

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council General Meeting
April 2, 2025 - 9:00 AM

The Borough Council of Fairfield held a general meeting on April 2, 2025, in the conference room of the Village Hall, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania. In attendance were councilors Pat Smith, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Camille Cline, Dennis Bucher and Sally Thomas; Solicitor Battersby and Secretary Dianna Zimmerman. Pat Pileggi 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.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by a unanimous acclamation, the minutes of the Council meeting of March 25, 2025 were approved as presented.

General Business – Council agreed that purchasing No Climbing signs and placing them on the community mailbox pods was a very good idea. Some discussion occurred as to whether they should be affixed with screws or glue. Also Mr. Bucher had done some research on a 13 foot galvanized steel post that could be used as a replacement to the broken lamp post. There was more discussion as to the placement of the lamp post and whether or not the lamp post needs to be replaced at all. Mrs. Zimmerman will check with the Postmaster to verify how much room is needed to open the mailbox pod doors in regards to placement and discuss the best option for affixing the No Climbing signs. The lamp post replacement was tabled to a later time.

Budget & Finance: On a motion by Mrs. Thomas seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by a unanimous acclamation, Council approved Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$62.50 (paid from retainer).

Solicitor Battersby arrived to the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Battersby was asked what the Borough's liability would be if we were to ask minors to paint the crosswalks and curbs. He responded by asking the Borough to first verify their insurance coverage for volunteers working in the Borough. He also suggested checking with the School District to confirm students have a valid work permit on file.

In other business, Solicitor Battersby noted that 100 W. Main Street, the former home of Sunny Ray and King's Pizza was on the market for \$579,000. He also reported that it seems Liberty Township has acquired a helicopter that they would like to use to assist with search and rescue. There was much discussion on this subject. Solicitor Battersby suggested that Council authorize him to draft a letter to Liberty Township excluding the Borough from any involvement with this new venture.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence to review.

Old Business – Nothing new to report on America 250 PA.

The salvageable benches and planters at the community mailbox area, currently, will be moved to the back of the lot, facing Landis Drive.

Mr. McNeil revisited the cross streets on Main Street and presented a map of additional crosswalks and stop blocks that could use repainting with thermal paint. The question arose as to who was going to perform the preparation and painting of these areas. The Boy Scouts, high school students or those who owe community service were suggested as individuals who could possibly help with the

preparation and painting. The Fairfield Lions Club are another option as they have painted the curbs in the past. Mrs. Zimmerman will research the suggested groups and report back to Council on her findings.

Mr. McNeill left the meeting at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Smith feels strongly that the Borough have a policy for current or former elected/appointed official's families should be able to use the Village Hall facilities, free of charge, in the event of their passing. After some discussion and advisement from Solicitor Battersby, a motion was made by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bucher and carried by unanimous acclamation Council authorized the use of the Village Hall facilities to current or former elected/appointed official's families in the event of their passing free of charge.

Mrs. Smith asked Mrs. Thomas if she had paint matching the Village Hall sign that could be used to paint the new sign posts. Mrs. Thomas agreed to check to see if she had something that would match. If she does not, Council agreed to have Mrs. Zimmerman check with Sherwin Williams for the paint.

Mrs. Zimmerman shared with Council the estimates she received to replace the carpet and pad in the Village Hall coat room. Discussion followed and it was decided that Mrs. Zimmerman would check at Ollie's for a piece of carpet and pad. Mrs. Zimmerman will also check with Mr. Moser of Moser's Handyman & Home Improvement to perform the installation.

New Business – There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – The Mayor ask Mrs. Zimmerman to share a letter he received from a little girl who asked him if she could have ducks or chickens. Although Council felt empathy for her wanting ducks, they agreed that the ordinance does not allow barnyard fowl, including ducks and chickens in the Borough and we must follow the ordinance.

Mr. Bucher was able to find 6x8 metal yard signs to identify Historic Home Tour for \$4.99 apiece. These signs do not include the yard stake but Mr. Bucher said he could find something to attach a stake to the back of the sign. The color agreed upon was dark green with white lettering. On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, Council agreed to use Pippinfest monies to purchase the signs to identify the Historic Home Tour.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Dianna Zimmerman, Borough Secretary

Patricia Smith, Council President