

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
June 1, 2022 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 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, and Patricia Smith. Also present was Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 9:00AM 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 a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2022, were approved with a minor correction.

At 9:02 AM Mr. Thomas arrived at the meeting.

Mrs. Smith reported on the May 26 COG meeting at which the speaker was from the Adams County Department of Emergency Services and information was shared by many on a wide variety of topics.

There was no Code Enforcement Officer's report for review. By general consensus Council supported (1) informal monitoring of the use of a temporary sign for weekend product sales at 203 East Main Street and (2) extending the period for filing a Change of Use application at 110 East Main Street, provided the property continues to be well maintained and public use is not initiated.

Financial

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized purchase of snow emergency route, handicap parking, and crosswalk signs from U.S. Municipal Supply, subject to confirmation with Mr. Thomas of the specific sign(s) needed. At Mr. McNeill's suggestion, the Secretary will inquire about a buy-back option for the signs that are taken down. If such is not feasible, some means of recycling the old signs will be pursued.

At 9:36 AM Mrs. Thomas arrived at the meeting.

Council reviewed in detail Battersby Law's June 1 invoice. On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized payment of Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$156.25 for May services (paid from retainer).

Old Business – Council received the following updates to old business and took action as indicated:

- In discussion of projects using ARPA funds, by general consensus Council supported eliminating flags for the front room from the list. A quote from Ketterman Electric for fan replacement, initiated by Mrs. Gilbert, was included in the updated project listing. Ketterman Electric declined to quote on dehumidification of the basement and suggested the Borough contact an HVAC contractor or a plumber. The Secretary will call Ensor & Sowers and Frantz Plumbing to request quotes.

At 9:53 AM Mr. McNeill left the meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to purchase two commercial-grade ceiling fans with new fan speed controls from Ketterman Electric for

\$886.00, installed, using ARPA funds. Discussion of funding requests from Community Media and the Fire Company was deferred. Mrs. Smith suggested that additional expenditure authorizations be considered at the July 6 meeting.

- Mrs. Smith reported that Mr. Wivell will install the plaque on the bell display in advance of the June 16 dedication.
- There was no new information regarding a Police Services contract renewal.
- Two of four replacement speed limit signs have been installed.
- Council acknowledged receipt of a video provided by resident Kelli Maze of the recently dug culvert along Main Street in the vicinity of Stevens Street, taken after a 2” rainfall. Some could not open the video, and some had looked at the area in person during the same rainfall. By general consensus, Council supported PennDOT’s assessment that the culvert is functioning as it was designed, while acknowledging that during freezing weather the intersection of Stevens and Main Streets should be checked regularly to assess if anti-skid material needs to be applied.
- Council had begun consideration of options for correction of the Village Hall parking lot stormwater concerns when, at 10:31 AM, Solicitor Battersby arrived at the meeting with information pertaining to ownership of the former Ambulance Corp building and the land on which it is built. He provided the dates that the properties were conveyed to Fairfield Fire & EMS. Some discussion ensued, and by general consensus Council agreed that when documentation is received from the Fire Company regarding their intended use of the building, stormwater mitigation will be scheduled.

New Business

On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council passed Resolution 06 of 2022 updating the Fees Schedule Resolution.

Council received information on price and wear differential between thermal plastic vs painted line options. On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried unanimously, Council authorized contracting with Alpha Space Control for use of thermal plastic where the asphalt is suitable and use of paint where it is not, counting on assurance of a minimum of three years’ performance. Use of ARPA funds was authorized.

In response to the building committee’s request for input on a further reduction in rental rate for the Blue Ridge Theater Guild, on a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by acclamation, Council authorized a rate of \$450.00 for use of the building and conference room for 8 days in October.

At 10:57 AM Mr. Pileggi left the meeting.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Council received information on upcoming staff vacations.

At 11:12 AM Mrs. Gilbert left the meeting.

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 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 11:15 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President