

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2024

The Work Session Action Meeting of the Township Committee of Fairfield Township was held on April 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference with Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 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 provided 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 MARCH 20, 2024

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the Regular Action minutes of March 20, 2024 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.

PRESENTATION / ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

JOE HENRY, HARDENBERGH INSURANCE GROUP

Joe Henry, Hardenbergh Insurance Group, the Township's Risk Management Consultant spoke to the Township Committee regarding workplace safety, specifically on Accident Investigations.

As the Township of Fairfield is a member of the JIF Safety Program, all members require a safety topic to have on their Agenda at least once a year.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) (ONE)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2 - 2024.

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

There being no comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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.

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2 - 2024 on final reading.

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.

#### 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.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict with payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated and payable #14701 to Fralinger Engineering PA.

#### RESOLUTION

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 72 - 2024 into the record as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,692.15

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution No. 72 - 2024 seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, but abstained on payable #000301 and #14701; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

There were no Reports / Remarks from the Township Committee.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for taking the time out to join this meeting and safe travels due to the flooding weather forecast.

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 state your name and address for the record at the appropriate time.

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

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

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

Committeewoman Julia Burrus 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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

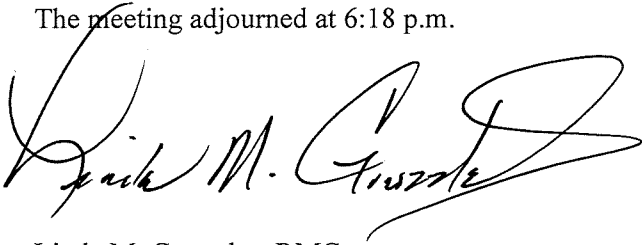
There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 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