**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Borough of Fairfield**

**Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of**

**July 1, 2020 - 9:00 AM**

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, in the Village Hall Meeting Room, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania, with the option for remote participation via the Zoom platform.

In attendance at the Village Hall were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, Dean Thomas, and Sally Thomas as well as Mayor Robert Stanley, and Secretary Susan Wagle. No one attended remotely.

 At 9:08 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order.

**General**

Mrs. Smith reported on the June 25 Council of Governments meeting where a wide variety of topics were discussed during the two-hour meeting. Representatives of all local officials were present. Understanding that Adams County is receiving a federal grant to enable reimbursement to municipalities of Covid-19-related expenses Council authorized Mrs. Smith to research prices on PPE and cleaning supplies.

On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to support two resolutions to be presented to the COG membership: COG Resolution 2020-01 addressing broadband services and Resolution 2020-02 addressing refunding of the Volunteer Fire Relief fund.

In the interest of offering neighborly support when the needs of social distancing require larger areas in which to conduct meetings, by general consensus Council supported offering use of the Village Hall front room to Hamiltonban Township for conducting their public meetings.

Council authorized paying both Jason Harbaugh and his father to work at the July 18 E-recycling event.

By general consensus Council authorized the short-term closure (approximately one hour in duration) of one block of East Landis Drive on Sunday mornings to assist St. John’s Church in conducting outdoor services for as long as the Covid-19 pandemic prevents them from convening in their sanctuary. It is understood that the church will provide appropriate barricades and signage.

After extended discussion Council accepted an offer from an anonymous donor to commission artist Sally Thomas to paint the front door of the Village Hall with a decorative design. A small group will convene to discuss design options.

Council discussed difficulties being experienced by local businesses due to Covid-19 restrictions and encouraged support in any way possible.

**Budget and Finance**

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized payment of $125.00 to Battersby Law for June services.

**Correspondence –** There was no correspondence requiring action.

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

* Drain pipe cleaning – Mrs. Smith shared that the company has been shut down and the Authority is still waiting for an updated quote from them. The topic will be removed from the agenda until the company is able to provide a quote.

**Anything for the Good of the Borough**

Mayor Stanley reported that a fireworks show will take place at Carroll Valley over the holiday weekend.

Mr. Pileggi expressed his personal appreciation for the exemplary services provided by Chief Hileman and Corporal Weikert over the past several months, and all members of Council concurred. Acknowledging that Borough funds cannot legally be used to express appreciation to any entity, those present agreed to cooperate in finding a means to show their appreciation for the services of the two officers.

The Secretary shared that a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for July 16th at 1:00 PM at the Village Hall to hear a request for a special exception for operation of a restaurant at 132 West Main Street.

Council was advised that George and Cindy Keeney have requested that a mask be worn by all attendees of today’s ribbon-cutting ceremony at Mansion House 1757.

Mrs. Gilbert reported that bushes and poison ivy are infringing on traffic and pedestrian traffic at 106 East Main Street.

**Next Meeting –** The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 7:00 PM

**Adjournment –** On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.

 Susan E. Wagle, Secretary Patricia T. Smith, Council President