

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

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

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

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM, and Council recited pledge of allegiance.

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

General business

- On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2022, were approved as presented.
- On behalf of the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Thomas reported that the Committee recommended entering into the updated Joint Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Carroll Valley Borough, as presented. On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to enter into a new 5-year police protection agreement with Carroll Valley Borough, accepting the proposed terms reflecting a 4% increase in the 2022 rate and additional 4% increases in each subsequent year. The Carroll Valley Borough Council will vote on the agreement on November 15th.

On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized advertisement of the intent to adopt the ordinance required as a component of the Agreement.

- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council adopted proposed budgets for 2023 with no real estate tax changes and authorized advertisement of the requisite 10-day public inspection period and intent to formally adopt at the November 22 meeting.
- Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for the period September 28 through October 31, 2022. It was agreed that the manner in which other municipalities address the time frame for issuing citations for nuisance complaints should be investigated. Mrs. Smith will pursue.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized payment of the following invoices: PMCA's invoice 43074 in the amount of \$370.00 for services from September 28 through October 31, 2022, and Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$187.50 for October services (paid from retainer).

- After significant discussion of options and costs, and on a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to hire Ensor and Sowers to move one air conditioner compressor away from the roof line where it could incur damage from falling ice at an estimated cost of \$300 if the lines do not need be extended or \$600.00 if extended lines are required.

At 9:58 AM Mrs. Thomas left the meeting.

General reports

Mrs. Smith reported that the October 27 Council of Governments meeting was one of the most informative she has attended in the past 12 years. The key speaker, Phil Walter, chief information officer for Adams County, gave a full report on upcoming changes in the County's information technology. Jim Martin shared that Adams County was voted #1 for voting report accuracy in the Commonwealth. Municipalities were reminded that state surplus equipment is available to municipalities without having to go to auction.

The Historical Society's October 27 public presentation on historic fires in the Borough was lauded as "fantastic" and "excellent" by two meeting attendees. Mrs. Cline reported that approximately 50 people attended, and many have opined that it was one of the best programs presented by the Society, to date.

Council shared experiences regarding this year's Trick-or-Treat in the Borough and Trunk-or-Treat at the Fairfield Fire and EMS parking lot. From her perspective handing out candy at the Village Hall with Chief Hileman and Constable Beans, Mrs. Smith estimated that there were approximately 350 trick or treaters passing through the Borough. The estimate was supported by the amount of candy handed out by others in attendance. Consideration was given to temporarily placing crosswalk signs, which are normally situated on either side of the roadway to accommodate passage of farm equipment, in the middle of the road on Halloween night during Trick-or-Treat. The Secretary will so note for next year.

Committee Reports –Mrs. Cline reported that the Ordinance committee plans to convene this week to discuss a property maintenance ordinance.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Department of the Auditor General indicating a Liquid Fuels audit with no findings and a thank you letter from the Adams County Office for Aging for this year's \$200.00 donation.

Old Business

- The Secretary will open a new PLGIT account strictly to retain ARPA funds. An initial order of checks will be provided at no cost. There were no new recommendations for use of ARPA funds.
- No additional progress has been made toward scanning historic minutes books.

There was **no new business** presented and **no public comment**.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Smith shared with Council a map of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail – a 1,300-mile multi-use route that links the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the Flight 93 Memorial. Healthy Adams County is pursuing an interest in connecting Adams County to the Trail. As it is increasingly difficult to obtain right-of-way access on private property, the trail will likely continue on public roadways. PennDOT already has signage identifying the trail route. Council heard of upcoming vacation dates for both the Council President and the Secretary. Mr. Thomas reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday.

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

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President