

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
March 3, 2021 - 9:00 AM
Fairfield Village Hall and Remotely via Zoom platform

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 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, Phyllis Gilbert, Patricia Smith and Secretary Susan Wagle. In attendance remotely were councilor Sally Thomas and Mayor Robert Stanley.

At 9:05 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 4-0, Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting of February 23, 2021, as presented.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, Council supported entering into agreement with Adams County in the joint bidding process for collection of municipal waste.

At 9:06 AM Mr. Thomas arrived at the meeting

The Secretary conveyed a resident request that the Borough clear snow from the walkway over the Middle Creek bridge on PA 116 to assist walkers in accessing the Post Office. It was noted that there is not a sidewalk to the bridge and that there are multiple outgoing mail receptacles at the community mailboxes.

With no one else indicating an interest, Mrs. Smith offered to sit in with the Secretary on an insurance update meeting with H.A. Thomson on March 22nd.

Mrs. Smith reported in detail on topics covered at the February 25 Council of Governments meeting. Topics included the plan for Covid-19 vaccinations to be administered at the EMS building, expansion of broadband coverage, additional Covid-19 funding for hospitality services, resumed consideration of the radar bill, the COG legislative forum, and a request for funding for a needle disposal machine. Concerning the needle machine funding request, the COG membership declined to provide support from COG funds and commented that any contributions from individual municipalities should be prorated by population.

Budget and Finance – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized payment of Battersby Law’s invoice for February services in the amount of \$125.00.

Correspondence – After discussion of an email from Drew Gruber, Executive Director of Civil War Trails, by general consensus Council supported appointing the York Council CVB’s new marketing director, Melissa Beaverson, to sit on the Civil War Trails board to represent PA partners.

Old Business – After considering a proposal received from Premier Metal Works, LLC, on a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized entering into an

agreement to refurbish the historic bell and fabricate a stand for the bell, with both to receive a powder coat finish, at the price of \$1,200, with 1/3 payment due on agreement. Council will consider location options at a later meeting.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

The Secretary requested that everyone please give serious thought as to who might serve to fill the current vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Council heard that a district-wide building evacuation safety exercise is scheduled to take place at the school district on March 8, an ACT 80 day when no students will be at the schools.

Council accepted Mrs. Smith's offer to include a Borough newsletter in the April Municipal Authority billing. Included will be articles on upcoming street cleaning, updated ordinance requirements relative to not depositing snow or debris onto roadways, a survey of interest in a flag display program, the need for an additional Planning Commission member, and a blurb on the Historical Society. Other input from Council is welcomed.

In response to Mrs. Gilbert's concern about a need to protect the stained-glass window above the front entry door, Council authorized requesting prices from sources other than R. G. Miller Company.

Mayor Stanley reported that a street sign is needed on the corner of Franklin and Stevens Street. Council agreed to be observant of all street signage in the Borough so all needs can be addressed at one time. In response to Mr. Thomas' concern regarding the smaller size of the Stop sign installed at Wortz and Water Streets, the Secretary was directed to check the size requirements for Stop signs.

Mrs. Smith shared information on benches now on sale at Kirby Built and requested input on interest in placing one or more benches in the Borough. It was suggested that individuals or groups might contribute to the cost and install bronze "in memorial of" and/or "donated by" plaques on the benches. Mrs. Cline shared that she has approached Historical Society members about donating a bench in memory of Carroll Smith. Mrs. Smith provided copies of the Kirby Built catalog for Council consideration.

At 10:03 AM Mrs. Thomas left the meeting.

Mrs. Smith requested that Council give thought to potential candidates to provide municipal service to the Borough.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President