

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
October 7, 2020 - 9:00 AM
Fairfield Village Hall and Remotely via Zoom platform

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 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, and Patricia Smith as well as Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Susan Wagle. Attending remotely were councilors Nate McNeill and Sally Thomas.

At 9:01 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Smith shared with Council news of yesterday's death of the Borough's former Mayor, James Landis. For the record she expressed thanks for his service to the community over the years of his lifetime. She passed around a photograph of the Village Hall which was built in 1905 and served as the Fairfield School noting that the first principal of the school was Professor Charles Landis, Jim Landis' grandfather.

Public Comment – There was no one present from the public.

General

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting of September 22, 2020, as presented.

At 9:05 AM Mr. Thomas arrived at the meeting

By general consensus Council expressed approval of YATB's proposed budget which will be presented to the membership for approval at the October 26 YATB Board meeting. Mrs. Smith will attend the virtual meeting.

Budget and Finance

Authorization of payment of PMCA's invoice for zoning and code enforcement services from August 17 through September 11 was deferred until a detailed activity report is available for review.

On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council tentatively adopted and authorized advertisement of proposed budgets for 2021.

Old Business – Council received the following updates to old business.

There was no update on the project to repair or refurbish the historic bell(s).

Mrs. Cline shared that the display cabinet(s) have not yet been moved from storage at Hamiltonban.

Mrs. Smith shared that the Municipal Authority has not scheduled sewer line cleaning as the job is better accomplished in wet weather, and we have not had sufficient rain. Further, there is concern that the corrugated pipe under the road would require a different nozzle than one used for smooth sewer lines. The Authority has authorized the purchase of a sewer line inspection camera which can be used

to evaluate the condition of the storm drain pipe, perhaps eliminating the need for paying a firm to clean it. If it is determined that the pipe does need to be cleaned and state legislation is passed which requires PennDOT to resume maintenance of under roadway facilities, then the requirement to clean will be PennDOT's. Taking no action at this point is a reasonable decision.

The Adams County Office of Planning and Development has not yet reviewed any of the few municipal requests they have received for grants for reimbursement of Covid-19-related expenses.

No word has been received from the school district relative to the Junior Council Person Program. By general consensus Council agreed that the topic should be removed from the agenda and re-addressed in a 'post-Covid-19' environment.

All except two councilors indicated their satisfaction with relinquishing a printed version of the Code of Ordinances and using the online version instead.

Jason Harbaugh and his father will provide loading labor at the October 17th E-recycling event. The Secretary will request additional support from other municipalities.

Relative to Village Hall improvements:

- The new rear entry door is scheduled to be installed by Susquehanna Door Company on Monday, October 12. Mrs. Thomas reaffirmed her willingness to paint the door green.
- Storm windows have arrived at R.G. Miller and will likely be scheduled for installation in mid-November. Mel from Mows-A-Lot provided a quote of \$286.20, inclusive, for washing the window exteriors prior to storm window installation. It is possible that employee Jason Harbaugh will be available to wash the windows. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council voted to approve payment of up to \$286.20 to wash the window exteriors before the storm window installation.
- The Secretary has not yet been successful in getting anyone to provide a quote to repair the foyer ceiling.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Mr. Thomas shared that the Hamiltonban Community Park tree planting event is scheduled for October 24th from 9 AM until 1 PM. Volunteer services are requested; masks or face coverings are required.

Mrs. Smith shared that Melissa Cavey is planning to paint a mural on the west side of the new day care business at 105 West Main Street and passed around a rendition provided by Mrs. Cavey.

In response to Mr. McNeill's inquiry and various Councilor concerns expressed concerning unusual paint colors being applied at 19 East Main Street, Mrs. Thomas shared that the HARB does not govern the use of colors in the Historic District as paint does not change the architectural integrity of a building.

The Secretary will email information on upcoming PSAB courses being offered for free and conducted via Zoom.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President