

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
January 8, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Dennis Bucher, Camille Cline, Pat Pileggi, Nate McNeill, Patricia Smith and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Thomas and Mayor Stanley were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of December 17, 2024, were approved as presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Budget & Finance: On a motion by, Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council approved the December financial reports.

On a motion by, Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, Council and authorized payment of Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$62.50 for December services (paid from retainer), authorized payment of Battersby Law's non-refundable retainer for 2025 in the amount of \$4,000.00 and authorized the purchase of another solar radar sign in the amount of \$3,377.00 (paid by ARPA funds).

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of the Change of Assessment Notice List and the State of the Park 2025 Memorandum.

Old Business – On a motion made by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized the advertisement of the intent to adopt the Junkyard Ordinance at the January 28 regular Council meeting.

Mrs. Smith reported that survey login information should be released soon for the Municipality Cybersecurity Risk Assessment.

Mrs. Smith explained that the America 250 PA celebrations do not have to be held on July 4th. She suggested hosting, jointly with the Fairfield Fire Company, a community event in conjunction with Pippinfest next year.

Solicitor Battersby arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Battersby shared that when advertising the Junkyard Ordinance the "Table of Contents" or what the ordinance contains should be included in the advertisement.

He also noted that the sidewalk in front of and along, what used to be King's Pizza, has not been shoveled therefore requiring citizens to walk on the roadway. He deemed this a safety hazard and since the building is not occupied and the owners live out of town, the sidewalk is not maintained. An email will be sent to the Code Enforcement Officer to follow up with the owners.

Mrs. Smith asked Mr. Battersby if he would be interested in presenting a workshop on new State legislation for Council. Mr. Battersby agreed to do so.

New Business – After a lengthy discussion regarding the Junkyard/Salvage yard Ordinance fees, with input from Solicitor Battersby, a motion was made by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, Council approved the Junkyard/Salvage yard licensing fees as follows: Licensing fee for a new junkyard/salvage yard is \$2,000.00, Licensing fee for an existing junkyard/salvage yard is \$1,000.00 and the annual license renewal for a junkyard/salvage yard is set at \$1,000.00.

Mr. McNeill left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Village Hall has been having some cleaning issues with renters from out of town. She also noted there has been an increase in out-of-town renters over the last few months. With that being said, the Building Committee felt it was time to reevaluate our rental fees for the Village Hall. After some discussion, on a motion made by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by a roll call vote of 4- 0, Council approved an increase to the Village Hall rental fees for in town and out of town renters. The fee schedule approved is as follows; In town renters - \$95 for 6 hours and \$145 for 12 hours with a \$100 refundable deposit if the room is cleaned, as stated in the rental agreement, and nothing is found broken. Out of town renters - \$175 for 6 hours and \$300 for 12 hours with a \$250 refundable deposit if the room is cleaned, as stated in the rental agreement, and nothing is found broken.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough: Mayor Stanley swore in members of the Fairfield Fire Company at the membership meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Mr. Bucher offered to install two additional cameras in the Village Hall and replace an existing camera, free of charge. He stated these cameras are items he was disposing of so he would be happy to donate them to the Borough.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President