

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of April 26, 2022
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in the front room of the Village Hall.

In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, and Dean Thomas; Solicitor Matt Battersby, Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Corporal Cliff Weikert, and Secretary Susan Wagle.

Present from the public were Emmitsburg News Journal and Gettysburg Times reporter Andrea Grabenstein and resident Kelli Maze of 213 West Main Street.

At 7:03 PM Council Vice President Phyllis Gilbert called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of April 6, 2022, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

Police Report – Corporal Weikert reviewed the March Police Report and fielded questions from Council. He reminded Council of the Department’s upcoming Medicine Take-Back day on April 30th from 10 AM until 2 PM and the Recreation Association’s Opening Day Parade on the same day at 9:00 AM. He noted that a take-back box is located permanently at the Department to accept medicines any time during the year.

At 7:09 PM Corporal Weikert left the meeting.

Solicitor Report – At Solicitor Battersby’s request, at 7:09 PM Council recessed to Executive Session to receive legal advice.

At 7:26 PM the meeting reconvened and Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Consideration of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was deferred to the May 4 Council meeting.

Enactment – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, Council passed Resolution 05 of 2022 amending Policy Statement 3, Public Comment, to include two public comment periods at all Council meetings.

Correspondence

- By general consensus Council declined to move forward with passing a Resolution to de-criminalize recreational use of marijuana noting that the decision should be constituent-made, Commonwealth-wide.
- Mrs. Gilbert will attend a workshop on solar energy projects and related zoning ordinance standards on Tuesday May 10, in Fayetteville, with Mr. Thomas serving as alternate should she not be able to attend.
- There was no further information on PSAB’s proposed constitution amendment and no action taken.
- The Secretary shared that the Water Street repaving project which appeared as a 2026 project in a previous Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) has been removed from the current TIP and

incorporated into PennDOT's maintenance schedule. ACTPO's Andrew Merkel shared that PennDOT District 8 staff in Harrisburg advised that the project is currently identified as a candidate project and is not moving forward at this time.

Code Enforcement report – Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer report for March 14 through April 22, 2022. It was suggested that regular checks for grass and weeds violations begin after Mother's Day.

Financial Reports – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by roll call vote of 4-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented, and authorization was given for payment of Ketterman Electric invoice #14860 in the amount of \$205.68 for replacement of the electric eye on the rear security light and for PMCA invoice #39160 in the amount of \$325.00 for code enforcement services.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Stanley reported he met with Lonnie Whitcome and a group of people who are interested in creating connecting walking trails in the area. He further reported that he assisted in having a non-compliant trailer removed from the Borough and that a limb from the original Pippin apple tree is hanging from electric wires along North Miller Street.

Municipal Service Report – Council heard that the municipal employee cleaned storm drains, mowed throughout the Borough, repaired the Steven Street pothole and started repair of a large pothole on South Balder Street. Mayor Stanley requested that potholes on Spring Street and Landis Drive be repaired.

Committee reports – There were no committee reports.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that the Board met on April 21st. Dedication of the historic bell will take place at 6:30 PM on June 16th with an opportunity for members of the public to see new displays in the Village Hall after the dedication.

FREMA – The April 19 FREMA meeting was canceled to allow members to attend training at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting in April.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Thomas reported that planning for the next phase of Park development is ongoing. A successful Kite Day on April 23 hosted approximately 75 visitors.

Municipal Authority – In Mrs. Smith's absence there was no report.

Pippifest – There was no quorum at the Pippifest meeting scheduled for April 12. In his quest for a solution to the need for pedestrian crossing guards, Mr. Thomas is awaiting a return call from AAA who reportedly supports Adams County in training safety patrols. Ms. Maze suggested contacting Mount St. Mary's University since they have many events requiring traffic control or reaching out to the Adams County detention center to see if they have individuals able to assist.

Planning Commission – The April 12 meeting was canceled as there was no new business and no new amended zoning ordinance documents to review.

YATB – No report was given.

Unfinished Business – Council received updates and discussed the following unfinished business items:

- ARPA – The Secretary filed the first required American Rescue Plan Report on April 25, 2022.
- Bell dedication will take place in conjunction with the Historical Society’s Open House on June 16th.
- Covered device recycling events are scheduled for May 14 and October 15. The drop off location is the Freedom Township municipal building at 2184 Pumping Station Road.
- The line painting bid has been advertised twice. Bid opening is scheduled for May 4 at the Hamiltonban Township municipal building. The Secretary will attend to receive the bids.
- The Carroll Valley Borough Manager has confirmed that work has begun on a proposal for renewal of the police services contract.
- Replacement speed limit signs will be ordered after the Streets and Alleys committee has had a chance to review the sign situation at the west end of the Borough.
- Mrs. Gilbert reported that PennDOT dug out some soil along Main Street in front of 211 West Main Street, next to Stevens Street. She considered that putting ballast rock in the swale might keep soil from moving back into the cleared area and blocking water flow. Mr. Thomas will follow up with PennDOT.
- Street sweeping is tentatively scheduled for either the 11th or 12th of May.
- An appointment with Thomas Wells Paving to look at the Village Hall parking lot stormwater concerns is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 28.

New Business

- Council agreed that flags will be placed along Borough roadways by Council members, as was done last year. The planned date is Thursday, May 26.
- The Streets and Alleys committee will make a Borough-wide assessment of signage needs.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Nothing was brought forward

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Phyllis V. Gilbert, Vice President