

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
September 2, 2020 - 9:00 AM
Fairfield Village Hall and Remotely via Zoom platform

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 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, and Dean Thomas, as well as Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Susan Wagle. Attending remotely was councilor Sally Thomas.

At 9:07 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment

General

- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized advertisement for snow removal bids with no changes to the specifications.
- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to support the proposed changes to the ACTCC By-Laws.
- Mrs. Thomas shared a request for Council’s support of a proposal to re-designate Tom’s Creek from “high quality” to EV “exceptional value”. She provided background on the basis of the request and noted that there are currently only two EV rated streams in Adams County. After extended discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to tentatively support re-designation of Tom’s Creek to EV, subject to consideration of the letter to be drafted. Mrs. Thomas will make arrangements for a letter template to be sent to the Borough office.
- Council acknowledged receipt of background information on a code enforcement complaint at 30 McGinley Drive. No action was needed by Council at this time.
- After some discussion of various non-compliance concerns and upon a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized arranging for proactive Borough-wide code enforcement from approximately May through October and after snowfall events. It was agreed that residents should receive a courtesy (hang tag) notification of violations before proceeding to citation.
- The Secretary shared background on the addendum report received from PA Municipal Code Alliance relative to code enforcement at 100 West Main Street. There was no conviction on the building official’s part that the sidewalks along the Balder Street side of the property were designed to be public walkways; Mrs. Gilbert opined that in her recollection the area there was always for store use.
- Mrs. Smith reported that she and Mayor Stanley attended the August 31 Fire Company meeting. The Company’s financial status is stable and officials feel it can remain so for another two years provided no costly equipment issues develop. The Company continues to realize revenue from

rental of the property on which the cell tower is located, and their meal fund raising events have been profitable. She noted that Thursday evening meals will continue to be offered. Mayor Stanley added that the Company has only 10 active fire fighters at this time and shared financial details conveyed at the meeting. Mrs. Thomas gave a favorable report on area school programs for EMT's indicating that they allow students to explore various aspects of emergency services.

Budget and Finance - On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized payment of \$125.00 to Battersby Law for July services and \$75.00 to PMCA for services specific to 100 West Main Street.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence requiring action.

Old Business

- Council heard that Bill Jacobs has indicated a willingness to build a display stand for one of the historic bells and that he will look at the bells to see if he can refurbish them. The Secretary reported that she left a message with the iron works contact whose information was provided by Mrs. Cline.
- Mrs. Smith reported on progress being made toward applying through the Adams County Office of Planning and Development for reimbursement of funds for Covid-19 related expenses. Mrs. Gilbert recommended that in addition to requesting funds for additional microphones, an upgraded computer be included in the proposal.
- Council heard that Susquehanna Door has re-measured for the rear door installation and will advise when the materials have arrived and installation can be accomplished.
- The stand-alone junked vehicles ordinance will be considered by the Planning Commission at their meeting on September 14.
- The Secretary provided an update on on-going flooding concerns at 33 East Main Street. Council supported having the maintenance worker check storm drain grates on as close to a daily basis as possible.
- In response to inquiry by Mrs. Smith, Council agreed that enactment of a property maintenance ordinance might be necessary and beneficial, but that now is not the right time. It is worth consideration in the future.

New Business – No new business was presented for consideration.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – By general consensus Council decided to delay street sweeping until most leaves have fallen from the trees.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 7:00 PM

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President