

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
March 5, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Phyllis Gilbert, Pat Pileggi, Nate McNeill and Sally Thomas; Solicitor Battersby and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Camille Cline, Dennis Bucher and Mayor Robert Stanley were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Pilggi, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by a unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of February 25, 2025 were approved with two minor corrections.

New Business – Mrs. Thomas asked Council who is responsible for the trees planted along the sidewalk on Main Street. The tree roots of one of the trees planted in front of her home is pushing up the bricks on her side porch. Mr. Battersby stated that the landowner is responsible for the tree(s) in front of their homes and if it needs to be taken down that is her choice.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Battersby asked Council if they have had any issues with Park's Garbage Service in the Borough. He stated that they are having problems with them in Hamiltonban Township. Council agreed that if they had any issues in the past, Park's has always been very willing to correct them as soon as they could. Also Solicitor Battersby reported that he attended the Hamiltonban Township Municipal meeting and Gettysburg National Golf Course asked him about the delay in moving forward with the golf course housing development. After reading a letter from the Engineer it was noted that the developer needs to sign an agreement with the Fairfield Municipal Authority to move forward. Solicitor Battersby asked Council President Mrs. Smith for a copy of the agreement when it is signed.

At 9:27 AM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Budget & Finance: On a motion by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by a unanimous acclamation, Council approved the February financial reports, authorized payment of the PMCA invoice for \$425.00, Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$93.75 (paid from retainer) and the Alexander's Plumbing Inc. invoice for repairs to the toilet in the ladies' room in the amount of \$156.02.

Committee Reports – There were no Committee reports.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence to review.

Old Business – Mrs. Smith asked Council if they would like to form a small committee to work with the Fire Company to celebrate America 250 PA for Pippinfest or some other time. Mrs. Zimmerman noted that the America 250 PA will launch April 1, 2025 through Destination Gettysburg's travel website.

Council acknowledged term expirations and deadline for petitions to be included in the Municipal Primary is March 11, 2025.

Council selected two six-foot benches to be put at the community mailbox area. Mrs. Thomas offered Pippinfest funds to pay for the benches and installation.

Pictures are to be taken during the next rain fall to see how the water is flowing into the grate in front of 100 Franklin St. before call Thomas Wells Paving.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Municipal Authority is pursuing grants and appropriations to replace the lift station and the lines on Carrolls Tract Road, as well as, Local Shares Grant to fix the force main underneath the creek on East Main Street.

New Business – Mrs. Smith suggested establishing policy for elected or appointed officials (families) to use Village Hall facilities, free of charge, in the event of their passing. She asked Council to think about it and come back with their thoughts for the next meeting.

The community mailbox light was broken off at the base this week. Several options were discussed including; replacement of the current light with a taller, stronger lamp post and a brighter light or adding another street light to the MetEd pole that is located near the site.

The Streets and Alleys Committee will look into the crosswalks and curbs not on Main Street to see if repainting is needed. Those on Main Street were painted with a thermal paint in 2022 which is good for six years.

Brett Johnston of Freedom Landscapes was emailed to see if he could repair the sign. The sign was first installed in 2012 and that company is no longer in business. Mrs. Zimmerman will check back in the minute books in regards to the vote on the placement of the sign.

Planning Commission is in need of new members. Since Mr. Frank Cool died in February and Mr. Charles Jaster will be moving out of state at the end of March, Planning Commission will be down to two members and the Council Liaison.

Mrs. Zimmerman received a call from a resident who was complaining of vehicles speeding down Water Street after turning off of Main Street. Council agreed to put a “Children at Play” sign on an existing pole on Water Street around the Meadowbrook area. Mrs. Zimmerman will ask Mr. Wivell to find an appropriate placement.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mrs. Thomas shared with Council that with the revitalization of the Historical Home tour, she would need help recreating the numbered yard signs. Mr. Pileggi stated he would ask a friend who does woodworking. It was also suggested that Mrs. Thomas check into Amazon for weatherproof options.

Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Gilbert and the Historical Society about moving the display case from the coat room in the Village Hall back into the Village Hall as the carpet in the coat room needs to be replaced. It was agreed that this would not be a problem.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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

Dianna Zimmerman, Borough Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President