

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
August 2, 2023 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 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, Patricia Smith, and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Susan Wagle. Nate McNeill was absent.

Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM, and Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of July 25, 2023, we approved subject to correction of the spelling of Bradley Gottfried's name in the Historical Society liaison report.

Regular or New business

- There was no July code enforcement officer report to consider.
- Mrs. Smith observed that Lions' Club members are doing a great job painting the curbs.
- Noting that the Council vacancy created by the death of Dean Thomas must be filled within 30 days, Mrs. Smith reported that the Secretary has reached out to the president of the Meadowbrook Commons Homeowner's Association, Mike Tome, for his consideration of a potential candidate to fill the vacancy.

Budget and Finance: On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved payment of Battersby Law's invoice for July services in the amount of \$156.50 (paid from retainer).

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.
- There were no new projects proposed for ARPA funds.

At 9:25 AM Solicitor Battersby arrived at the meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Battersby affirmed that Council has 30 days in which to appoint a council member to fill the current vacancy. If no appointment is made, the vacancy board will be activated, and if it is unsuccessful

in making an appointment, Council must petition the court to do so. It was confirmed that the individual to be appointed will serve only through 12-31-2023, not through the end of 2025.

There was general discussion of the delay of release of grant monies by the state legislature with Mrs. Smith noting that applications for funds were three times greater than the available funding.

At 10:01 AM Mrs. Gilbert and Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough: Mrs. Smith shared that tickets to the Fire Company fundraiser on August 12 are still available.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President

