

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR ACTION MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2025

The Regular Action Meeting of the Township Committee of Fairfield Township was held on December 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Chambers Room, 70 Fairton-Gouldtown Road, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302 with Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr. presiding

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 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

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

ROLL CALL

The following 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., present.

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 MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2025

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2025 as written seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

REGULAR ACTION MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2025

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025 as written seconded by Committeewoman Julia Burrus. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

REGULAR ACTION MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Minutes were tabled due to lack of membership for vote.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

PROCLAMATION

DEBORAH "DEBBIE" DESHIELDS

Mayor Pierce announced the recent passing of township employee Deborah DeShields who worked for the township for 29 years. A moment of silence was held. A proclamation in honor of Ms. DeShields for all her contributions will be given to her family.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE CFO

Mayor Pierce asked the Township Committee if they had any questions/conflicts on the bill list provided

by the Chief Financial Officer. There were none.

Mayor Pierce read Resolution No. 142 - 2025 into the record as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2025

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335,997.93

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to adopt Resolution NO. 142 - 2025 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

Prior to adopting the Consent Agenda, Mayor Pierce announced Resolution No. 143 - 2025 to be pulled from the Consent Agenda and entertained a motion to table said resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 - 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR TAX ASSESSOR SERVICES

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved to table Resolution No. 143 - 2025 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

(RESOLUTION NO. 144 - 2025 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 149 - 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. 144 - 2025

A RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT OF \$1253.17 TO CORELOGIC FOR BLOCK 7, LOT 6.01

RESOLUTION NO. 145 - 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 40, LOT 6

RESOLUTION NO. 146 - 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S)

TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY

PERMIT NO 7 - 2025 / INSTALLATION OF GAS MAIN / SEENA DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 147 - 2025

APPROPRIATION CANCELLATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 2025

TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION - 2025 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 149 - 2025

CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS IN THE CURRENT ACCOUNT

On a motion by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 144 - 2025 through Resolution No. 149 - 2025 seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson. Roll Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeewoman Burrus, yes; Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes and Mayor Pierce, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson stated that he would like next year for the Township to do an outdoor holiday decoration contest for members of the community. The volunteers would be the judges. He advised that he and his would volunteer. A date will be established for registrations

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday

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

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wishing everyone a Happy Holiday.

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 & Non-Agenda Items.

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

Jo Ann Thompson-Street talked about the Governor's Press Conference held today. She advised that her daughter was present during the press conference and invited all to tune in to the Governor's Press Conference.

There being no further comments, Mayor Pierce entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Linda M. Gonzales, RMC  
Municipal Clerk