

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
July 5, 2023 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Pat Pileggi, and Patricia Smith; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Susan Wagle. Council members Nate McNeill, Sally Thomas and Dean Thomas were absent.

Present from the public was resident and property owner Caroline Stanley.

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

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of June 27, 2023, were approved subject to correction of the venue as the conference room and not the front room of the Village Hall.

Regular or New business

- Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer report for the period 06-01-23 through 06-30-23.

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

In response to Mrs. Smith's observation that there have been many home projects begun without required permitting being obtained, Solicitor Battersby opined that notification of permit requirements is a constant education process.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Battersby shared general information on a recent federally-mandated requirement that all lead-containing water supply lines be identified and replaced at all properties served by municipal water entities. Mrs. Smith advised that the Municipal Authority has begun gathering information relative to the mandate. Significant discussion ensued, and it was agreed that notifying borough residents is the responsibility of the Municipal Authority and not the Borough Council

- After some discussion and on a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried unanimous acclamation, Council authorized lifting the burn ban that was imposed on June 6th.
- In response to the Secretary's inquiry, Solicitor Battersby advised that an email confirmation of acceptability of copy to be included in a Borough business directory is acceptable.

At 9:37 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting

Council reviewed and approved a draft of the July newsletter. Mr. Pileggi recommended that an invitation be extended to new Borough residents to become involved in municipal government or serve on a board or committee "to keep our small town as beautiful as what attracted you to live here." It was recommended, too, that information be shared with the Gettysburg Times reporter in the interest of reaching all residents of the borough, including tenants.

- By general consensus Council supported the following Village Hall rental rate increases as proposed by the Building Committee:

Borough Residents: \$60.00 for up to 6 hours and \$85.00 for over 6 hours

Non-residents: \$75.00 for up to 6 hours and \$100.00 for over 6 hours Boro

There was no change proposed to the security deposit requirement.

Budget and Finance: On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved payment of the following invoices: PMCA \$450.00 for June services, Battersby Law \$156.50 for June services (paid from retainer), and Kyocera Documents \$382.00 for the annual service contract renewal on the copier, which is in excess of the budgeted amount by \$32.00.

General Reports: There were no general reports

Correspondence: There was no correspondence requiring action by Council.

Old Business

- Sidewalk assessment letters have not yet been prepared.
- The Secretary reported that an acknowledgement has been received from Paving by Thomas Wells, but no appointment has been set to discuss street repairs. Mrs. Smith shared that a minor repair is required on North Balder Street which should not delay the paving of North Balder Street.
- There were no new projects proposed for ARPA funds. Updates on current projects were given. Council noted that ARPA funds must be committed to a project by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.
- After discussion and consideration of the current treasurer's bond and on a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council voted to increase the amount of the treasurer's bond to an amount at least equal to the amount held in the Liquid Fuels fund.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough: Mayor Stanley offered to serve on the streets and alleys committee and on the zoning hearing board if his position as mayor does not conflict with any regulations. Mrs. Smith shared that the Fairfield Area School District has dropped their membership with the Adams County Council of Governments.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President