management Engineer
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 4 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 4 - 2024 - Appointment of Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Conflict Township Engineer, Township Environmental Engineer (LSRP) and Township Planner
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 5 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 5 - 2024 - Appointment Joel M. Fleishman, Fleishman, Daniels Law Office, LLC as Bond Counsel
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 6 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 6 - 2024 - Appointment of Nancy Sbrolla, Ford-Scott & Associates as Municipal Auditor
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 7 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 7 - 2024 - Appointment of Hardenberg Insurance Group as Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 8 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 8 - 2024 - Appointment of Corporate Benefits, LLC as Health Insurance Agent/Broker Services
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 9 - 2024 into the record as follows:

No. 9 - 2024 - Appointment of Shore Animal Control Services, LLC as Animal Control
Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus, yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. yes; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

Mayor Pierce read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and 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. 10 - 2024 through Resolution No. 39 - 2024

There being no questions, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 10 - 2024 through Resolution No. 39 - 2024.

No. 10 - 2024 - A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2024 Calendar Year Including 2025 Reorganization Meeting

No. 11 - 2024 - Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings

No. 12 - 2024 - Establish Dates and Times of the Fairfield Township Hazard Ork Group & Local Emergency Planning Committee

No. 13 - 2024 - Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

No. 14 - 2024 - Adopting A Cash Management Plan

No. 15 - 2024 - Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2024

No. 16 - 2024 - Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks

No. 17 - 2024 - Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2024

No. 18 - 2024 - Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository

No. 19 - 2024 - Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale

No. 20 - 2024 - Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00

No. 21 - 2024 - Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2024

No. 22 - 2024 - Transfer 2023 Tax Overpayments to 2024 Open Balances

No. 23 - 2024 - Appointment of a Tax Search Officer

No. 24 - 2024 - Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals

No. 25 - 2024 - Appointment of Fund Commissioner & Alternate

No. 26 - 2024 - Appointment of Safety Coordinator & Deputy

No. 27 - 2024 - Appointment of Albert K. Marmero, Marmero Law Office, LLC as Public Agency Compliance Officer

No. 28 - 2024 - Appointment of Deputy Municipal Registrar or Vital Statistics

No. 29 - 2024 - Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

No. 30 - 2024 - Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class I, Mayor's Designee, Class II, Class III, Alternate I, Alternate II and Alternate III Members

No. 31 - 2024 - Appointments to Environmental Commission

No. 32 - 2024 - Appointments to Recreation Board

No. 33 - 2024 - Appointment of NIMS Coordinator

No. 34 - 2024 - Appointment of Pogue, Inc. as CDL Alcohol & Drug Testing Lab

No. 35 - 2024 - Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaisons Committee & Additional Sub-Committees

No. 36 - 2024 - Appointment of Recycling Coordinator & Clean Communities Coordinator

No. 37 - 2024 - A Resolution of the Annual Designation of Municipal Holidays for Fairfield Township Committee and Establishing the Date of Halloween Recognition along with Trick-or-Treat Hours

No. 38 - 2024 - A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter

No. 39 - 2024 - A Resolution Authorizing Agreement Risk Management Consultant TRICO Joint Insurance Fund

On a motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 10 - 2024 through Resolution No. 39 - 2024 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus; yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

COMMITTEE REMARKS

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. congratulated Mayor Pierce, Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, and newly elected Township Committeewoman Julia Burrus for taking on this journey once again in those positions and that he knows that they will all do well and thanked them all.

Committeewoman Julia Burrus had no remarks to make at this time.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson had no remarks to make at this time.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked newly elected Township Committeewoman Julia Burrus for joining this Committee and that he appreciates her wanting to get involved as many people do not want to and hopefully she will be a great asset. Mayor Pierce thanked Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson for wanting to fill the Deputy Mayor position again and thanked the whole Committee for nominating him to serve again as the Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

Mayor Pierce read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items 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.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus; yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

Jim Schroder gave thanks to the Township Committee on behalf of Marmero Law legal team and thanked the Committee for all their sacrificial services in this community and in this state.

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

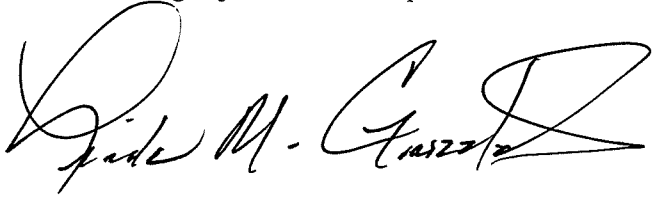
Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus; yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

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 Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeewoman Julia Burrus; yes; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, yes and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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