

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
June 7, 2023 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 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; Mayor Robert Stanley, and Secretary Susan Wagle. Dean Thomas and Sally Thomas were absent.

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

Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, and Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Mr. Remaley shared that the Lions Club is still planning to paint curbs in the Borough this year. The service project has been delayed due to availability or conflicting schedules of volunteers.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of May 23, 2023, were approved as presented.

Regular or New business

- Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer report for the period 05-01-23 through 05-30-23.
- Mrs. Smith reported on the May 25 Council of Governments meeting including information on a new cyber security committee, a tourism report from Destination Gettysburg, and the legislative forum which will likely take place in October.

At 9:10 AM Solicitor Battersby arrived at the meeting.

- Solicitor Battersby shared that in light of the extremely dry conditions in the county, Hamiltonban Township has imposed a two-week burn ban. At the recommendation of the Fairfield Fire Chief, the Borough has already imposed a burn ban for a non-specified period. It was recommended that the ban be posted to the Borough web page. After some discussion and on a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council voted to impose an open-ended burn ban to include prohibition against using fire pits.

Solicitor Battersby shared information on the proposed subdivision plan at 23-27 Centennial Street. Approval of the Plan will likely be an agenda item for the June 27 meeting.

At 9:27 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

- After reviewing the sidewalk assessments made by the Code Enforcement Officer and Streets and Alleys committee members Mr. Pileggi and Mr. McNeil, it was agreed that a notice of required repair be sent to those property owners where there was unanimous agreement of the need for repairs. A time frame of 90 days should be allowed to assure that sidewalk work is not being done during Pippinfest. If the work cannot be accomplished within 90 days due to availability of a contractor, the property owner is to provide a copy of a contractor's estimate or contract.
- The Secretary will reach out to Thomas Wells Paving for estimates on crack sealing on Franklin Street and the community mailbox area parking lot. Commercial grade filler can be obtained for Mr. Wivell to use in repairing pot holes throughout the Borough. In response to concern expressed about the

condition of Second Avenue, it was agreed that Thomas Wells Paving should be asked to provide input on the best way to handle repairs there.

- Mrs. Gilbert recommended re-contacting PennDOT for assistance with cleaning storm drains at the intersection of Water and Main Streets.
- Exoneration of uncollected taxes was deferred to a subsequent committee meeting.

Budget and Finance: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved payment of the following invoices for May services: PMCA – \$725.00 and Battersby Law – \$62.50 (paid from retainer).

General Reports: Mrs. Smith requested a meeting of the building committee to discuss the rental agreement for the Village Hall.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence requiring action by Council.

Old Business

- American flags have finally arrived. Mr. McNeill and Mrs. Smith will install them along Main Street.
- There were no new projects proposed for ARPA funds. The following updates were given on current ARPA projects:
 - The remaining ceiling tiles have been ordered and were on sale. The cost will be approximately \$400.00 less than had been anticipated.
 - Mrs. Smith continued to shop for conference room chairs since the cost of shipping for the original choice was exorbitant. She found a potential candidate from Staples where shipping is free, we get a discount, and we can use rewards points. She will purchase one to assess the quality, and if it is acceptable she will purchase another nine.
 - Hall renovations are on Brian Buch's schedule.
 - The Kobalt blower has been picked up from Lowes and is available for use.
- The Secretary was directed to reach out to the next level of authority for information on requirements pertaining to the treasurer's bond and its relationship to eligibility for receipt of Liquid Fuels funding.

Public Comment: In response to inquiry by Mr. Remaley, Council affirmed that the streets and sidewalks within Meadowbrook Commons are private property.

Anything for the Good of the Borough: Mrs. Smith shared that Sanders Lawn and Beyond will be asked about painting the window trim on the high areas of the Village Hall that haven't yet been painted. She reported that two litter pick up sticks will be purchased for use in picking up litter in the Borough.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President