

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
March 2, 2022 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, in the front room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, Dean Thomas, and Sally Thomas. Also present were Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 9:02 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no one present from the public.

General

On behalf of the Streets, Alleys, Trees, and Sidewalks committee, Chairman Dean Thomas reported that he examined the area of water drainage concern in the vicinity of Stevens Street, took some photographs, and planned for the committee to evaluate after this morning's meeting. He conveyed a set of the photographs to committee members, Mr. Pileggi and Mr. McNeill, and invited others to accompany him, if desired. Mr. McNeill shared that he also personally inspected the area and noted that one storm drain is located within the Borough, and the remaining are in Hamiltonban Township. After discussion, consideration was given to following up the road inspection by contacting PennDOT for their input and, hopefully, their engineering expertise, labor, and materials to correct. Mrs. Smith acknowledged the Borough's awareness of a large pothole on Stevens Street which will be repaired when the weather warms a bit.

After discussion of the posted public comment policy, it was agreed that the Secretary will research the legalities of the policy and report back to Council.

Mrs. Smith reported on the February 24 Council of Governments meeting at which Tom Landis of Community Media spoke about the broadband program they would like to implement. Harlan Lawson of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development shared that he is available to talk to municipal leaders about economic development, and Mrs. Smith suggested that Council might consider having him address Council concerning possibilities for vacant properties in the Borough. Other topics brought forward were efforts of the 250th Anniversary steering committee and an I.T. resources project spearheaded by Carroll Vally Borough Mayor, Ron Harris.

Budget and Finance – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved Battersby Law's February invoice in the amount of \$125.00.

Correspondence – There was no new correspondence to consider.

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

All six southwest group municipalities have voted to award the 2022 Waste Contract bid to Park's Garbage Service, option 1. The Borough's signed contract agreement has been sent to Park's, and we are awaiting receipt of a copy signed by Park's along with the required performance bond.

After much discussion, by general consensus Council supported directing the Planning Commission to pursue amending the zoning ordinance to permit the fire company to install an interior-lighted announcement sign.

Council members looked over previously-proposed uses of American Rescue Plan funds. Mrs. Thomas suggested that additional benches placed throughout the Borough would be beneficial and welcoming to the public. Mayor Stanley suggested purchasing a full-sized American flag, and perhaps a Pennsylvania flag, for the front room of the Village Hall. Mr. Thomas recommended that the ideas posed to date be discussed in greater detail at the April 6 Council meeting.

The plaque for the historic bell was ordered on February 28th.

The Secretary conveyed screen-snip photos of all five crosswalks and the crossings or double bars painted at the intersecting roadways to Hamiltonban Township for inclusion in their annual line painting bid.

A 50% deposit for an installed light fixture at the community mailbox area was mailed to Hull's Electric Service, LLC on 02/24/22. Mr. Thomas has learned that the fixture is expected to arrive soon, and Hull's will call him to make installation arrangements. Mr. Thomas will direct Hull's where to install the fixture.

Carroll Valley Borough manager, Dave Hazelett, reached out via email regarding a continuation of the Borough's Police Services contract. After discussion, Council concurred that the Borough has been well-served under the terms of the current contract, and if no meaningful changes are proposed, there was no need for a meeting with the Public Safety Committee in advance of receiving a proposal.

At 9:55 AM Mr. McNeill left the meeting.

A truck cargo carrier with ramp was ordered through the Municipal Authority's Amazon account on February 22nd. The total cost is \$396.75, \$23.25 less than that of the originally-approved product, the price of which had increased by \$50.00 after approval was given for its purchase.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Mayor Stanley shared that he is considering attending the Mayor's conference in Lancaster this July.

New members are needed to serve on the Pippinfest committee.

Mrs. Smith shared details on potential developer donations to the Municipal Authority which could enable some sewer line repair and/or replacement.

FREMA's new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike McCabe, plans to host an introductory Zoom meeting for all FREMA-municipality elected officials and emergency services parties for the purpose of introducing all key individuals. Future meetings would serve to educate elected officials as to their role in emergency management in preparation for conducting a table top exercise related to a potential disaster in the Fairfield area.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President