

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of December 28, 2021
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, in the front room of the Village Hall.

In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Patricia Smith, Sally Thomas, and Dean Thomas; Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Corporal Cliff Weikert, and Secretary Susan Wagle.

At 7:04 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. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of December 1 were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the November Fire Department report.

Police Report – Corporal Weikert reviewed the November Police Report and fielded questions from Council. Mayor Stanley complained about continued speeding on Main Street and Mrs. Gilbert complained about hearing loud vehicle sounds on Main Street from her home on Water Street, evenings between 9 and 11 PM

At 7:13 PM Corporal Weikert left the meeting to resume making vehicle stops, as needed.

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Battersby was spending holiday time with family members from out of the area.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council adopted Ordinance 12-01 of 2021 Prohibiting certain uses on public property and in the public rights-of-way.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council passed Resolutions 07 and 08 of 2021 approving Fire Company activities for 2022 and operational support activities for participating members of the Fire Company.

On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 3-2, Council passed Resolution 09 of 2021 providing for the disposition of non-essential records from 2014-2018 with Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas dissenting in the interest of the potential historic value of all records.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged that letters of thanks were sent to Dave Thomas in appreciation of his offer of a donation toward the purchase of a Christmas tree for the outside of the Village Hall and to Trish Rowe Realty in appreciation of the purchase of flags for yard display in 2022. Council acknowledged, as well, PIRMA coverage updates for 2022. No one offered comments to share with Senator Mastriano at the breakfast he is hosting in January.

Code Enforcement report – Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for November 22 through December 17, 2021.

Review of Financial Reports – Mrs. Gilbert reported that no liquor license fees were received in 2021, and the Secretary has been directed to follow up with the PA Liquor control board. On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented

and authorization was granted for payment of PMCA's invoice in the amount of \$157.50 and Battersby Law's invoice in the amount of \$218.75.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley reported that he has received complaints about the smell of the fertilizer being used on farming fields surrounding the Borough. Some discussion ensued with it noted that the owner of the fields has received the appropriate permitting for fertilization.

Municipal Service Report – Jobs completed during the past month include: concrete grinding on rear entrance ramp and front walk at the Village Hall, labeling new traffic cones, installation of one-way signs at North Spring and Main Streets, assembly of the new sandwich board sign, and storm drain cleaning. Assistance from Carroll Valley maintenance was needed for the sign installation, and an invoice will follow.

Committee reports – Mr. Thomas reported that he has begun research of lighting for the community mailbox area and has received informal support and input as to the best location from the Postmaster. Mr. Thomas is awaiting receipt of information from Lowes on the special-order outdoor lighting they can supply.

Liaison Reports

COG – Mrs. Smith reported that there was no quorum at the December 16 Council of Governments meeting, so no business could be conducted, but those present enjoyed a presentation made by Shawn Eckenrode, Director of Career and Technical Education at The Adams County Technical Institute. As there are currently no candidates to serve as President and Vice President, three past presidents will each lead a meeting over the next three months. Secretary Danielle Helwig and Treasurer Patricia Smith will continue to serve in 2022.

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the Society's December 9 Christmas function was attended by about 35 individuals, and the presentation by Dave Thomas was enjoyed by all. Upcoming functions include the Victorian Historian on March 17 and Patsy Cline impersonation concert on April 2.

FREMA – Mayor Stanley reported on the December 20 FREMA meeting at which all member municipalities were represented. The Board passed a resolution increasing the pay rate for the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and the Deputy EMC to \$20.00/hour. The 2021 slate of officers was re-elected for 2022 with the exception that Walter (Mickey) Barlow will replace outgoing member Robert Jackson as Deputy Chair. Certificates of appreciation were prepared for Mr. Jackson and Mr. Aldrich who will not serve in 2022.

HARB – There was no meeting in December.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Thomas reported on the December 14 meeting where it was affirmed that the spring Kite Fly and summer Music in the Park events will be planned for 2022. There was a little discussion about installing flush toilets, but more information is needed. 2022 meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday, monthly, except in November when the meeting will be held on the second Wednesday.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported on the December 14 meeting where discussion was had regarding discovery of unauthorized use of the reservoir property by hunters who have installed hunting stands and blinds. The Authority has since posted those structures requiring their removal along with notice of the requirement of an application for permission to use the property in the future. Other business included discussion of setting up an escrow acct for the developer for the Gettysburg National Golf Club. Mrs. Smith noted that there will be no rate increase in 2022, and that once the reserve account is fully funded – approximately 2 ½ years – the surcharge amount per EDU can be reduced.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, Council appointed Donald Collins to serve on the Municipal Authority Board for a new five-year term ending 12-31-2026.

Planning Commission – Mr. Thomas reported on the December 13 meeting at which Mr. Thaeler gave an overview of the status of the zoning ordinance reorganization. Commission members supported his suggestion that the individual units be combined into one document for further review. As authorized by Council and as a result of a sign permit application received by the Fire Company, some discussion was had regarding amending standards for institutional signs. Additional information has been requested of the Fire Company and will be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

Waste Contract – The pre-bid meeting was held on December 15; bid opening is scheduled for December 30.

Unfinished Business – Council received the following updates to unfinished business:

- Final guidelines on authorized use of ARPA funds have not been received.
- Mrs. Cline expressed thanks to Mr. Thomas for his willingness to travel to Littlestown to enable installation of an outside Christmas tree at the Village Hall even though the project was tabled this year due to the lack of time and resources. She further shared that she expressed appreciation to Dave Thomas for his offer of a cash donation toward an outdoor Christmas tree and her hope that he will make the same offer next year. Mrs. Thomas shared that her doner has indicated willingness to donate toward the project next year.

New Business - Council heard that Pamela Wiehagen has been appointed as Tracy Paul’s Deputy Tax Collector and that the Borough has been issued a credit card thru ACNB Bank. No action was required.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mayor Stanley will attend the reorganization meeting and swear in newly elected officials.

Next Meetings – The required biennial reorganization meeting of the Borough Council is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:00 PM. Additional January meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded simultaneously by Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Thomas and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President