

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of June 28, 2022
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, in the front room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Dean Thomas, and Sally Thomas; Solicitor Matt Battersby, Mayor Robert Stanley; Carroll Valley Borough Police Corporal Cliff Weikert, and Secretary Susan Wagle.

Present from the public was Emmitsburg News Journal and Gettysburg Times reporter Andrea Grabenstein and resident Peter Nelson, owner of 211 West Main Street.

At 7:00 PM Council Vice President Phyllis Gilbert called the meeting to order, and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Report – Corporal Weikert shared that the Department recently operated a “click it or ticket” program and will conduct roving DUI checks over the 4th of July holiday. Salary increases for the Department were recently authorized, which should enable hiring and retention of new officers. In light of Corporal Weikert’s need to respond to a duty call, no questions were posed, and Corporal Weikert left the meeting.

Minutes – On a motion by Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of June 1, 2022, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Battersby shared that Hamiltonban Township has approved updated fire boxes using property line designations. In other business, he suggested that “approval of the agenda” be added to future meeting agendas.

At 7:06 PM Solicitor Battersby left the meeting.

Correspondence – Council acknowledged receipt of a notice from ACNB Bank of an increase in the line of credit interest rate from 4% to 4.75% and of the Adams County Draft 2022-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan which is open for public review and comment from June 24 through July 25, 2022.

Code Enforcement report – Council reviewed two code enforcement officer reports covering the periods of April 25 through May 20 and May 23 through June 17.

Financial Reports – On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, the financial reports were accepted as presented, and authorization was given for payment of \$830.71 from State Liquid Fuels funds to U.S. Municipal Supply for various signs and the following invoices with payment from the general fund: \$1,090.00 to PMCA for services 4/25-5/20 and \$390.00 for services 5/23-6/17; \$233.06 to Fairfield Auto Service for battery replacement; \$337.87 to Quality for the annual Kyocera service contract and \$8.00 to Harrington’s Equipment for blade sharpening.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Stanley reported that he has received favorable comments about the flags placed in front of properties.

Municipal Services Report – Mr. Wivell has installed all of the recently received street signs, mowed several times, taken an inventory of the traffic cones, cleaned storm drains, gotten a new truck battery and had the mower blades sharpened.

Committee reports – none

Liaison Reports

COG – Mrs. Smith was unable to attend the June 23 meeting, and there was no report.

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported on the June 16 bell dedication and the Historical Society Open House featuring historic artifacts relative to the Fairfield schools. Mrs. Cline shared that the October meeting, which has been rescheduled for October 27, is open to the public and will include a presentation on the history of the Fairfield Fire Company and “Fairfield Burning.” Old Time Valentine’s Day traditions will be presented by Dave Thomas in February of 2023, and in April 2023 Deb McCauslin will share stories about the Underground Railroad and Blacks in Adams County.

FREMA – The June 20 meeting was canceled.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting in June.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Thomas reported that the Commission had its last Zoom meeting on June 14. Discussion about the next phase of the Park has begun, and the first Music in the Park event was well attended. All elected officials will receive an invitation to a picnic social in August. Response is requested by August 4.

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

Pippinfest – Mrs. Thomas reported that festival planning is moving forward. On a motion by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council appointed eleven members to the 2022 Pippinfest Committee, including three brand new members.

Planning Commission – The June 13 meeting was canceled as there was no new business and no new amended zoning ordinance documents to review.

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

- ARPA – no update
- Dedication of the historic bell was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- The Carroll Valley Borough manager has shared that they are looking forward to continuing to provide police services to the Borough in the same fashion as has been provided in the past. We should expect to receive their proposal by the end of August or early September. The topic will be removed from the agenda until information is available.
- As noted in the municipal report, all the purchased signs (except one) have been installed.
- On a motion by Mr. Pileggi, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-1 with Mr. Thomas dissenting, Council voted to contract with Thomas Wells III Paving to install a drain grate designed to

resolve the Village Hall parking lot stormwater concerns at an estimated price of \$1,500. As there were some concerns about the work being disturbed by upcoming foundation repair to the Fire Company building, the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Fire Company representative in advance.

New Business

- On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized an expenditure of \$7,280.00 to Alpha Space Control for thermal line application of all inventoried crosswalks and stop bars on or intersecting with Main Street.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – On behalf of Maurice (Skip) Messersmith, co-owner of the property at 110 East Main Street, Mr. Stanley reported that tall vehicles turning into Third Avenue have caused damage to the rain spouting on the building, and Mr. Messersmith requested assistance from Council in preventing additional damages from occurring. By general consensus Council agreed that the suggestion of installing a pole in the alley would further narrow the alley and be counter-productive. If damage has occurred on multiple occasions, it was recommended that he install security cameras to enable identification of the vehicle(s) causing the damage so the owner(s) can be approached for compensation.

In response to Mr. Stanley’s dilemma in not acquiring a key for his community mailbox after requesting one three months ago, Mr. Thomas suggested he contact the new postmistress who might be able to help.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Phyllis V. Gilbert, Vice President