

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
September 7, 2022 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 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, and Sally Thomas; Solicitor Matt Battersby; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 9:04 AM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order, and Council recited pledge of allegiance.

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

General

- Solicitor Battersby shared information on development plans in Hamiltonban Township and a grant award for the Hamiltonban Community Park.

At 9:20 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the meeting of August 23, 2022, were approved as presented.
- On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council appointed Norman Lathrop of 118 East Main Street to serve on the Pippinfest committee.
- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0 Council authorized payment of PMCA's invoice 41626 in the amount of \$500.00 for code enforcement from July 18th through August 12, 2022.
- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council authorized payment of Thomas Wells III invoice #2066 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for installation of a storm drain in the Village Hall parking lot. The project is the second American Rescue Plan Act project, and is to be paid using ARPA funds. Mrs. Smith suggested that the approach to the drain be painted to alert pedestrians to the dip in the asphalt due to the presence of the drain. The Secretary was directed to contact the contractor to determine if the leveling of the grates can be improved.
- Mrs. Smith reported on the Council of Governments meeting at which H A Thomson's Andrew DiProspero was the key speaker. He shared that liability regarding bushes or trees obscuring signs is the most frequent insurance charge his agency experiences, yet it is the easiest to fix before a claim becomes necessary.

Budget & Finance – The Secretary was directed to prepare financial worksheets for the budget committee.

Committee Reports – The Ordinance committee will have a short meeting after today's Council meeting to look at sample property inspection ordinances.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of Community Media’s request for funding, the Fairfield Fire Company’s invitation to this year’s banquet, and a thank you letter from the Adams County Library.

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

- No action has been taken toward photographing the historic minutes books. The Secretary shared that she recently learned that wearing gloves while handling historic documents is not recommended.
- No new projects have been identified for ARPA funds. It was considered that the bulk of the funds might best be used to make roadway repairs.
- The Secretary reported that Carroll Valley Borough manager, Dave Hazelett, has shared that a tentative police contract renewal is under consideration and awaiting his Council’s approval. It is essentially an extension of the current agreement, and the rate of increase is tentatively proposed to be 4% per year.

New Business: Mrs. Smith conveyed an invitation from DEP to comment on a draft state water plan. Acknowledging Mrs. Thomas’ affiliation with Friends of Tom’s Creek, she conveyed the information to Mrs. Thomas.

At 10:17 AM Mrs. Thomas left the meeting.

Public Comment – None

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mayor Stanley shared that he will swear in two new fire police at this evening’s Fire Company meeting and will be making an appointment to meet with Gettysburg Mayor, Rita Frealing.

Next Meeting – The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President