

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of January 26, 2021
At the Fairfield Village Hall and remotely via the Zoom platform

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 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 and Dean Thomas as well as Solicitor Matthew Battersby. In attendance remotely via the Zoom platform were councilors Nate McNeill, Patricia Smith and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 7:00 PM Council President Pro Tem Camille Cline called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of January 6, 2021, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no one present from the public. Solicitor Battersby shared with Council details of his telephone conversation with resident Richard Phillip who had expressed an interest in appearing before Council to express grievances regarding stormwater flow from the Polley farm onto his property at 36 Carroll’s Tract Road and to request that the Borough require that the new owner of the recently purchased property remedy those stormwater problems. Solicitor Battersby provided Mr. Phillip historical information on the development of the homes on Carroll’s Tract Road and the ongoing stormwater issues at those properties. He graciously provided additional information and advice to Mr. Phillip and assured him that the stormwater concerns are a private property issue and not an issue to be addressed by the Borough.

Fire Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the December Fire Department report.

Police Report – Chief Hileman was unable to attend the meeting.

Solicitor Report –Solicitor Battersby recommended that the Adams County Council of Governments be approached to enlist support in requesting that PennDOT address the multiplicity of stormwater problems along Carroll’s Tract Road, both in Fairfield Borough and in Hamiltonban Township.

At 7:09 PM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Enactments

- On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council adopted Ordinance 01-01 of 2021 amending the Zoning Ordinance.
- On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council appointed Hamiltonban Township delegates Robert Gordon and Coleen Reamer as alternate delegates to YATB and the ACTCC.

Correspondence –There was no correspondence to consider.

Code Enforcement report – There was no code enforcement officer report to consider.

Review of Financial Reports – On a motion by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley provided an update on Covid-19 cases in the County, conveyed a telephone number for contacting Wellspan to make an appointment for a Covid-19 vaccination (888-851-3641) and shared that commissioner Randy Phiel will be the speaker at the next ACBA meeting, which will be conducted via Zoom.

Municipal Service Report – The municipal employee recently stored all Christmas decorations and measured the shed roof for shingle.

Liaison Reports

ACBA - The next ACBA meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, January 28th.

Fairfield Area Historical Society – The January 21 meeting was canceled as multiple board members were in quarantine having tested positive for Covid-19.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting in January.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Thomas reported on the January 12 meeting noting that Coleen Reamer has resumed her participation. The Board plans to pursue additional grant funds in 2021. Bridge construction is underway as are activity plans for spring and summer, conditional on the status of Covid-19 restrictions. The Commission Board has requested that Fairfield Borough consider committing an annual contribution to the Park in the amount of \$500.00, the approximate equivalent of \$1.00 per resident, the same per capita commitment being made by Hamiltonban Township. The topic will be considered at the February 3 Borough Council meeting.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported that the quarterly water/sewer billing is being mailed two weeks behind schedule due to her illness with Covid-19. She has been able to keep up with customer requests by having calls forwarded to her home. She further reported that there is no fee increase planned for 2021, that the Iron Springs Church of the Brethren recently connected to the water supply, and that the deed of dedication transferring property on the east side of Carroll's Tract Road from Hamiltonban Township to the Municipal Authority is either close to completion or has been completed.

Planning Commission – Mr. Thomas reported that the January 11 Planning Commission meeting was canceled and that by a phone poll none of the members indicated any need to make changes to the draft nuisance ordinance that was presented to Council at their December 22, 2020 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council voted to move forward with the process for adoption of the nuisance ordinance.

Unfinished Business

- Mr. Thomas reported that he tried with no success to contact Moon Acres Iron Works to discuss construction of a stand for the historic bell. Mrs. Cline reported that the contact she made in Hanover does only commercial work, but one of their employees works on smaller, residential-type projects. That individual has proposed to make a stand for the bell and to arrange to have a powder coat finish applied at an approximate cost of \$1,200.00 or less. After some discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Cline will contact the individual to let him know that Council is interested in pursuing his offer and to make arrangements for him to see the bell and provide a written quotation. Further discussion will be had at the February 3 meeting.

- A quote in the amount of \$699.32 has been received from R.G. Miller for a protective storm window over the stained glass window above the front door. By general consensus Council elected not to order at this time citing the high price and questioning the need. Opportunity for further discussion will be given at the February 3 Council meeting.

New Business

The Secretary shared that Mr. Thomas provided seven photographs of garbage totes left in the street, many with their lids open, after yesterday's garbage pickup service. Parks Garbage Company has been notified of the need to put totes back onto the sidewalk and to close their lids after providing pickup service.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for February 3, 2021, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Camille Cline, President Pro Tem