

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
March 1, 2023 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 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. Mr. McNeill was absent.

Present from the public was resident and property owner, Robert Remaley.

Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM, and Council recited pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment – Mr. Remaley expressed appreciation for the positive visual effect of curb painting in areas where parking is restricted but opined that if the restrictions are not enforced it would be better to not have the curbs painted. He shared, and others affirmed, that on a regular basis there are vehicles parked in the restricted parking area in front of the Village Book and Table restaurant. Council indicated that the issue will be addressed with the Carroll Valley Borough Police Department. Similar concerns were expressed regarding delivery trucks parking in the travel lane on Water Street near Ventura’s Restaurant, and they, too, will be addressed with the police department.

General business

After discussion of a request by the owner of 103 East Main Street for authorization to install a new privacy fence within two feet of the property line at the Community Mailbox area, on a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized installation of the new fence as described, providing that it be no closer to the property line than was the previous fence.

Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer report for the period 02-01-23 through 02-28-23.

The Secretary shared a first draft of a “Welcome Packet” for new Borough residents, including a directory of local businesses, personal services, and service organizations. A variety of recommendations for continued development were made, and an updated draft will be prepared for Council review.

After discussing the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the line of credit loan now open with ACNB Bank, on a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council voted to relinquish the loan and move the \$75,000 in collateral funds now held in a money market account into the PLGIT Capital fund.

Council discussed a dictate by the Borough’s Liquid Fuels Penn DOT Municipal Services Specialist that the treasurer’s bond be increased from \$30,000 to at least the amount of funds held in the Liquid Fuels account – estimated to be \$78,000 after this year’s allocation is received. Council directed the Secretary to request that the municipal services specialist provide specific information on where to find the legal directive specifying the requirements of the amount of the treasurer’s bond.

Budget and Finance – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council approved payment of PMCA’s invoice in the amount of \$100.00 for February services. No invoice had been received from Battersby Law.

At 9:55 AM Mrs. Thomas left the meeting

General reports – There were no reports.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports, but a recommendation was made to direct the municipal employee to clear leaves from the street gutter on Water Street in the vicinity of Ventura’s Restaurant.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence requiring discussion.

Old Business/Project Updates

- Sidewalk replacement – No new information had been received since last evening’s meeting.
- ADA Ramp – No new information had been received since last evening’s meeting.
- Front room floor refinishing – No new information had been received since last evening’s meeting. The Secretary was directed to attempt to contact another known floor refinishing company.
- Curb painting – No new information had been received since last evening’s meeting.
- Ceiling tile replacement – Mr. Sanders of Sanders Lawn and Beyond has indicated his willingness to tackle the ceiling tile replacement job if Council so chooses. He recently completed a similar job in the kitchen at 203 East Main Street. Mr. Thomas shared that his contact has indicated that the Borough is not eligible to purchase tiles directly from Armstrong.
- Exterior window sill replacement – Mr. Sanders of Sanders Lawn and Beyond has indicated his willingness to repair the damaged window sill. The Secretary was directed to ascertain whether or not he will also do whatever painting needs to be done.
- ARPA FUNDS
 - There was no interest in pursuing Historic District sign toppers. Alternately, Mrs. Smith suggested the option of placing a flag at each end of the Borough reading “Entering Historic District”.
 - Mr. Thomas recommended replacing the Pippinfest signs at either end of the Borough noting that the copy is too small to read from a vehicle.
 - Decorative bracket-mounted flags were briefly considered, but costs and lack of public interest in the past were noted, and the topic was not pursued.

New business – There was no new business presented.

Public Comment – In response to his inquiries, Council shared with Mr. Remaley that curb painting will begin as soon as weather permits and that a replacement manhole riser is on order to replace the riser that was damaged by a PennDOT snow plow at the intersection of Main Street and South Balder Street.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Cline expressed thanks to the Secretary and her daughter for moving forward in development of a welcome packet for new residents.

Next Meeting – The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President