

FAIRFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA
Borough of Fairfield
Minutes of the Borough Council Meeting of August 23, 2022
108 West Main Street, Fairfield, PA

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Fairfield was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, in the front room of the Village Hall. In attendance were councilors Camille Cline, Phyllis Gilbert, Nate McNeill, Pat Pileggi, Patricia Smith; 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.

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. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 5-0, the minutes of the Council meeting of August 3, 2022, were accepted as presented.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

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

At 7:03 PM Mr. Thomas arrived at the meeting.

Police Report – Corporal Weikert reported that the Department is conducting an aggressive driving campaign, funded by grant monies. He reviewed the July police report and fielded questions from Council. He shared that the Police Department's long term secretary, JoAnn Myers has retired. A third secretary is being hired by the Borough, but the individual will not exclusively serve the Police Department.

At 7:08 PM Corporal Weikert left the meeting. At 7:09 Mrs. Thomas arrived at the meeting.

Enactments – On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-1 with Mr. Thomas dissenting due to his sentiment that interior lighted signs should be restricted throughout the Borough, Council passed Ordinance 08-01 of 2022 amending the Zoning Ordinance to provide sign standards specifically for emergency services uses.

At 7:10 PM Mrs. Thomas left the meeting to return to the Pippinfest meeting in progress.

Correspondence – There was none to consider.

Code Enforcement report – There was no report to consider.

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.

Mayor's Report – In response to Mr. Stanley's inquiry, it was reported that a suitable location for the wall mount flag has not been determined.

Municipal Services Report – During the past month Mr. Wivell mowed Borough lots and alleys several times and cleaned storm drains one time.

Committee reports – There were none.

Liaison Reports

Fairfield Area Historical Society – Mrs. Gilbert reported that Historical Society members have committed to staffing the popular Abe’s Root Beer Float Stand during Pippinfest as a fund raiser. The Society welcomes anyone willing and able to help. A public presentation on Fairfield fires and the Fairfield fire company is scheduled for October 27. Other activities for 2023 as previously reported are still on schedule.

FREMA – Mayor Stanley reported that the Board is considering a table top exercise in which a person with dementia wanders off and needs to be found.

HARB – There was no HARB meeting in August.

Joint Parks & Recreation Commission – Mr. Thomas reported that the Commission is still negotiating with contractors over agreement details. There was discussion of re-scheduling last month’s canceled Music in the Park entertainment to September. At Mr. Thomas’ request the Secretary reported on the August 21 picnic, which was an enjoyable event.

Municipal Authority – Mrs. Smith reported that there was little business to discuss at the August meeting. It is hoped that logging of the property will begin this fall. A second logging will likely take place in the spring. A temporary bridge must be installed for each logging event so the waterway will not be disturbed.

Pippinfest – Mr. McNeill reported that Pippinfest signs are being installed this weekend and that the several new committee members are doing a great job. Mr. Thomas observed that more vendors are registered to attend this year than there were at the same time last year. The Secretary shared that many of this year’s vendors are new to the festival.

Mayor Stanley executed a Mayoral Proclamation imposing temporary parking restrictions for Pippinfest.

Planning Commission – The August 8 meeting was canceled as there was no new business and no new amended zoning ordinance documents to review.

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

- Thomas Wells III Paving is scheduled to make drainage improvements to the Village Hall parking lot on August 25th with a rain date of August 29th.
- Council supported Mr. Thomas’ recommendation that the corner marker that was located at 4th Avenue and Landis Drive not be replaced unless/until a need is indicated.

New Business – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Cline and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council supported establishing Donald Collins as a Borough employee for maintenance support and continued painting.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Pileggi and carried by roll call vote of 6-0, Council authorized advertisement of snow removal bids in the near future.

Mrs. Smith reported that Ensor and Sowers serviced all air conditioners and heating units this date and noted damage to the casing and fan on one unit. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried

by unanimous acclamation, Council authorized purchase of the materials and labor needed to repair the damaged air conditioning unit.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Anything for the Good of the Borough – Mayor Stanley recommended that the Borough plant trees on Main Street.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Borough Council are scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 9:00 AM and Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment – On a motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. McNeill and carried by unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Susan E. Wagle, Secretary

Patricia T. Smith, President