

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of July 7, 2021
Fairfield Village Hall and Remotely via Zoom platform

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, in the front room of the Village Hall at 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, Dean Thomas, and Patricia Smith, as well as Secretary Susan Wagle. In attendance remotely were councilor Sally Thomas and Mayor Robert Stanley.

At 9:03 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. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting of June 22, as presented.

Council discussed at length traffic control requirements and sources for this year's Pippinfest. In the absence of Chief Hileman the topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council passed Resolution 04 of 2021 issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of three windows and two storm doors at 200 East Main Street.

The Secretary shared that the Adams County Conservation District has affirmed that anyone can clear debris from the stream waterway provided wheeled equipment is not used in the waterway. Repair of the crumbling wall could require DEP oversight, and contact information was provided. The Secretary will contact the property owner and provide the DEP contact information and recommend that he contact his insurance company regarding the need to remove his fallen tree(s) from the waterway and repair the wall.

Mrs. Smith shared that the June COG meeting was canceled due to the storm that knocked out electricity in the area.

The Secretary shared that the Borough's application for funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is being processed. No funds have yet been disbursed.

Carrying forward a topic from last year, Council deliberated whether or not to pursue installing seasonal decorations on Met-Ed poles. Discussion morphed into consideration of displaying flags to honor veterans. Council directed the Secretary to include a short article in the July newsletter requesting input from Borough residents as to their interest in purchasing a custom flag to display in honor of a local veteran. Returning to discussion of seasonal decorations, it was recommended that the October newsletter include an article encouraging residents to display decorations at their homes.

Budget and Finance - On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized payment of Battersby Law's invoice for June services in the amount of \$62.50.

Correspondence – Mrs. Smith shared that Hamiltonban Township sent a \$200.00 donation to express their thanks for use of the Village Hall for various public meetings when extra room was needed to accommodate social distancing to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

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

- Gary Rebert masonry is behind schedule but still hopes to construct the bell display by the end of July. The plaque language and display location still need to be determined.
- The two new benches will be installed outside after the retaining wall has been pressure washed. The locations are yet to be determined.
- Mrs. Smith reported that repair of the retaining wall by Terry Dull was completed on June 30. The job incorporated several new capstones and includes weep holes to prevent water from freezing behind the wall and causing heaving.

At 9:45 AM Chief Hileman arrived at the meeting.

After receiving a brief update on the difficulty being had in finding traffic control for Pippinfest, Chief Hileman asserted that for pedestrian safety he does not think it a good idea to move forward without having traffic control, at the very least on Pippinfest Sunday. After significant discussion of a multitude of options it was agreed that Chief Hileman will reach out to various resources in the County to try to find staff to provide traffic control – at least eight individuals for coverage at four intersections. In addition, Mrs. Smith noted that she will obtain a quote from Wright Flagging, a firm that has provided services for the Municipal Authority, and Christina Dille is obtaining information from Heidlersburg Fire Company. Mr. Pileggi suggested that in addition to having individuals direct traffic that a police car be parked at each end of the Borough to enhance the effect of the PennDOT signage indicating slow traffic ahead.

At approximately 10:10 AM Chief Hileman left the meeting.

Council received the following additional updates to old business:

- Mr. Thomas is awaiting flag pricing from Granny’s Attic.
- Mr. Thomas will approach the Pippinfest committee about embracing the Historic House Tour. The topic will be tabled until/unless input from Council is needed.
- The Secretary is still gathering information about costs related to right-of-way maintenance.
- No second quote has been obtained for tree trimming at the Village Hall. Mrs. Cline will call Pat Arentz.
- A camera for storm drain inspection has not yet been ordered by the Municipal Authority.
- The Secretary will reach out again to Duane Sanders about a proposal for the foyer ceiling repair.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mayor Stanley shared that he has accepted an invitation from the Eisenhower Society which will preclude him from attending the Mayor’s conference this year. He suggested that the fee budgeted for the mayor’s conference be donated to Carroll Valley Borough to help offset the cost of the fireworks display they presented on July 4th.

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

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President