

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of January 25, 2022
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, in the front room of the Village Hall.

In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith, and Dean Thomas; Solicitor Matt Battersby, Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Chief Rick Hileman, and Secretary Susan Wagle.

Present from the public were Emmitsburg News Journal and Gettysburg Times reporter Andrea Grabenstein and George (Butch) Harbaugh of Harbaugh's Hauling and Excavation.

At 7:03 PM Council President Patricia Smith called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stanley administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council member, Nate McNeill, who was absent from the reorganization meeting due to illness.

Minutes – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of January 5, 2022, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Fire Department Report – Council acknowledged receipt of the December Fire Department report and a reminder of the January 31 quarterly municipal meeting.

Police Report – Chief Hileman reviewed the December Police Report and fielded questions from Council. He shared that the Department has lost its single candidate for a new officer due to testing and training requirements. Acknowledging that there are police shortages throughout the state, they are continuing to search for a new officer. There was extended discussion of traffic concerns at various locations on PA Route 116.

At 7:35 PM Chief Hileman left the meeting.

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Battersby had no report and left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of letters of thanks from Rabbittransit and the Adams County Office for Aging for donations made in 2021.

Code Enforcement report – Council reviewed the code enforcement officer's report for December 20, 2021 through January 14, 2022.

Review of Financial Reports – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi 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 \$137.50.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley requested that Council reconsider membership in the Adams County Borough's Association. The Association has deferred imposing dues this year. Any elected official is welcomed to attend Association meetings. Borough membership can be revisited next year.

Municipal Service Report – Jobs completed during the past month include removal and storage of some outdoor Christmas decorations, storage of some of the inside Christmas decorations, and snow removal. Council was receptive to considering purchase of a rear transport rack and ramp for the Borough truck. The Secretary will gather information for discussion at the February 2 Council meeting.

Committee reports – Mr. Thomas reported that Lowes cannot supply an exterior solar powered light fixture for the community mailbox area. He has requested a quote from Hull Electric Services.

Mrs. Smith asked that committee and liaison preference sheets be returned by Mr. Pileggi and Mr. McNeill.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Cline reported on the January 20 meeting. The March presentation by “The Victorian Historian” is free and open to the public. Following in April is a Patsy Cline concert fundraising event. Under consideration for June is an artifact display.

HARB – There was no meeting in January.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Thomas reported on the January 11 meeting. The Commission was awarded a grant by DCNR which will be used for phase III of the Park. A 2022 WellSpan grant application was denied. The Commission began discussion of hosting a “ham fest” in September or October.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported on the January 11 meeting at which developer representatives were present to ascertain what needs to be done to obtain the EDU’s they need for their development at the Gettysburg National Golf Club. Dave Sites has reported that the residential development he plans for the west end of the Borough is receiving the clearances it needs from Hamiltonban Township.

Planning Commission – The January 10 meeting was canceled as there were no new materials for review.

Waste Contract – The second bid opening is scheduled for January 27 at 10:00 AM in the Carroll Valley Borough offices.

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

- Final guidelines on authorized use of ARPA funds have been received and essentially allow the Borough to use them for any regular business of the Borough. Discussion of potential uses will begin at the February 2 Council meeting.
- Committee and liaison assignments will be made soon.

New Business – Mrs. Smith requested that Statements of Financial Interests be completed and returned to the Borough office at the February 2 meeting.

Anything for the Good of the Borough

Mr. Thomas requested that a free pamphlet be ordered from eco tone ecological restoration, as advertised in the January 2022 issue of the PSAB Borough News.

Mayor Stanley suggested that Fairfield would benefit from having a farmer’s market, suggesting that it could be held at the Fire Company.

Mr. Harbaugh reported on trimming needs he identified as he cleared snow from the roadways this month. Overgrowth is in place at the rear of 12 East Main Street and on the tree furthest from Main Street on the west side of 111 East Main Street. He reported that he addressed one citizen complaint received during the month. No other complaints were registered.

Mrs. Smith requested that council members provide comment on a modified mock-up of a plaque for the restored historic bell as they leave the meeting today. She noted that the cost of the plaque is \$475.00 with free ground shipping.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

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

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President