

**FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Borough of Fairfield**  
**Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting**  
**September 6, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, and Sally Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; and Secretary Susan Wagle.

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

Mayor Stanley conducted the swearing in ceremony for newly appointed council member Dennis Bucher, and Mr. Bucher joined the meeting.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of August 22, 2023, were approved as presented.

**Regular or New business**

- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council passed resolutions 07, 08, and 09 of 2023 authorizing disposition of documents from the years 1986, 1998, and 2002, respectively.
- Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer report for the month of August.

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

- Mrs. Smith shared that the Kyocera copier was damaged during Met-Ed's Borough-wide electric service shutdown despite being connected to a surge protector. The repair was accomplished, but the service technician shared that parts for the unit are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, despite the service contract in place. At his recommendation, quotes for a replacement unit were requested. After consideration of the quotes provided, the Secretary was directed to inquire about leasing options and turnaround time for obtaining a new unit, either for purchase or for lease.

**Solicitor report and/or business:**

Solicitor Battersby reported that Hamiltonban Township recently signed off on a minor fire box change at the request of the Adams County Emergency Services department. The change will require that Fairfield Borough also endorse the change, and we can anticipate receiving information from the Fire Chief.

After hearing of concerns expressed regarding multiple family property ownership, Solicitor Battersby noted that the Borough's Zoning Ordinance addresses restrictions related to multiple families living in single family dwellings. He noted that various forms of property ownership are authorized in the business code of the Commonwealth of PA including families, trusts, corporations, partnership, LLC's, and others. The Borough's powers are limited to those identified in The Borough Code, and nowhere does the Code give boroughs the right to limit types of property ownership. Parking concerns and types of use can, and are, addressed by the Zoning Ordinance.

At 9:35 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

- Council reviewed a quote from Thomas Wells Paving, Inc for street and alley repairs including crack sealing, pot hole repair, tar and chip work, and paving. Significant discussion ensued with consideration given that a portion of the work is for the Municipal Authority, and the Authority is not yet ready to move forward. In response to inquiry by Mr. McNeill, it was affirmed that other quotes can be obtained.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized contracting with Thomas Wells Paving for the quoted crack sealing work, provided the 10% discount will be applied even though the remainder of the work on the quote will be awarded at a later date. Liquid Fuel funds are to be used in payment.

- Gutter weeds on Water Street have been addressed by Mr. Wivell.

At 9:53 AM Mr. McNeill left the meeting.

**Financial Reports:** On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved payment of Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$156.50 (paid from retainer) and PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$625.00, both for August services, as well as E-Code 360's invoice in the amount of \$625.00 for one year of web hosting of the Borough's Code of Ordinances.

**General Reports:** There were no reports.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence requiring action by Council.

#### **Old Business**

- Sidewalk assessment letters have not yet been prepared.
- There were no new projects proposed for ARPA funds.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Anything for the Good of the Borough:** Council discussed the upcoming Pippinfest and the need for set up support. Mr. Bucher indicated his willingness to assist the committee.

Mrs. Smith shared that the Lion's Club is conducting another bagged apples sale.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

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

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Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

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Patricia T. Smith, Council President