

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of November 3, 2021
Fairfield Village Hall

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, in the front room of the Village Hall at 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Pat Pileggi, and Patricia Smith, as well as Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 9:05 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order.

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

The Secretary conveyed minutes of the Borough Council meeting of October 26th to be considered for approval at the November 23 Council meeting.

Discussion of a revised draft ordinance prohibiting camping and other activities on public property and in public rights-of-way was underway when Solicitor Matt Battersby arrived at the meeting at 9:08 AM and Mr. Thomas arrived at 9:13 AM. After completion of discussion and proposed changes it was agreed that the Secretary will send a revised draft ordinance to all elected officials and Solicitor Battersby for further consideration at the November 23 meeting.

At 9:32 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

General

Mrs. Smith reported on the Council of Government's October 28 Legislative Forum which was poorly attended, perhaps in part due to lacking and/or incorrect reminder notices. Neither Congressman Perry nor Senator Mastriano was represented.

Council reviewed the code enforcement report for the period September 24 through October 22, 2021.

Council heard that three residents have responded to the offer of a free Christmas swag, and Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. Pileggi asked to be added to the list. Mrs. Smith will make arrangements for obtaining greenery, and sometime after Thanksgiving a "production date" will be established.

Mrs. Smith reported that a recent inventory of the traffic cones used for Pippinfest revealed that 125 to 130 remain of the 200 originally ordered. She shared pricing she obtained online and will do some additional research on purchasing replacements.

Budget and Finance - On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved payment of PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$247.50 for services from September 24 through October 22, 2021.

General, continued

Council considered Mr. Thomas' request to have a new street light installed at the intersection of PA Route 116 and Carroll's Tract Road which lost a source of illumination when the corner business ceased operations. Noting that the property recently changed hands, Council ultimately agreed to defer making a decision, at

least until more information is known about the intended use by the new property owner. Mr. Thomas shared that he will consider approaching Hamiltonban Township about illuminating the intersection.

Council also considered Mr. Thomas' recommendation that some form of illumination be installed at the community mailbox area to provide lighting for mailboxes that do not face Main Street and, consequently, can be difficult to see after dark. After discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Smith will search online for an appropriate fixture with consideration given to solar-powered and/or motion activated options. Mr. Pileggi recommended that for the benefit of neighboring properties a soft, ambient light be considered as opposed to harsh lighting typical of LED lighting.

Correspondence – There was none to consider.

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

- There has been no action on the waste removal contract since the October 26 meeting.
- No new information has been received concerning the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- Mrs. Smith shared tentative language for the plaque for the refurbished bell: "In honor of the Landis Family and Charles A. Landis, first mayor of Fairfield Borough ~ Donated by the David and Ellen Sites family." In response to Mrs. Smith's request for guidance regarding the plaque purchase, Mrs. Cline estimated that a plaque appropriately sized to accommodate the proposed language will cost approximately \$500 to \$600, perhaps more. It was agreed that the plaque should be installed on the front of the brick pedestal, facing Main Street.
- The Secretary shared that a tax-exempt account has been established with the American Legion for the purchase of flags.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Mr. Thomas reiterated and emphasized the need to make appropriate repairs to enable the rear entry door to close independently or to be closed with ease. Mrs. Smith requested that everyone give thought as to who might be able to grind the high area on the concrete ramp that is interfering with natural closing of the door.

Mrs. Smith suggested that the Public Safety Committee give consideration to attending a regular meeting of the Carroll Valley Borough Council to express the Borough's support for and appreciation of the police force.

Mrs. Gilbert recommended that 2022 budget adoption be scheduled for the regular meeting of December 1.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 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 10:28 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President