

**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Borough of Fairfield**  
**Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of August 4, 2021**  
**Fairfield Village Hall and Remotely via Zoom platform**

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 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, Pat Pileggi, Dean Thomas, Sally Thomas, and Patricia Smith, as well as Secretary Susan Wagle. In attendance remotely was 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 public comment.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved the minutes of the Council meeting of July 27, as presented.

Council was alerted that the current tax collector is considering moving from the Borough. A new tax collector could be elected by write-in vote during the November general elections.

Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for the period June 21 through July 16, 2021.

Council discussed at length the Solicitor's July 27<sup>th</sup> recommendation that the 203 East Main Street property owner be directed to construct additional sidewalk to accommodate foot traffic to the U. S. Post Office. By general consensus Council agreed to direct the code enforcement officer to check the location and provide comment. It was noted that Borough residents are not obligated to walk to the Post Office, as a mail receptacle is provided within the Borough for all addresses ineligible for street delivery.

After careful consideration, Council agreed that Zoom meeting access will be set up only by request of a Council member who is unable to attend a meeting in person for one of the reasons authorized in Policy Statement #2 and wishes to do so. In addition, alternate means for providing remote access, i.e. a cell phone or remote handset, will be considered in lieu of Zoom access.

Mr. McNeill offered to take a look at the phone lines in the office to see if he can ascertain why the second line and the FAX machine are not functioning.

**Budget and Finance** - On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized payment of Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$62.50 for June services and PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$544.05 for code enforcement services from June 21 to July 16, 2021.

**Correspondence** – Council acknowledged receipt of information on this year's PSAB Conference.

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

- The Borough building committee has discussed language for the bell display plaque. It will be finalized after discussion with Dave Sites.

- Locations for the two benches have been considered and potentially determined. By general consensus council agreed to have them installed.
- Mrs. Smith shared a quote of approximately \$400.00 for 300 11 x 17 American flags. Mr. Thomas will confirm the size of the flags quoted by Granny's Attic. Mr. Pileggi suggested that Scout Troop 76 be enlisted to place the flags throughout the Borough.
- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council voted to hire Mills Arbor Care to trim the red maple tree in the front lawn of the Village Hall at the quoted price of \$850.00
- Duane Sanders has been in to look again at the foyer ceiling repair job, and it is hoped that he will come up with a plan for the project.

### **Anything for the Good of the Borough**

On behalf of the Borough Building Committee, Mr. Thomas reported that the committee proposed a project to create a painted mural on the rear surface of the community mailboxes along Main Street. In discussion Council considered that the project could be sponsored either by Pippinfest or the Borough and that it could potentially be a student art project. Commissioning a professional artist is also an option. Concepts included a silhouette of Borough buildings, perhaps including a horse and carriage, and single tone color. It was suggested that clearance from the Post Office be obtained before moving forward.

Mrs. Thomas provided a brief update on Pippinfest noting that the Committee will begin meeting every Tuesday until the festival, beginning on August 10.

Mrs. Smith reminded Council of the updated 24-hour agenda-posting requirements of the Sunshine Act which take effect at the end of August. She recommended that anyone with an interest in discussing a topic at a meeting call the Borough office with enough advance notice so the topic can be included on the agenda.

**Next Meeting** – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

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

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Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

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Patricia T. Smith, Council President