

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of December 1, 2021

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 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, Patricia Smith, and Dean Thomas as well as Secretary Susan Wagle. Attending remotely via telephone was Mayor Robert Stanley.

At 9:21 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order.

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

General

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved the minutes of the meeting of November 23 as presented.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council adopted General fund, Pippinfest, and State Liquid Fuels budgets for 2022 with no tax rate increase.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council passed Resolution 05 of 2021 affixing tax rates for 2022.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council passed resolution 06 of 2021 disposing of non-essential records from 2005.

Council heard consideration of appointing either Donald Collins or Mark Keller to the Municipal Authority Board for a 5-year term. Action will be taken at the December 28 meeting.

Council reviewed the code enforcement report for the period October 25 through November 19, 2021.

Council discussed various considerations for solicitor services in 2022 and 2023 and by general consensus supported reappointing Battersby Law as Borough solicitor at the January 3 reorganization meeting.

Council briefly discussed the upcoming waste contract bid and acknowledged the dates of pre-bid and bid opening meetings – December 14 and December 30, respectively

After reviewing and discussing a recently denied sign permit application submitted on behalf of Fairfield Fire and EMS, Council fully supported having the Planning Commission include amendment of institutional sign standards, perhaps by zoning district, to accommodate a suitable sign for the Fire Hall as they continue their zoning ordinance overview.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized renting a concrete grinder from Chambersburg Rental after assuring that we have an individual willing and capable of operating it.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council voted to purchase 75 28" traffic cones from Traffic Safety Supply at a cost of \$1126.53, including freight, payable with Pippinfest funds.

After some discussion, consideration of installation of a solar-powered light for the community mailbox area was remanded to the Public Safety Committee for further research.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized purchase of a sandwich board sign for use in reserving parking in the Village Hall lot when the hall is rented.

By general consensus Council agreed to gather information on flag desk displays as an alternate method of displaying the American flag when meetings are held in the front room of the hall.

By general consensus Council authorized the purchase of a two-sided one-way directional arrow sign for installation at the intersection of North Spring Street and Main Street.

Directional signage for West Landis Drive will be addressed if changes are made to Mansion House 1757's parking lot.

Christmas swags will be assembled after today's meeting. Only five were requested by residents.

Council heard that Sally Thomas received an additional \$75.00 donation offer toward the purchase of a Christmas tree for the front of the Village Hall, bringing the donation total to \$200.00. Council initially supported buying a live (cut) tree as opposed to an artificial tree, but after much discussion it was deemed too late in the season to orchestrate the purchase and installation of any tree and the lights needed for decorating. On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council voted to use decorations already on hand for this year and, if donations are still available next year, to start planning sooner for display of a Christmas tree at the front of the Village Hall.

Budget and Finance - On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved payment of PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$325.00 for services from October 25 through November 19, 2021.

Correspondence – There was none to consider.

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

- 288 American flags (12" x 18") were received on November 30th. The Secretary will contact Trish Rowe Realty for payment, as they offered to donate the flags for display in 2022.
- No new information has been received about the use of American Rescue Plan funds. By general consensus Council elected to remove the topic from the agenda until use guidance has been finalized.
- Bell dedication has been delayed until the spring of 2022. By general consensus Council directed that the topic be removed from the agenda until the April 6 meeting.
- The 2022 waste contract bid release was advertised in today's edition of the Gettysburg Times.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – There was nothing presented.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President