

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR ACTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The Regular Action Meeting of the Township Committee of Fairfield Township was held on September 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Chambers Room, 70 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, Fairton, New Jersey 08320 with Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Peterson 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 September 2025 is held pursuant to notice having been submitted to The South Jersey Times and The Daily Journal on January 8, 2025 and duly posted on the Township website and Bulletin Board.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Peterson led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer.

At this time, Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. arrives and presides over the meeting.

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, Township Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WORK SESSION ACTION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to approve the Work Session Action minutes of September 3, 2025 as written seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, abstain; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, abstain.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) (ONE)

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance No. 7 - 2025 into the record as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 40, LOT 13

Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 7 - 2025 on first reading.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to introduce Ordinance No. 7 - 2025 on first reading 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.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

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. There were none.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 117 - 2025 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 117 - 2025

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$464,792.86

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson moved to adopt Resolution No. 117 - 2025 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 read Resolution No. 118 - 2025 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 118 - 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FERRARA INFERNO 2750 GALLON/2000 TANKER-PUMPER THROUGH THE H-GAC COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 118 - 2025 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, abstain; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 2025 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 2025)

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. 119 - 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 12, LOT 26.01

RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 12, LOT 26.02

RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2025

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A:4-87 / STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2025 SMALL CITIES GRANT FOR ADA COMPLIANCE AT CONVENIENCE CENTER

RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2025

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A:4-87 / STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2025 SMALL CITIES GRANT FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION

RESOLUTION NO. 123 - 2025

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS NJSA 40A:4-87 / STATE OF NEW JERSEY SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATION FY2025 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 124 - 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FRALINGER ENGINEERING, PA FOR PHASE II AND PHASE III OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

RESOLUTION NO. 125 - 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LOAN AND GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY WATER BANK

On a motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 119 - 2025 through Resolution No. 125 - 2025 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.

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.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. had no report or remarks to make at this time.

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson attended the recent Fairfield Township's Community Day and reported that the event was nice and thanked the Township Administrator.

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

Steven Solof stated that he represents InFormTheVoteNJ.com and works to inform the voters about candidates running for office. Mr. Solof extends the invitation to the public to engage and a way to encourage transparency and accessibility to participate.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to close 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; 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)

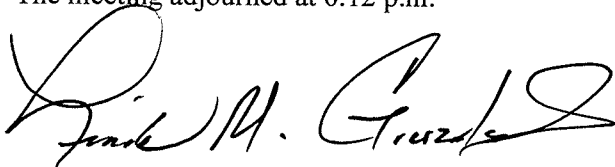
There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Municipal Clerk