

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
June 3, 2020

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, with all participants joining remotely via the Zoom meeting platform. In attendance were Council members Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, Dean Thomas, and Sally Thomas. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Wagle.

At 9:03 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

General

Mrs. Smith expressed appreciation for the County's support in setting up the polling area for the June 2 primary elections, and Mrs. Wagle shared that the poll workers reported that they had good turnout and experienced no problems. Mrs. Smith reported that her daughter, Rachel Smith, who is an established employee for the Borough, will clean and disinfect the front rental area to make it ready for its next use.

After some discussion of liability-related concerns and the limitations of activities permitted even during the "green" stage of the emergency declaration relative to COVID-19 – specifically no gatherings of greater than 250 people – and upon a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council voted to cancel all 2020 Pippinfest festival activities, including yard sales. Mr. McNeill recommended that Council begin considering the potential need to also cancel trick or treat activities which follow just a month after Pippinfest.

Council considered a revised parking space lease agreement for spaces at the community mailbox parking lot. Upon a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved the revised lease agreement.

In response to interest expressed by the property owners at 103 East Main Street to lease three parking spaces, upon a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved a lease fee of \$250.00/annum for all three of the spaces furthest from Main Street. It was generally agreed that the lessee can install their own signs on the existing posts, subject to content approval by the Borough Council.

Budget and Finance

Upon a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized payment of the following invoices: Battersby Law \$187.50 and Lowes \$103.93.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence requiring action.

Old Business – Discussion of items restricted by social distancing has been temporarily deferred.

- There was no additional information to contribute to the discussion regarding flooding at 33 East Main Street. The Secretary was directed to share with the property owner action that has been taken to date.

- In response to inquiry by Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Smith shared that the Municipal Authority has not yet received additional quotes for line televising and cleaning. She reported that Board approval for the purchase of a small inspection camera system capable of line inspection will be requested at the upcoming June meeting. If approved, it is possible that inspection of the storm drains can be done in house rather than contracted.
- Council acknowledged the E-recycling date scheduled for July 18th. Recommendation will be given that workers wear masks and rubber gloves. Council supported Mr. McNeill's suggestion that a sandwich board-type sign be placed on Main Street to advertise the event. The Secretary will contact the fire company business manager to see if their portable sign can be used.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Mr. Thomas reported that a cap is missing from the garbage container fence enclosure.

Mr. Pileggi expressed concern about debris from harvested crops blowing onto private property from fields to the north of Landis Drive. He noted that when the fields are plowed soon after harvest the amount of debris is significantly reduced. With full respect for the farming community and its contribution to the atmosphere of the Borough, Council authorized the Secretary to speak with the farmer regarding the concern expressed.

Mrs. Smith noted that the Fire Company has not been able to host Bingo gatherings or gun raffles which typically generate a significant share of their fund-raising proceeds. She shared that the Company has recently hosted drive-through dinner pickups and encouraged support from Council members. Mrs. Cline shared that she recently enjoyed the shrimp dinner which came at a cost of \$8.00. Mr. Pileggi reported that next Thursday the dinner offer includes pulled pork BBQ. No reservations are required.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council voted to conduct the regularly scheduled June 23 meeting in the front room of the Village Hall with those who are not comfortable with in-person meetings participating via Zoom. Council members choosing to participate in person agreed to wear a mask during the meeting. By consensus of Council, members of the public will be invited to participate via Zoom only.

At Mrs. Thomas' recommendation the Secretary will notify the Pippinfest Committee of the official cancellation of this year's festival. Committee members will convey information to festival vendors. Mrs. Thomas reported that as of now she plans to conduct the regularly scheduled June 9 Pippinfest Committee meeting, to be held outside at the Village Hall if weather permits.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President