

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of April 7, 2021 - 9:00 AM
Fairfield Village Hall and Remotely via Zoom platform

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 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, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith., Dean Thomas and Secretary Susan Wagle. In attendance remotely were councilors Nate McNeill and Mayor Robert Stanley.

At 9:01 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 5-1 with Mr. Thomas dissenting because he had not read the minutes, Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting of March 23, 2021, as presented.

The Secretary shared information on the Hamiltonban Township roadway cleanup scheduled for April 24th. No action was required or taken.

After discussion of Hamiltonban Township's invitation to participate in joint bidding for crosswalk/line painting, by general consensus Council supported pursuing both the cooperative bid process and obtaining our own quotes. A condition of the cooperative bid process would be having Fairfield's needs quoted as an optional line item with no obligation for the Borough's participation. Mr. McNeill offered to assist if the Borough should choose to do the work in house.

At 9:18 AM Mrs. Thomas arrived at the meeting

By general consensus Council approved the draft newsletter and authorized its distribution.

After discussion of encouraging display of the American flag in the Borough, Council agreed that it was not necessary to provide funding support and directed that an appropriate blurb encouraging display of the flag be included in the current newsletter. Consideration was given to placing small American flags at the front of every property for the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays. Mr. Pileggi and Mrs. Gilbert volunteered to contact local real estate agents who might be amenable to donating such flags, and Mrs. Smith will research costs to purchase them.

Budget and Finance – Council discussed and approved sending a letter to Building Code Official Clem Malot who serves as the Borough's representative to and the President of the UCC Board of Appeals requesting that future invoices for the Board of Appeals be based on proportionate share.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized payment of Battersby Law's invoice for March Services in the amount of \$56.25 and the UCC Board of Appeals invoice in the amount of \$100.00.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence to consider.

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

- Street sweeping is tentatively scheduled for April 27th.
- On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-1 with Mrs. Gilbert dissenting, Council approved the proposed design of the historic bell display as provided by Premier Metalworks, subject to confirmation that the 10-inch height from the bottom of the bell to the top of the concrete pad is sufficient to allow ample room for the bell to swing unencumbered for ringing and that the submitted drawing is proportionate and to scale. Relative to the raised platform for the display, calls to local masons are being made to request quotes for its construction. Mrs. Gilbert will contact a mason in Emmitsburg with whom she has done business in the past. Mrs. Cline requested that a detailed drawing be provided for Council approval before committing to the project. Relative to the location for the bell display, Mrs. Smith requested that Council members physically walk the available area at the front of the Village Hall and provide input.
- No action has been taken relative to placement of a street sign at Franklin and Stevens Streets.
- The Secretary is gathering information before taking action taken relative to cleaning the drainage gutter along 3rd Avenue.
- Richard Wivell has been hired to do municipal work. An individual with 40 hours of community service work is potentially available, as well.
- Stormwater drain pipe cleaning is still on hold as line videoing requires that a certain amount of water be in the lines. Mrs. Smith will raise the topic at next week's Municipal Authority meeting.
- On 03-31-21 a letter was sent to PennDOT requesting support in installing a mirror on N Miller Street near its intersection with Landis Drive. Follow-up is scheduled for 04-15-21. Mr. Stanley reported that he spoke to the owner of the new day care business and recommended that, in the interest of safety, instead of crossing North Miller Street at Landis Drive employees use the crosswalk at Main Street.
- Purchase of benches has been "paused" as pricing increased since authorization was given for the purchase. Mrs. Smith has found other options that she would like to discuss with the committee.
- No one has yet been identified as a potential source for a storm window in front of the stained-glass transom window. The Secretary will continue to pursue.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new sign at 132 West Main Street.

Concerns were expressed relative to signs of a political nature on display in the Borough. It was noted that the Code of Ordinances does not address political signs. Further research will be done.

Mr. McNeill expressed concern about a large dead tree at the corner of South Spring and Steelman Streets and dead trees potentially affecting telephone lines on the property at South Miller Street and Wortz Drive.

At 10:45 AM Mrs. Gilbert left the meeting

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President