

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting of
January 3, 2024 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, and Sally Thomas. Also present were Mayor Robert Stanley and Secretary Susan Wagle.

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

Public Comment – There was no one present from the public.

General Business

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council approved the minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 2, 2024.

Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for the month of December.

Council considered the current membership of the Historic Architectural Review Board and authorized the Secretary to reach out to architect Anne Lewis to see if she would be willing to serve on the Board.

Items recommended for the January Borough newsletter include the next covered device recycling event and the "first Saturday" of the month glass recycling events.

Budget and Finance – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 7-0, Council authorized payment of Battersby Law and PMCA invoices for December services.

General Reports - Mrs. Smith reported on the December 21 Council of Governments meeting. Among topics covered were: a \$.30 increase on phone bills to fund 911 centers, but only for one year; funding provided to the state police force; passage of authorization to provide a \$250.00 county tax rebate to emergency responders, effective in 2025; the addition of a community threat officer for county offices; the need for substitute teachers in all school districts. Next month's key topic is the Adams County broadband services expansion.

Committee reports – There were no updates on a junkyard ordinance from the Ordinance committee.

Correspondence – There was no new correspondence to consider.

Old Business – There was no discussion of any old business.

New Business

The Secretary shared that tax collector Tracy Paul will likely request that LaShay Kalathas, the new Hamiltonban Township tax collector, be appointed as Deputy Tax Collector.

The Secretary distributed Statements of Financial Interests and requested they be returned in short order.

Mrs. Smith conveyed a preference selection sheet for liaison and committee assignments and requested that everyone consider their preferences and return the sheets to the Borough office so appropriate assignments can be made.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

At 9:28 AM Solicitor Battersby arrived at the meeting.

Solicitor Battersby shared some general information indicating the potential that the Fairfield Commons development will be sold to a new owner. The information was consistent with information conveyed at the November 2023 Planning Commission meeting which has not, to date, resulted in any new plans being submitted.

After some general discussion, at 9:54 AM Mr. Battersby left the meeting.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Next Meeting – The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President