

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2024

The Regular Action Meeting of the Township Committee of Fairfield Township was held on February 21, 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 21st day of February 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; Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson, present and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

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

WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the Work Session Action minutes of February 7, 2024 as written seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

REVIEW OF THE 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.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman entered his conflict with payable #24-00136 to Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

There were no further questions and or conflicts.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 57 - 2024 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$390,139.99

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 57 - 2024 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes, but abstain on payable #24-00136;

Committeewoman Burrus, 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 were none. Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution No. 58 - 2024 to Resolution No. 59 - 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 58 - 2024 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 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. 58 - 2024

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO CARRY OUT A FISCAL YEAR 2024 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROJECT FOR FAIRFIELD RECREATION COMPLEX BASKETBALL COURTS IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AWARING BID TO RICKY SLADE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE SEABREEZE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

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

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. had no report or remarks to make at this time.

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 Items & Non-Agenda Items.

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

Michael Donato appeared to introduce himself to the Fairfield Township Committee as the Cumberland County Sheriff elected on January 1, 2024.

Sheriff Donato talked about his extensive law enforcement career and his experience as a Fire Fighter whereby he personally knows Fire Chief Stephen M. Bateman, Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 (Fairton) and Fire Chief Marvin Pierce, Jr., Fairfield Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 (Gouldtown).

Sheriff Donato stated that as he observed tonight's proceedings of the Township Committee Meeting, he stated that he likes the way the Township manages their business.

Sheriff Donato and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office mission is to have a partnership with local municipalities and such. In closing, Sherrif Donato welcomed the Township to reach out to him or his office for their assistance.

Mayor Pierce thanked Sherrif Donato for attending tonight's meeting.

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

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

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

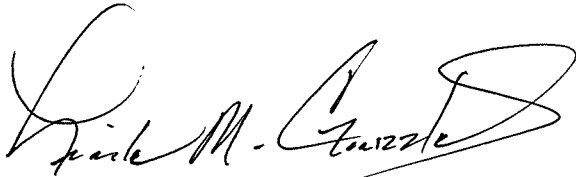
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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 Committeewoman Burrus to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 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