

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2024

The Regular Acting Meeting of the Township Committee of Fairfield Township was held on January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Chambers Room, 70 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, Fairton, New Jersey 08320 with Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. presiding.

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 17th day of January 2024 is held pursuant to notice having been submitted to The South Jersey Times and The Daily Journal on January 8, 2024 and duly posted on the Township website and Bulletin Board.

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 Stephen M. Bateman, present; Committeewoman Julia Burrus, present; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, present and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., present.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2023

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of December 20, 2023. There were none. Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023 as written seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

REORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Reorganization minutes of January 2, 2024. There were none. Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to approve.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the Reorganization minutes of January 2, 2024 as written seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, abstain; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY 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 were none.

RESOLUTION

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 40 - 2024 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTION NO. 40 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$541,958.50

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 40 - 2024 seconded by Committeewoman Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, 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 and or concerns. There being none, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 40 - 204 through Resolution No. 50 - 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2024 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2024)

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. 41 - 2024

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$220.99 TO CORELOGIC FOR BLOCK 28.04, LOT 2

RESOLUTION NO. 42 - 2024

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$668.52 TO CORELOGIC FOR BLOCK 12, LOT 17.08

RESOLUTION NO. 43 - 2024

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONTACT PERSONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 44 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION / MICHAEL A. DAVIS

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION / BRANDON R. HOLMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION / STEVEN A. ACEVEDO

RESOLUTION NO. 47 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION / JACOB MICHAH CURREY

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION / FREDDY BRAMBILA

RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF 2024 BUSINESS REGISTRATION

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 2024

APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

On a motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 41 - 2024 through Resolution No. 50 - 2024 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman yes; Committeewoman Burrus; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

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

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and that he personally enjoyed being home while the meetings were conducted via teleconference.

Deputy Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight, especially during this weather as additional snow is forecasted for the next several days.

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. thanked everyone for taking their time out to attend tonight's meeting and as the Deputy Mayor stated the weather is bad with lots of freezing and is expected to be like this for the next several days and for everyone to be careful going home.

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. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open 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; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Nancy Ridgeway, 582 Irving Avenue congratulated Mayor Marvin Pierce, Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson and newly elected Township Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Ms. Ridgeway stated that the Township has been conducting their meetings via teleconference for four (4) years and that she was in the waiting room for the 2024 Reorganization Meeting and could not join the teleconference meeting. She stated that she was extremely disappointed and that this was the first time this had happened because she felt that the Reorganization Meeting was the most important meeting of the year. She stated that the meeting before the Reorganization Meeting, that she was in Mexico and called in and had no problems in getting into the teleconference meeting. Ms. Ridgeway stated that since the Township Committee is going to have their first meetings of the month by teleconference, that she does not run into the same issue again.

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: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

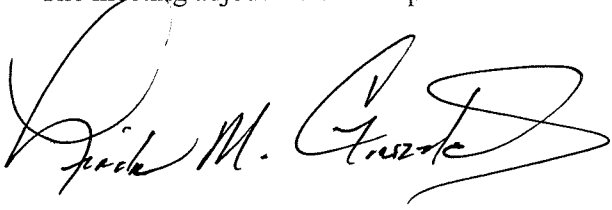
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 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
Municipal Clerk