

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of November 24, 2020
At the Fairfield Village Hall and remotely via the Zoom platform

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, in the Village Hall meeting room, 108 West Main Street, Fairfield, Pennsylvania, with the option for remote participation via the Zoom platform.

In attendance at the Village Hall were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Patricia Smith, and Dean Thomas as well as Solicitor Matthew Battersby and Secretary Susan Wagle. In attendance remotely via the Zoom platform were councilors Nate McNeill and Sally Thomas as well as Mayor Robert Stanley.

At 7:00 PM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of November 11, 2020 were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – The October Fire Department report was considered at the November 11 meeting.

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Battersby shared that Hamiltonban Township recently entered into a new franchise agreement with Comcast and that the golf course has changed ownership and is now known as Gettysburg National Golf Club.

Enactments

- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council adopted budgets for 2021 with no tax rate changes and passed Resolution 13 of 2020 officially levying taxes for 2021.
- On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council passed Resolution 14 of 2020 establishing a waiver form for optional sketch plan submission.
- On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council passed Resolution 15 of 2020 approving Fire Company activities for 2021.
- On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council passed Resolution 16 of 2020 approving operational support activities for fire company participating members.

At 7:11 PM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence requiring action.

Code Enforcement report – There was no code enforcement officer report for consideration.

Review of Financial Reports – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented. Council received notice that the Borough's FAIR grant application was 100% funded in the amount of \$7,707.31.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley reported that he attended the first meeting of the Ag Education Committee at the Fairfield School. About seven or eight people attended via Zoom and heard a presentation by Steve Benner of El Vista Orchards. He further reported that he discussed with Safety Officer Mike Weaver how pets would be handled in emergency shelters. More discussion is needed.

Municipal Service Report – There was no report.

Liaison Reports

ACBA – No one attended the November 16 meeting which was conducted remotely via Zoom.

COG – Mrs. Smith reported that there was no quorum at the November 19 COG meeting. The nominating committee's slate of officers and the finalized budget will be voted on remotely as the Department of Emergency Services building has been closed to the public.

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the Board met on November 19. She expressed thanks to Mr. Thomas for delivering a new display case to the Village Hall. It will be used to display a collection of pottery acquired from Bill Newman.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting in November.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported pending approval of adoption a right of way agreement with Hamiltonban Township which was a DEP requirement of approval of the connection.

Unfinished Business

- Mrs. Gilbert left a message with Bill Jacobs regarding restoration and display of the historic bell(s).
- Mrs. Smith shared that the Municipal Authority returned the recently-purchased inspection camera as its quality was too poor to be useful. The Board may grant approval for purchase of an upgraded model.
- Storm window installation is still scheduled for December 15. Mrs. Smith expressed thanks to Mrs. Thomas for her services in painting the rear entry door. Mrs. Thomas indicated that some protection is needed by the crash bar to prevent scratching.
- The Zoning Hearing for a special exception for expansion of a building used for a non-conforming use at 207 West Main Street has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 at 10:30 AM.

New Business – Council discussed various options for cleaning the street gutters of leaves and debris. The Secretary and Mrs. Smith will follow up.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for December 2, at 9:00 AM and December 22, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President