

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of October 6, 2021
Fairfield Village Hall

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, in the front room of the Village Hall at 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, Dean Thomas and Sally Thomas as well as Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 9:04 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved an amended agenda adding consideration of the Planning Commission proposal to repeal the current Zoning Ordinance and enact a new Zoning Ordinance.

Public Comment - There were no members of the public present.

The Secretary conveyed minutes of the Borough Council meeting of September 28th to be considered for approval at the October 26 Council meeting.

Council received an update on the waste contract bid process. There were no objections to accepting the Carroll Valley Borough offer to handle submission of the bid on Penn Bid after bid documents are made available by the County and have been reviewed and approved.

Relative to the proposed ordinance regulating “Camping and/or Storage of Personal Property on Public Right-of-Way,” there were no recommendations for change aside from that made at the September 28 meeting. There were no objections to Mrs. Smith’s recommendation that feedback be provided to Solicitor Battersby within the next two weeks, giving everyone an opportunity for further consideration.

By general consensus Council supported the Planning Commission recommendation to repeal the current Zoning Ordinance and adopt a re-packaged and better organized Zoning Ordinance incorporating any missed uses or needed updates to standards.

Budget and Finance

Council heard that a discounted quote of \$119.92/year has been received for 12 months of Zoom service.

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved payment of Battersby Law’s invoice for September services in the amount of \$62.50 and 12 months of Zoom remote meeting service in the amount of \$119.92.

Mrs. Smith reported on the initial meeting of the Budget Committee and shared that Solicitor Battersby is requiring a retainer of \$4,000 for 2022. Significant discussion ensued. Noting that Solicitor Battersby’s correspondence referred to his career trending toward retirement, consideration was given that if the solicitor serving the Borough through Battersby Law will be a new individual, it would be prudent to consider other new attorneys, as well. Mr. Thomas made a motion to advertise a Request for Proposal for solicitor services. The motion failed as there was no second to Mrs. Smith’s call for a second. Council agreed, at least for now, to reach out directly to other municipalities for

recommendation regarding the services they are receiving. The Secretary will share information via email.

Correspondence – There was none to consider.

Old Business – Council received updates to old business and took action where noted:

- On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized purchase of 288 flags from the American Legion at a cost of \$119.00 per gross, plus estimated shipping of \$24.95.
- Mrs. Smith shared that the Borough has received a check from Dave Sites that covers the total cost of the historic bell restoration and construction of the display pedestal. She also reported that the Village Hall sign was moved a little to the east with relative ease. If additional adjustment is needed it can be readily accommodated.
- There was no update to the need for a new tax collector. At this point Joyce Beckman is the only individual who has indicated an interest in serving.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

The Secretary provided everyone a copy of the October newsletter. The newsletter will be included in the Municipal Authority's mailing of quarterly water and sewer bills during the second week of October.

Council supported Mayor Stanley's recommendation that a letter be sent to Alex Kessel's wife expressing Council's condolences on her loss and the Borough's appreciation of Mr. Kessel's past service to the Borough. The Secretary was directed to prepare such a letter for both Mrs. Kessel and Mrs. Metz.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 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 10:09 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President