

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
October 2, 2024 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith and Sally Thomas; and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Wagle. Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Bucher, and Mayor Stanley were absent.

Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation the minutes of the Council meeting of September 24, 2024, were approved as presented.

General Business

Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for the month of September. Mrs. Smith opined that there continue to be multiple issues of non-compliance with grass and weeds standards. Mrs. Cline shared continued concern regarding an un-permitted structure and grounds condition at 201 East Main Street. By general consensus Council agreed that the Code Enforcement Officer should continue making weekly compliance checks in the Borough

At 9:15 AM Solicitor Battersby arrived at the meeting .

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Battersby shared that he observed a Pippinfest vendor selling tickets for a chance to win services from his business which, if not registered with the Commonwealth, is illegal. Mr. Battersby suggested that the vendor be prohibited from participating at future Pippinfests. Some discussion was had recommending that the vendor be educated in writing as to the registration requirement with personal follow up the vendor should apply to attend in the future.

Also related to the recent Pippinfest, Mrs. Thomas shared her concern and distress regarding obscene language directed at her and her grandchildren by participants of the "Trump Freedom Train" that processed both directions through the Borough creating a significant noise disturbance. Noting that "hate" language is not protected, Solicitor Battersby suggested that discussion be had with the Carroll Valley Borough Police Chief regarding consideration of future enforcement of the need for a parade permit and perhaps enforcement of the language and noise nuisance.

Mrs. Thomas indicated that various concerns would be addressed at the upcoming Pippinfest Committee wrap up meeting. She noted that this year's festival was well attended and most vendors were extremely pleased. Mr. McNeill shared with Mr. Battersby that in his preparation for the festival he noted that the sidewalk at the law firm is extremely slippery

At 9:53 AM Mr. McNeill left the meeting and at 9:55 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Budget & Finance: Council reviewed the financial reports for September. On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried unanimous acclamation, the financial reports were approved as

presented and payment of the following invoices was approved: PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$662.50 and Battersby Laws invoice in the amount of \$93.75 (paid from retainer).

Committee Reports – There were none.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence for consideration.

Old Business

- Mrs. Smith shared that the Fire Company has expressed interested in planning a cooperative function to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2025.
- Mrs. Zimmerman shared that the roll up blinds for the front room of the Village Hall have an estimated ship date of October 7, 2024.
- The Junkyard Ordinance has not yet been submitted to the Solicitor for review.
- The new radar speed limit sign will be in placed on the east end of the Borough for approximately one month.
- Mrs. Zimmerman shared a quote received from Freedom Landscapes for replacing the railroad ties around the Village Hall parking lot. On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved entering into an agreement with Freedom Landscapes to replace the railroad ties as described, remove old ties and extraneous material, and plant a "Sunset" red maple in the unpaved inset at a cost of \$2,170.00 with the use of ARPA funds.
- As reported at the last meeting, sealcoating of the Village Hall lot was postponed until after Pippinfest.
- No information has been received from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development regarding an updated Southwest Comprehensive Plan.
- We are still awaiting scheduling information from Susquehanna Door Company for installation of the east side rear door.
- Installation of the new street signs has not yet been accomplished due to rainy weather.
- There was no new input regarding new locations for installation of "Watch Children" signs.

New Business – Mrs. Thomas shared that the problem of delivery vehicles parking on Water Street near the intersection with Main Street creating a traffic hazard has re-surfaced and requested that the issue be addressed.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – There was none.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, Council President